

**Philadelphia Bar Association  
Board of Governors Meeting  
December 20, 2012**

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by Vice-Chair Marc Zucker. Vice-Chair Zucker noted that Chair Brandi Brice is resting at home and expressed hope that the next year brings her health and happiness.

Upon consideration by the Board, subject to a correction to the attendance and a clarification by Vice Chancellor William Fedullo that he voted “no” at the last meeting to the increase for the Bar Foundation check-off because there was no provision for a portion of the check-off to go specifically to Philadelphia VIP, the minutes of the November 29, 2012 Board meeting were unanimously approved.

Treasurer Joseph Prim presented the Treasurer’s Report for the period ending November 30, 2012. He reported that the treasury is doing well with dues revenue higher than budgeted for the year and revenue for the Bench-Bar Conference exceeding \$100,000. However, he also noted that Lawyer Profiles has not done well and that revenue is down for the year overall because of it. Executive Director Ken Shear noted that his staff has outshone itself over and over with respect to managing this year’s budget and that Andrea Morris-Tracey has been outstanding in making contacts with law firms to ensure that dues revenue continues to come in. Lawyer Referral exceeded its budget for year thanks to Charlie Klitsch, Paul Kazaras and Amy Seefeld. While the Association started the year with an expected shortfall exceeding \$300,000, the gap is actually much more modest because of the accomplishments of the staff. The shortfall in revenue of \$134,000 as of the end of November is noted in the Report. Executive Director Shear noted that he is enormously proud of the staff and singled out Susan Knight for her diligent efforts. Treasurer Prim also acknowledged Ms. Knight for her significant efforts during his last five years working on the budget. After consideration, the Treasurer’s Report was unanimously accepted by the Board.

Chancellor Savoth began his final announcements by thanking everyone who has helped him during his year as Chancellor. He thanked Vice-Chair Zucker for his service and assistance chairing the board when called upon. He expressed how proud he is of everyone in the room for their dedication, expertise and commitment of time away from family and the practice of law. He also expressed his sincere appreciation for the Association’s work as being relevant to the membership and for taking a stand on issues such as the Voter ID legislation. Some of the members applauded the Association’s position while others were upset, which is a testament that the Association matters to our membership and to our community. Chancellor Savoth thanked the Cabinet members for their time and due consideration on the issues. He also thanked his class, which included Scott Reid, Kimbery Ruch-Alegant, Stacy Tees, Marc Tepper and Brandi Brice, for its work on the board for these past three years.

Chancellor Savoth continued by thanking: Larry Beaser for his soft, quiet intelligence and continued dedication to the bar; Professor Lou Rulli for teaching him about social consciousness and upon whom he repeatedly relied to learn of the impact of issues on the public interest bar; Melanie Taylor, who did a terrific job this year and fought hard for certain events to occur; Tracey McCloskey, who is extraordinary in her commitment to the Association; Marc Tarasiewicz, who is extraordinary in providing guidance; Paul Kazaras, who always tells the truth; Charlie Klitsch, who provided guidance on the Military Assistance Program (along with Jennifer Coatsworth) and the Commission on Judicial Selection; Jeff Lyons for his professionalism as a journalist; Naomi McLaurin for her dynamism in diversity and for her human touch; Susan Knight for her sense of humor and expertise with the Association's significant financial concerns; Vice Chancellor Fedullo, a former law partner and close friend, who is a problem solver; Kathleen Wilkinson for her support throughout the year and for making sure things got done. Chancellor Savoth expressed his pleasure that Chancellor-Elect Wilkinson is following him with her ideas and looks forward to the Association excelling under her leadership. He then thanked and congratulated those newly-elected, in particular, Al Dandridge. He also thanked Joseph Prim for his service. Chancellor Savoth further expressed that he was always impressed with the level of debate and the issues brought to the floor and was fortunate to have two leaders with whom to discuss these important issues. He also extended his best wishes to the newly-elected board members.

