

**PHILADELPHIA BAR ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING
MAY 4, 2004**

The Chair of the Board called the meeting to order at 4:15 PM.

The Chair asked for approval of the minutes from the March meeting. The Secretary, on her own motion, corrected the spelling of Mr. Garcia' first name. Upon motion made and seconded, the minutes were approved.

The Chair of the Board introduced the Treasurer, who presented her report. Ms. Platt noted that the Bar Association is running at a positive variance. The Treasurer presented Mr. Faw, who performed the annual audit. Mr. Faw advised that the Association has a surplus of slightly less than \$200,000 noting that the Lawyer Referral and Information Service had a strong year. Mr. Faw also credited the accounting department of the Association for carefully monitoring expenses. He noted that the Audit Committee had instituted a Fraud Detection and Prevention standard, which resulted in a much longer management letter. It was noted that in the near future, appraisers would be looking at the Bar's collection of artwork to update the appraisals. Ms. Platt thanked Mr. Faw for his efforts.

The Chancellor took the floor to make his announcements. Chancellor Bevilacqua noted that the visit of Justice Scalia was a highlight for him and he complemented the Association for the manner in which this controversial figure was received. The Chancellor also thanked the Bar's professional staff for making sure that the event ran smoothly.

The Chancellor mentioned that he continues to work very hard on tax issues. The Chancellor-elect, Mr. Chirls is determined to put the message out regarding the issue of deductibility. The Chancellor is continuing to reach out to members of City Council.

With regard to the Business Court, the Chancellor continues to press the issue legislatively. The Chancellor met with the Chief Justice of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court who sent an e-mail out to the other justices strongly supporting the idea of a permanent business court in the First Judicial District.

The Chancellor extended an invitation to all members of the Board to attend the *Brown v. Board of Education* program at the offices of the Philadelphia School District.

The Chair presented his announcements. Mr. Kovler noted the recent Section Chair meeting. He noted that the sections will be providing CLE at the Bench-Bar and unveiled the logo for the Conference.

The Chair also congratulated the Young Lawyers Division for a successful Gala event. The Chair advised that the resolution regarding the establishment of the Tort Litigation

Section has been tabled but will return at a later time.

The Chair introduced Carol Cardonick and Milton Savage of the Family Law Section who presented a resolution regarding the recommendations of changes to Rule 67, which concerns support guidelines. The newly proposed guidelines would decrease the amount of child support and change the manner in which the support obligation is determined. The motion was moved and seconded. The proponents also advised that the contiguous counties were in agreement with the resolution as was the Public Interest Section. Upon the call of the question, the resolution passed.

The President of the Philadelphia Bar Foundation, Mr. Chacker, invited all Board members to join the Access to Justice Campaign to fund the Bar Foundation.

The Chair introduced Tswien Law of the Civil Rights Section, who introduced a resolution opposing the adoption of the CLEAR Act. The purpose of this Act is to give local law enforcement the responsibility for enforcing immigration violations. Upon motion made and seconded, the resolution passed unanimously.

The Chair introduced Judy Berkman on behalf of the Committee on Racial and Gender Bias. A resolution was moved to encourage CLE providers to ensure that their courses include education to promote fairness and eliminate bias in the justice system. The resolution was seconded. A friendly amendment was made to change the final whereas clause from “support” to “require”. The resolution passed unanimously.

The Chancellor- Elect advised the Board that the Chancellor was being honored on two separate occasions in the month of June. Additional information would be forthcoming.

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Sayde Joy Ladov
Secretary