

**Philadelphia Bar Association
Board of Governors
October 27, 2005**

1. Upon motion made, and seconded, the minutes of the September 29, 2005 meeting were unanimously approved.

2. Upon motion made, and seconded, the Treasurer's report was approved. There exists a net positive variance of 366,154.00.

3. The Chancellor presented his announcements. The Bench Bar was a success, due in no small part to the efforts of co-chairs Sayde Ladov and Mitchell Bach. To the dismay of the Board, the Chancellor announced that Dan Cirucci, long standing Media Guru and Associate Executive Director of Communications & Public Policy, will be retiring at the start of the new year. Several Board members offered their sincere thanks to Dan, with future acknowledgments of his tremendous contributions to our organization sure to come. Chancellor's Forums have been scheduled for November 2, 2005 featuring Inquirer columnist Trudy Rubin and another on November 9, 2005 wherein the association's membership will have the opportunity to meet members of the foreign press. Also on November 9, 2005, the Committee on Law Practice for New Americans will hold its initial meeting. Mr. Chirls further announced that PBI course hours are up 3% over last year. He also appeared at the National Constitution Center for the celebration of Chief Justice John Marshall, whose portrait the Association lent for the occasion. Finally, the name of Christine M. Flowers was put into nomination and unanimously approved for membership on the Philadelphia Lawyer Editorial Board.

4. The Chair presented her announcements. She also attended the function at the National Constitution Center and noted that one of the displays noted the work of our Association's Worker's Compensation Section. The Zoobalee Zoo Celebration of the YLD was, once again, a rousing success. The Juvenile Law Center celebrated its 30th Anniversary, highlighted by a video from Senator Hillary Clinton extolling the tremendous work of Board member Marsha Levick.

5. Jeff Abramowitz appeared with Peter Hoffman to report on the successful run of the American Cancer Society's 2005 Bike-A-Thon. The Association fielded 153 riders on its team and raised a total of \$85,000.00, placing it third among all teams in total fundraising. Jeff told of the strong effort and inspiration provided by Association member and cancer survivor Steve Saltz, whose initial goal was to just make it over the Ben Franklin Bridge and eventually pedaled the entire distance to the shore. Next year, Jeff will chair the entire event and Mr. Hoffman will chair the Association team.

6. William Babcock made a presentation on the Philadelphia Community Court. He detailed the work of the Court and requested a one-time donation of \$5,000, which was approved with 2 abstentions after Mr. Babcock's departure.

7. Chancellor Elect Alan Feldman presented the Association Budget for 2006. After discussion, the Budget was unanimously approved.

8. David Harwi, Esquire, chair of the ADR committee, presented a resolution requesting the Board to support Senate Resolution 160 which would establish a study on the use of ADR in the Commonwealth. A Task Force would be formed to create an Advisory Panel to examine ADR. After much discussion, a concern was expressed by several Board members of the potential infringement of one's right to trial by jury, the Board determined that a "study" of the issue at this juncture was reasonable and after a friendly amendment paring down the Resolution to its basic element of supporting the Senate Resolution, it passed with 3 members in opposition.

9. Janet Ginzberg and Michael Carroll of the Civil Rights Committee presented a resolution concerning the AOPC's proposal for making Pennsylvania criminal records available on the Internet. The concern is that the records are not accurate and innocent individuals can be wrongly labeled due to misinformation. Moreover, at the local level, there is no procedure in place currently to correct any problems or mistakes. The Resolution simply asks that appropriate safeguards be put into place since the records have already been posted in most counties. After some discussion, the resolution passed unanimously.

A Motion to Adjourn was made at 5:37 p.m., seconded, and after much rejoicing, affirmed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:
John E. Savoth
Secretary