Chancellor Savoth expressed his gratitude towards Executive Director Shear for his guidance, support, knowledge of the history of the Association and intelligence, all of which helped to make the year a success for him. Finally, Chancellor Savoth thanked Chair Brice for her intelligence and sense of humor, and for the manner in which she has responded to adversity as it relates to her health. A crystal gavel will be presented to her. The Board responded to the Chancellor's remarks with a standing ovation.

Vice-Chair Zucker seconded everything said about Chair Brice, noting that it is a privilege to succeed her in the role as chair.

Vice Chancellor Fedullo remarked that every chancellor wants to leave the Association stronger and better than how he found it and acknowledged Chancellor Savoth's accomplishments.

Chancellor Savoth sought approval for the appointment of Benjamin F. Johns to the Philadelphia Bar Reporter Editorial Board for a three-year term, which, upon consideration, was unanimously provided by the Board.

Chancellor Savoth also sought approval for the appointment of members to the Philadelphia VIP Board of Directors for three-year terms, including David Abernethy, Paul Bonney, Sean Carter and Erik Videlock, which, upon consideration, was unanimously provided by the Board.

Criminal Justice Section Chair Kevin Mincey presented a report on the City of Philadelphia's RFP for an entity to handle all Defender Association conflicts of interest. Mr. Mincey expressed concern about the lack of transparency in the issuance of the RFP and about its potential impact on the Association's criminal law and family law practitioners. First, he learned about the issuance of the RFP through the grapevine, there being no contact between the City and the Association about this sizeable contract worth potentially \$7-8 million and with a relatively short RFP response period. Second, the RFP is for only a one-year contract (with an option for the City to renew), which is significant because criminal appointments typically have a 12- to 18-month lifespan. Third, the RFP provides no standards regarding quality of legal representation for these matters or requirements that those responding to the RFP need to have experience in criminal or family law matters. The Criminal Justice Section Executive Committee was called upon to monitor the situation. A letter was sent to Deputy Mayor Everett Gillison requesting a meeting about the RFP. Additional information is required before a recommendation for action can be made to the Board. The Criminal Justice Section will continue to keep the Board apprised of the status of this matter.

Plaques were then presented to honor outgoing Board Members and Officers for their service to the Board and to the Association. With sincere gratitude for their productive impact on the board, the following members were recognized: Regina Foley, Scott Cooper, Scott Reid, Wendy Beetlestone, Daniel Siegel, Andrea Malone, Melanie Taylor, Wanda Flowers, Michael Burton, Larry Felzer, Brad Begelman, Robert Szostak, George Nagle, Michael Snyder, Pedro Ramos, Kimberly Ruch-Alegant, Scott Sigman, Stacy Tees, Marc Tepper and Joseph Prim.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sophia Lee  
Secretary

Board of Governors  
Attendance  
December 20, 2012

Voting Members:

Present:

John Savoth  
William Fedullo  
Sophia Lee  
Jacqueline Segal  
Joseph Prim  
Wesley Payne  
Marc Zucker

Stacy Tees  
Marc Tepper  
Brian Chacker  
Nikki Johnson-Huston  
Gina Rubel  
James Rocco  
Eric Weitz

Kimberly Ruch-Alegant  
Scott Sigman  
Melanie Taylor  
Aneesh Mehta  
Brad Shuttleworth  
Michael Bertin  
Jennifer Coatsworth

Kay Yu  
Gordon Wase  
Brad Begelman  
Robert Szostak  
George Nagle  
A. Michael Snyder

Absent:

Kathleen Wilkinson  
Brandi Brice  
Pedro Ramos  
John Encarnacion  
Scott Reid  
Larry Felzer

Rachel Branson  
Wanda Flowers  
Ourania Papademetriou  
Rudolph Garcia  
Regina Foley

Non-Voting Members:

Present:

Louis Rulli  
Kenneth Shear  
Larry Beaser

Judy Stouffer  
Flora Yarnall

Absent:

Michael Hayes  
Scott Cooper  
Wendy Beetlestone  
Justine Gudenas  
Heather Austin

Andrea Malone  
Joseph Goldshear  
Abraham Reich  
A. Michael Pratt  
Sayde J. Ladov