

**Philadelphia Bar Association
Board of Governors Meeting
June 22, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 4:12 p.m. by Board chair Kevin Mincey.

Treasurer Regina Foley delivered the Treasurer's Report through May 2017. As of the end of May, the Association was ahead of its annual budget by \$12,386. Although revenues were \$37,567 less than had been budgeted, this deficit was more than offset by expenses that were \$49,593 less than had been anticipated. Cost cutting measures are continuing.

Chancellor Deborah R. Gross pointed out that an analysis of the Association's financial condition should consider not only our financial position relative to the budget, but also our financial position relative to past performance. That is why the Statement of Operations compares our current position to that of the previous year. The Statement of Operations through May 2017 showed a decline in net assets from \$1,406,791 as of May 2016 to \$1,097,900 for the same period in 2017.

Philadelphia Bar Foundation Executive Director Jessica Hilburn-Holmes presented an update on the proposed [Equal Justice Center](#) at 8th & Race Streets in Philadelphia. The Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority has authorized the development of the parcel, which will include not only the Equal Justice Center but also market rate housing, affordable senior housing, a Comfort Inn hotel and other uses. The bar foundation is responsible only for the Equal Justice Center. Discussions with members of the Chinatown community will be conducted, together with the Philadelphia Chinatown Development Corporation and potential tenants. A new master plan will be developed, for approval by the Foundation board and then by City Council. A September 2018 settlement is projected, to be followed by 18 months of construction, coordinated by Penrose Development. The projected \$50 million cost will be partially funded through Commonwealth development funds, tax credits and cy pres designations.

A quorum having been reached by this point in the meeting, a motion to accept the [minutes of the May 24, 2017 Board meeting](#), as corrected, carried unanimously. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report likewise carried unanimously.

Director of Public and Legal Services Charles Klitsch then presented a summary of pending resolutions to be addressed at the upcoming meeting of the ABA House of Delegates. Former chancellor Albert S. Dandridge III, one of two delegates to the ABA, supplemented the presentation. Both speakers focused on three important resolutions: #104, opposing a restructuring of the 9th Circuit into two smaller circuits; #108, which endorses bar admission without regard to applicants' immigration status; and #115, which supports the appointment of counsel in removal proceedings in immigration court. Former chancellor Dandridge anticipates that all three resolutions will pass, and encouraged the Association's board together with the Pennsylvania Bar Association, to speak with one voice in support of these resolutions. A motion to support a [Board resolution](#) supporting all three ABA resolutions carried unanimously.

Chancellor Gross led a discussion of the Board's current amicus brief policy, embodied in a [resolution](#) passed in 1989. The Association recently received three amicus brief requests and, for reasons of timing and otherwise, declined to move forward. Chancellor Gross suggested that such decisions could be vetted more quickly and efficiently if a committee were in place to address them. She solicited volunteers to serve on a newly-created Amicus Committee. Board member Richard Bost, Assistant Treasurer Natalie Klyashtorny, Pro Bono Chair Louis Rulli and Secretary Marc Zucker volunteered as members of the committee.

Executive Director Mark Tarasiewicz then presented a mid-year report on membership. Approximately 94% of projected member dues have been collected, 1.726 million. The Association staff has been actively contacting 540 members who have not renewed their membership. Section chairs have been making such calls as well. A summer challenge also is being planned. Executive Director Tarasiewicz gave special thanks to Young Lawyers Division Chair Matthew Olesh for his supervision of YLD recruitment efforts which generated 13 renewals, and to Manager of Member Services Andrea Morris-Tracey for her consistent hard work on membership. A Board of Governors campaign is also underway and is targeted to finish on June 30, 2017. Efforts to get law firms to pay for membership for all attorneys thus far have not been successful. Some suggestions from Board members to increase membership included offering greater flexibility to members in selecting which CLE courses could be attended free of charge, and having attorneys and their firms split the cost of an attorney's membership.

Chancellor Gross and Board Chair Mincey each delivered announcements. The Association hosted a successful Take Action Philly convening on Medicaid at the Free Library. Clinics continue for every month regarding immigration, and Tara Phoenix has planned an upcoming seminar on immigration and family law. Chair Mincey announced a Giants of the Business Bar meeting later that evening.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marc J. Zucker
Secretary

**Board of Governors Attendance
June 22, 2017**

Voting members:

Present:

Deborah Gross
Mary Platt
Rochelle Fedullo
Marc Zucker
Jennifer Coatsworth

Regina Foley
Natalie Klyashtorny
Kevin Mincey
Ira Lefton
Shabrei Parker

Jeffrey Rosenthal
Julia Swain
Myisha Lacey-Tilson
James Funt
Hon. Sandra Moss (Ret.)
Maureen Olives

Susan Lin
Richard Bost
Eli Segal
Erin Siciliano

Absent:

Katayun Jaffari
Edward Beitz
Maureen Farrell
Angela Giampolo
Wendy Hess
Teresa Rodriguez
Adam Taylor
Neil Maskeri
Amber Racine
Jennifer Seme
Gaetan Alfano

Lauren McKenna
Matthew Olesh
Vincent Barbera
Sarah Gelb
Kevin Harden
Timothy Holman
Eileen Quigley
David Shapiro
Hon. Tina Maria Rago

Non-voting members:

Present:

Lawrence Beaser
Albert Dandridge
Mark Tarasiewicz
Louis Rulli

Mary Kate Martin
Jessica Sharp

Absent:

Sophia Lee
Thomas Brophy
Jennifer Snyder
Harry Reichner
Patricia Infanti
Butler Buchanan
Kathleen Wilkinson