

**Philadelphia Bar Association
Board of Governors
November 22, 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 October 27, 2005 meeting be approved. Upon motion made and seconded they were approved.

Treasurer Mary Platt presented the Treasurer's report for the period ending October 31, 2005. She reported the Treasury is positioned well as of this time and there is a positive variance. Upon motion made and seconded, the Treasurer's report was approved.

Executive Director Ken Shear announced that Sue Dang, an excellent employee of the Bar Association has resigned to accept a position with Drexel University. The Board recognized her contribution to the Association in the accounts payable area.

Chancellor Andy Chirls made a number of announcements. He has been working on the Ethics Reform Ballot Initiative with the Pennsylvania Economy League and Committee of 70. He reported that Chancellor-Elect Alan Feldman testified before City Council on the Bar's position on the city's business privilege tax. Mention was made of the recent retention election of two PA Supreme Court justices and the fact a qualified hard working Justice was not retained. He also reported that the Pennsylvania Bar Association passed a resolution similar to the Philadelphia Bar resolution on privacy of criminal records. He further reported that the General Assembly is considering the possible elimination of business-to-business taxing of services.

Chancellor Chirls praised the Chancellor's Forum featuring Trudy Rubin who spoke about the war in Iraq. He also reported the Hamilton Ball was a success with congratulations to Foundation President Bob Lane. He announced that Larry Beaser will be receiving the Fidelity Award and that Chancellor-Elect Feldman will speak at the December Annual Meeting. He further announced that the Bar would participate in an immigration panel with the American Association of Association Executives. A trip to Lyon is planned with various local bar leaders and judges to further the Bar's international outreach. Announcements were also made about all the holiday parties being held by the various Sections.

The Chair made some announcements including that former Board member Judge Dennis Cohen was recently honored by Boston Law School. Judge Messiah Jackson received the distinguished jurist award from the Peter Zenger Society and Judge Field was about to be honored by the Brandeis Society. The Chair noted the excellent program that the Young Lawyers Division had with Brett Mandel of Philadelphia Forward. She also noted a welcoming reception for recent immigrants and the fact the Bar continues to be favorably publicized in foreign press articles in the City of Philadelphia.

The Chair recognized Cheryl Gaston from the Real Property Section who presented a resolution supporting the streamlining and modernizing of Philadelphia's zoning code and review process. Upon motion made and seconded, the resolution was passed unanimously.

The Board was then shown an interactive demonstration of the Bar's new web site by Ken Shear and Mark Tarasiewicz. The Board congratulated the Bar staff and the members of an ad hoc committee who worked on the web site for the excellent work done by all.

The Chair recognized Harper Dimmerman who presented a resolution supporting the Proposed Philadelphia County Local Rule 3129.2(b) (1) regarding contents necessary in property descriptions for handbills posted by the sheriff and required newspaper publication. It was noted that the Sheriff, City, lenders, debtors, and businesses were all in favor of the resolution. The State Civil Litigation Section was not contacted. Upon motion made and seconded, the resolution passed unanimously.

The Chair recognized Michael Carroll and Aaron Finestone who presented a resolution from the Civil Rights Committee Opposing Section 1035 of the National Defense Authorization Act for the Fiscal Year 2006, which expands the role of the Armed Forces of the United States in Border Control and Antiterrorism Functions. After discussion, the Resolution was passed by majority vote with one vote against.

The Board adjourned at 5:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen D. Wilkinson
Assistant Secretary