

**Philadelphia Bar Association  
Board of Governors Meeting  
November 23, 2004**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

Upon motion made and seconded, the minutes of the October 28<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved as submitted.

Mary Platt, Treasurer gave her report noting that the Association is over budget as to revenue and under budget as to expenses. The Treasurer also presented a resolution to approve a Revised Investment Policy for the Association. The resolution was moved, seconded and passed by acclamation.

The Chair introduced the Chancellor who gave his announcements and discussed the significant and ongoing interest in the business court. The Chancellor is optimistic that the business court will be institutionalized.

The Thanksgiving Breakfast was held today and was truly inspirational. The Chancellor reminded the Board of the upcoming Bar Elections and asked that everyone participate. The Chancellor also thanked Alex Giacobetti and his wife, Terry Italiano, for their hard work and creativity in planning this year's Andrew Hamilton Ball.

The Chancellor thanked the Board for a wonderful year.

Chancellor Elect, Mr. Chirls, reported on his upcoming trip to France, which will commence on December 9, 2004, in Lyon, our sister city. Mr. Chirls, Mr. Feldman and Mr. Shear will attend.

The Chair introduced Mr. Delacato, Chair of the Insurance Programs Committee. Mr. Delacato presented a resolution endorsing Liberty Mutual who will offer a homeowners and auto insurance package at a discounted rate to members. The resolution was moved and seconded. A brief discussion indicated that no other carrier wanted the business. Thereafter, the question was called. The resolution was passed by acclamation.

Mr. Delacato presented a second resolution to endorse moving our life insurance program from ReliaStar to New York Life. It is the opinion that New York Life is more interested in writing Association business. The resolution was moved and seconded. After the question was called, the resolution passed by acclamation.

The Chair introduced Cathy Carr, who attended the conference of World Bar Leaders in Shanghai, China. Ms. Carr gave a presentation on the activity of the conference and presented the Chancellor with the plaque from the conference. Ms. Carr noted that the next conference would take place in Chicago in 2006.

The Chair, Mr. Kovler, made his announcements and advised that the Bench Bar was a

great success. Mr. Kovler stated that Sayde Ladov and Mitchell Bach are next year's co-chairs. The conference came in under budget. It cost the Association \$20,000.00 and we had budgeted \$30,000.00 for the event. The Chair thanked the staff for all their hard work.

Mr. Kovler also advised that the State Civil Litigation Section is up and running and Section elections will occur next week.

The Chair introduced Judy Berkman from the Women's Rights Committee, who presented a resolution against genetic discrimination. The motion was moved and seconded and the resolution was passed by acclamation.

The Chair presented Angus Love of the Civil Rights Committee, who reported that in August 2003, United States Supreme Court Justice Kennedy challenged the American Bar Association to a discussion concerning criminal justice issues. Thereafter, the Kennedy Commission was formed. The Commission was a blue ribbon panel comprised of state and federal prosecutors and defense attorneys who examined five issues. The Civil Rights resolution in support of the findings of the Commission had been shopped to various sections and committees. The resolution was moved and seconded and after a brief discussion the resolution passed with 2 votes opposing.

Laura Fox, Chair of the Real Property Section, offered a resolution in opposition to the increase in real estate transfer tax as contained in House Bill 2750. The resolution was moved, seconded and passed with 1 nay vote.

The Chair introduced Rudy Garcia, who presented a resolution in support of the comments of the Federal Civil Rules Advisory Committee regarding electronically stored discovery. After the motion was moved and seconded a brief discussion was held and the report was approved with 1 nay vote.

Thereafter the meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted  
Sayde Joy Ladov  
Secretary