

**Philadelphia Bar Association**  
**Board of Governors**  
**April 28, 2005**

1. The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:08 P.M.
2. The Chair acknowledged those daughters of Board members in attendance as participants in the Take Your Daughter To Work punishment. She also relayed the City Solicitor's regrets at not being able to address the Board on this date and affirmed that he will attend the Board's May meeting.
3. Upon motion made and seconded, the minutes of the March, 2005 meeting were approved with the accepted amendment regarding the activity of the Association's new money managers.
4. Upon motion made, and seconded, the Treasurer's report was approved. There exists a net positive variance of \$485,849.00.
5. David Faw presented the Association's Final Audit Report for fiscal year 2004. Said report has been filed with the Association. After careful review, said Report was adopted unanimously.
6. The Chancellor provided his announcements. He commended Ken Shear and Dan Cirucci for their last minute improvisation in obtaining Maureen Dowd as guest speaker for the Quarterly luncheon due to the last minute postponement of Senator Joseph Biden. Two commercial spots were shown to the Board, one advertising the LRIS and the second the Campaign for Qualified Judges. There are also print ads being purchased in several languages, including English, Russian, Spanish and Korean. The Judicial Commission has released its recommendations for judicial candidates regarding the upcoming primary election. The Chancellor also detailed his recent meeting with consuls from 14 countries. The purpose was to discuss our court system, immigrant services and to stimulate trade between us. He met with Polish professors and members of the Polish Supreme Court. Poland has found itself overwhelmed with litigation in its newly open society, in addition to funding problems and the need for an organized bar to act as an advocate for the court system.
7. Chancellor Elect Alan Feldman addressed the Board. He explained that he and Ken Shear met with the leadership of the Bars of New York and Chicago to discuss the creation of a relationship to benefit each respective organization. The ideas discussed included the creation of a small and solo firm institute for the exchange of information, programs for young lawyers on getting a job, and leveraging the power of the three entities to obtain discounts on services.
8. The Chair gave her announcements, continuing her praise for the vibrancy of the Association's sections and committees this year. She specifically thanked Areetha Carter and the tireless work of the Judicial Commission.
9. Robert Meek presented a resolution on behalf of the Legal Rights of Persons with Disabilities Committee. The resolution opposed legislation which would place a moratorium on proposed closing of two mental health facilities which have been recommended by highly qualified individuals within the mental health field after significant review and deliberation. Upon motion and second, the resolution was unanimously approved.

10. Sam Silver presented a resolution regarding Rule 801 of the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure governing the appointment of counsel in capital cases. Alan Yatvin, the chair of the screening committee for court appointments also addressed the Board. The primary concern centered on requirements in the Rules which effectively eliminate the participation of larger firms in a pro bono capacity from taking capital cases because the attorneys do not have the requisite qualifications. The resolution asks the Supreme Court to clarify that the Rule does not apply to such pro bono situations. After a spirited discussion and the defeat of a table to motion, the resolution was unanimously passed.

#### 11. Executive Session

The meeting thereafter adjourned, thus releasing the captured daughters of working people to the joys of their remaining childhoods.

Respectfully submitted:  
John E. Savoth  
Secretary