

**Philadelphia Bar Association
Board of Governors
June 23, 2005**

Ms. Toland, Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

The Chair requested that the minutes of the May 26, 2005 meeting be approved. Upon motion made and seconded they were approved.

Treasurer Mary Platt presented the Treasurer's report for the period ending May 31, 2005. She reported the Treasury is positioned well as of this time and ahead by \$288,655. Upon motion made and seconded, the Treasurer's report was approved.

Chancellor Andy Chirls made a number of announcements. He reported that the June Quarterly Luncheon that featured Senator Specter, who received the Bar Medal and the lawyers celebrating seventy, sixty-five, sixty and fifty years at the bar, was well attended. He also announced that he recently spoke before the Interbranch Commission for Gender, Racial and Ethnic Fairness, which is chaired by Chief Justice Ralph Cappy. Pennsylvania is the first state to have all three branches of government involved in such an effort. Chancellor Chirls mentioned that there were several Philadelphia lawyers who had been appointed to the Commission including Assistant Secretary Kathleen Wilkinson.

Chancellor Chirls also announced that he attended Polish law day. He also advised that Municipal Court is making documents available in Spanish and is viewed as a model court in relation to the support given for foreign languages, including the use of interpreters.

Chancellor Chirls also announced he attended the Bio conference in Philadelphia and participated in the Association's annual 5K race. Chancellor Chirls then accepted a Resolution from City Council, which had been presented to the Bar Association's Cancer Bike-A-Thon team and the American Cancer Society recognizing their efforts during the 2004 bike-a-thon in raising money to fight cancer.

Chancellor Chirls also reported the Association is involved in the framing of the proposed rules and procedures to institute judicial merit selection in Philadelphia.

The Chair then reported that the Family Law Section recently held their spring reception. She also announced that Chancellor Chirls had recently received the 2005 Community Pride Award.

The Chair asked Assistant Secretary Wilkinson to remind board members of their pro bono obligations and to return their forms by June 30.

The Chair recognized Sayde Ladov who reported on the September Bench Bar conference and the topics being covered by the CLE courses.

The Chair then recognized Joe Ronan who recently stepped in as Chair of the Tax Section after the untimely passing of Barbara Freedman. Mr. Ronan communicated that a scholarship was

being established at Temple Law School in Barbara Freedman's honor and would initially be funded with a contribution from the Tax Section. He also reported on programming and pro bono opportunities the Section is undertaking.

Sherrie Cohen and Richard Weishaupt presented a resolution on behalf of the Civil Rights Committee opposing Cuts to Medical Assistance in HB 1500. The Delivery of Legal Services and Public Interest Section cosponsored the resolution. A discussion took place as to how this would impact women and the delivery of health services to needy persons in Philadelphia. Upon motion made and seconded, the Resolution was passed unanimously.

The Board adjourned at 5:35pm.

Respectfully submitted:
Kathleen D. Wilkinson
Assistant Secretary