

**Philadelphia Bar Association
Board of Governors Meeting
April 27, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by Board Chair Kevin Mincey.

Board Vice Chair Katayun Jaffari, in her capacity as a member of the Bylaws Committee, presented a resolution to amend Article IV of the Association's Bylaws. These [amendments](#) to Article IV were proposed because the staff concluded that hard deadlines were needed for the election calendar, and it was deemed advisable to have the amendments approved at the June quarterly meeting in order for the deadlines to be in place for the fall election season. Judge Tina Maria Rago proposed friendly amendments to the resolution, which were accepted. A motion to approve the [resolution, as amended](#), carried unanimously. A discussion occurred about sending resolutions to the board after approval by the cabinet, understanding that all are busy and need advance time to review proposals and speak on them in an educated fashion.

Board Chair Mincey introduced Maida Milone, president and CEO of Pennsylvanians for Modern Courts ("PMC"), to report on the mission and activities of PMC. The organization aspires to create conditions in which all Pennsylvanians come to court with knowledge of the judicial system and an expectation that they will be treated with respect. PMC recently published a [report](#) and recommendations with regard to Pennsylvania's system of judicial discipline. The issue of court funding will be addressed next year. PMC has partnered with the Association on candidate forums. In addition to advocating for merit selection, PMC has focused on equal access to justice, judicial independence, how to navigate the judicial system, diversity, jury participation, elimination of bias, interpretation services, mental health courts and other specialized courts.

The [minutes](#) from the Board's March 30, 2017 meeting were approved unanimously.

Treasurer Regina M. Foley presented the Treasurer's Report for the three months ending March 2017. Revenues are \$74,595 lower than had been budgeted for the quarter, primarily due to lower than expected receipts by the Lawyer Information & Referral Service ("LRIS"). That decrease was offset somewhat by the fact that expenses also were \$65,144 less than had been budgeted, yielding a net budget deficit of \$9,451 for the quarter. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was moved, seconded and carried. Treasurer Foley also reported that the Association's auditors had prepared the [IRS Form 990](#) for calendar year 2016, which had been referenced at the March board meeting but had not yet been distributed. Copies of the draft Form 990 were distributed electronically prior to the meeting. A motion to approve the Form 990 was moved, seconded and carried.

Board Chair Mincey introduced former Board Chair Jeffrey Lindy and Pennsylvania Institutional Law Project Executive Director Angus Love, who presented a [resolution](#) opposing reinstatement of mandatory minimum sentences. A motion to approve the resolution carried, with an abstention by Jennifer Seme.

Young Lawyers Division vice chair Vincent Barbera announced the upcoming events for Law Week and encouraged Board members to attend and volunteer. Young Lawyers Division Chair Matthew Olesh encouraged Board members to volunteer to assist on Primary Election Day with publicity of the [recommendations](#) of the Commission on Judicial Selection & Retention.

Chancellor Gross announced that E-Consult will be analyzing the extent to which the Commission's recommendations affect the outcome of the election.

Chancellor Gross also reminded the Board of the [resolution](#) passed on June 22, 1989 regarding the Board's procedures for considering whether to file an amicus brief in a particular case. A discussion about this procedure ensued. This was brought to the Board in light of a recent request to the Professional Guidance Committee to join in on an amicus brief, but the Committee could not reach consensus and opted instead to defer to whatever the Cabinet subsequently decided.

Chancellor Gross nominated the following persons as members of the Election Committee: Immediate Past Chancellor Gaetan J. Alfano, Chair; Butler Buchanan, Maria Bermudez, Andrew Chirls, Maureen Farrell, James Funt, Erin Lamb, Kevin V. Mincey, Amber Racine, Hon. Tina Maria Rago, Jacqueline Segal, Su Ming Yeh, in addition to the three chancellors and Board secretary as *ex officio* members of the committee. A motion to approve the nominations carried unanimously.

Chancellor Gross reported that the Association intends, after the primary election is over, to take the position that Pennsylvania's statute governing district attorneys, [16 P.S. §1401](#), requires that the Philadelphia district attorney be an active member of the state bar throughout his or her tenure as district attorney.

Chancellor Gross also reported that the future of the Long Range Advisory Council will be addressed in upcoming meetings of the Bylaws Committee. A discussion about the history of the Long Range Advisory Committee ensued.

Board Chair Mincey reminded the Board of the upcoming May 20th Barristers' Association scholarship gala. Chair Mincey also announced that the next Board meeting will be held on May 24, 2017 at the National Constitution Center.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marc J. Zucker
Secretary

Board of Governors
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Attendance

Voting Members

Present:

Deborah R. Gross
Mary F. Platt
Rochelle M. Fedullo
Marc Zucker
Jennifer S. Coatsworth
Regina M. Foley
Natalie Klyashtorny
Kevin Mincey
Katayun Jaffari
Ira Lefton

Maureen Farrell
Amber Racine
Jennifer Seme
Matthey Olesh
Vincent Barbera
Sarah Gelb
Richard Bost
Eileen Quigley
Erin Siciliano
Hon. Tina Maria Rago

Absent:

Kathleen Kirkpatrick
Jeffrey Rosenthal
Julia Swain
Myisha Lacey-Tilson
Edward Beitz
Angela Giampolo
Wendy C. Hess
Teresa Rodriguez
Adam Taylor

Neil Maskeri
Hon. Sandra Moss (Ret.)
Maureen Olives
Susan Lin
Gaetan J. Alfano
Lauren McKenna
Sarah Gelb
Kevin Harden
David Shapiro

On Phone:

Shabrei Parker
James Funt

Timothy Holman
Eli Segal

Non-Voting Members

Present:

Albert S. Dandridge III
Mark Tarasiewicz
Louis Rulli
Sophia Lee

Harry Reichner
Butler Buchanan
Jessica Sharp

Absent:

Thomas Brophy
Jennifer Snyder
Mary Kate Martin

Patricia Infanti
Jessica Sharp
Butler Buchanan

On Phone:

Lawrence Beaser
Kathleen Wilkinson

