

**Philadelphia Bar Association
Board Of Governors Meeting
October 28, 2004**

While waiting to achieve a quorum, the Chair, Mr. Kovler, made announcements that did not require Board action.

Chancellor Bevilacqua made his announcements. He noted that the American Bar Association meeting for Lawyers' Assistance Programs occurred in Philadelphia early this month. The program covered four days and was supported by many providers who assist impaired attorneys.

The Chancellor in making reference to the recent fall quarterly, professed that it was superb and that the quality of the honorees was very high. It was valuable for the Association and was a sell out. He noted that the Executive Director, the Chancellor Elect, Mr. Chirls and the Chancellor were recently at the Governor's mansion for the kick off of a new civics program for school students in grades K-12. He also reminded that there would be a Thanksgiving Breakfast at the Union League. Breakfast and CLE will be free to members of the Association. Frank Cervone and Sharon Browning are chairing the event. The Chancellor feels this is a way to say "thanks" to the members in a meaningful way.

The Chair of the Board introduced Jeff Abramowitz and Lynn Marks who spoke about the Bar Association's team participation in the Cancer Society's Bike-A-Thon. They noted that the Bar team was a complete success. On July 11, 2004, we fielded a unified team of over 171 riders and raised \$86,753.00. We were third out of 128 teams in fund-raising and the team was given an award as best rookie team in 2004. Wolf Block secured a matching donation from Sid Kimmel. Mr. Abramowitz and Ms. Marks thanked the Executive Director and the staff. The Co-Chair of the Bike-A-Thon team, Steve Saltz, was also thanked. The American Cancer Society at that one event raised a total of 1.2 million dollars.

The Chair introduced Alec Kerr and Alex Giacobetti, who spoke about the Andrew Hamilton Ball and reminded all to come and sponsor the event.

Mr. Kovler announced that the Bench Bar had 398 registrants.

The Chancellor had appointed a committee to review the American Bar Association's draft standards relating to jury trials. Pennsylvanians for Modern Courts has also had input. Rudy Garcia worked especially hard to put the comments into cogent form.

Having reached a quorum, the business portion of the meeting was called to order at 4:45 p.m.

Upon motion made and seconded, the minutes of the September meeting were approved as submitted.

Since neither the Treasurer nor the Assistant Treasurer was present, Mr. Kovler delivered

the Treasurer's Report. The Association continues to be financially well positioned. The Lawyer Referral and Information Service continues to do very well. Additionally, the Bar's expenses are under budget. We are almost \$500,000.00 to the good. After a motion made and seconded the Treasurer's Report was passed.

The Chair introduced Steve Hershey, of PGW who requested the opportunity to respond to a previously adopted Bar Resolution opposing SB 689, regarding public utilities customer service regulations. Mr. Hershey commented that he formerly worked at CLS and was now a customer service advocate with PGW. Mr. Hershey believes that SB 689 concerns an issue of major public policy. PGW is a key piece of the infrastructure of the Commonwealth and the balance between the rights of consumers and the rights of the utility must be upheld.

The Chair introduced Chancellor Elect Chirls to present the 2005 budget. The proposed budget keeps expenses and income fairly constant with the budget of 2004. There will be a 4% salary increase for the staff. A motion was made and seconded to approve the budget. After a brief discussion the question was called. The budget was approved by acclamation.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
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Secretary