

**Philadelphia Bar Association
Board of Governors Meeting
December 12, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 4:08 p.m. by Board Chair Kevin V. Mincey.

A motion to approve the minutes of the Board's November 16th and December 4th meetings carried unanimously.

Chancellor Deborah R. Gross introduced Sharon Lopez, current president of the Pennsylvania Bar Association ("PBA"), who spoke of her goals as president and her appreciation for the work of the Philadelphia Bar Association. Barry Simpson, executive director of the PBA also addressed the board.

Chancellor Gross introduced John P. Lavelle, Jr., co-chair (with Hon. Annette Rizzo) of the Pro Bono Task Force, which originally had been convened in the term of then-Chancellor Allan Gordon. A motion to approve a [resolution](#) to adopt the task force's [2017 report](#) carried unanimously.

Diversity Chair Sophia Lee and Pro Bono Chair Louis Rulli then presented a Resolution Urging the President to Nominate and the Senate to Confirm Highly Qualified, Diverse Individuals to Fill Vacancies in the Federal Judiciary and the Department of Justice. At the request of members of the board, the resolution was amended to address federal judicial nominees at all levels. As amended, the [resolution](#) carried unanimously. Chancellor Gross observed that the Eastern District of Pennsylvania still has no current U.S. Attorney, and encouraged board members to contact Senators Casey and Toomey to press for the vacancy to be filled promptly.

Chancellor Gross proposed the appointment of three nominees to the editorial board of [The Philadelphia Lawyer](#), the Association's quarterly magazine: Brian McGinnis, Danielle R. Price and Tiffany L. Palmer. Niki T. Ingram has succeeded Jennifer Plazkere Snyder as editor in chief of the publication, and May Mon Post has stepped down from the editorial board. A motion to approve the nominations carried unanimously.

Chair Mincey presented plaques to the outgoing officers and members of the board. He thanked Chancellor Gross for her leadership and for naming him as chair. Chancellor Gross offered laudatory comments about Chair Mincey, presenting him with a ceremonial gavel, and the board gave him a standing ovation.

Treasurer Regina Foley presented the Treasurer's Report for the period ending November 30, 2017. Revenues for the year to date were below budgetary expectations by \$114,616, despite positive results in dues revenue and special events revenue, primarily because the Lawyer Referral & Information Service revenues were \$165,416 less than had been anticipated. Reduced expenses during that period helped to partially alleviate the disparity, but overall the association remained in the red for the year to date through November 30, 2017 by \$43,288. The report was approved unanimously.

At 4:55 p.m., the Board went into executive session. Following the executive session, the Board approved a [resolution](#) adopting the [2018 budget](#), subject to certain prescribed conditions, with three board members voting against the resolution (Maureen M. Farrell, Jennifer L. Seme and Matthew Olesh) and one abstention by board member Shabrei Parker.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marc J. Zucker
Secretary

**Board of Governors Attendance
December 12, 2017**

Voting members present:

Deborah R. Gross	Maureen Farrell
Mary F. Platt	James Funt
Rochelle M. Fedullo	Angela Giampolo
Marc Zucker	Teresa Rodriguez
Jennifer Coatsworth	Hon. Sandra M. Moss (Ret.)
Regina M. Foley	Maureen Olives
Natalie Klyashtorny	Amber Racine
Kevin Mincey	Jennifer Seme
Katayun Jaffari	Matthew Olesh
Ira Lefton	Richard Bost
Shabrei Parker	Timothy Holman
Jeffrey Rosenthal	Eileen Quigley
Julia Swain	David Shapiro

Present by phone:

Eli Segal

Absent:

Kathleen Kirkpatrick	Neil Maskeri
Myisha Lacey-Tilson	Susan Lin
Edward Beitz	Gaetan Alfano
Wendy Hess	Lauren McKenna
Adam Taylor	

Non-voting members present:

Lawrence Beaser	Sophia Lee
Mark Tarasiewicz	Butler Buchanan
Louis Rulli	Wesley Payne

Absent:

Thomas Brophy
Mary Kate Martin
Harry Reichner

Patricia Infanti
Jessica Sharp
Niki Ingram