

Philadelphia Bar Association

Board of Governors Meeting

May 28, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 3:40 P.M. by Chair Brad Shuttleworth.

The Chair first asked for a moment of silence to honor the passing of Board Member Vivian Lukewicz's husband, Thaddeus.

Upon consideration by the Board, the minutes of the April 29, 2015 meeting were unanimously approved.

Treasurer Wesley R. Payne, IV, presented the Financial Report for the period ending April 30, 2015. He reported that the Association is in good financial condition. First, the current financial statement reflects the write-down of Bar Association artwork to a value of \$1.00. We are above budget by about \$18,000. We are under budget for revenues by about \$47,000, again representing slower collection of dues, by about \$93,000-\$94,000. Dues collection had been extended to mid-April. LRIS has been doing extremely well, to the tune of being about \$37,000 over budget. Expenses are about \$65,000 under budget for now, which is anticipated, but that will even out throughout the rest of the year. We are where we ought to be at this time, but we need to do a little bit better with dues collection. After consideration, the Treasurer's Financial Report was unanimously accepted by the Board.

Chair Brad Shuttleworth then asked the Chancellor for his announcements.

As a recap since the last Board meeting, Chancellor Dandridge remarked that the PA Bar Association held its meeting in Philadelphia on May 6-8, including the House of Delegates meeting on May 8. There was nothing particularly controversial that arose during this meeting this year. Kathleen Wilkinson remarked that a great deal of activity goes on behind the scenes before the House of Delegates meeting.

A few days later, the Board of Judges held a dinner at Tendenza that the Chancellor attended. On Sunday, May 17, the 5K was held; Chancellor Dandridge was asked to be the starter. Chancellor Dandridge remarked that Debbie Gross came in second in her age group. The race had about 1200 who attended. That evening, Al headed down to Washington, D.C. to accompany a group to the Supreme Court admission ceremony. Judge Klein was one of those admitted, and Al remarked that Justice Breyer was one of Judge Klein's law school classmates at Harvard, and that Justice Breyer looked down and nodded at Judge Klein. It was also a special treat to see the Solicitor General, in full

formal morning coat and trousers, introduce the new Attorney General to the Supreme Court. Also, 6 decisions were announced by the Supreme Court.

The next day was Election Day, and the Chancellor commended all those who had worked so hard to get the work done of the Judicial Commission and to get the public to know of the recommendations, and of our commitment to make sure that the best possible candidates could be elected. We made a significant difference by our efforts.

Judge Joel Slomsky for the past 18 years has endowed an award, called the Gideon Award, for those who are going to work in the Public Interest area. This year the Award was given in the name of Judge Mitchell Goldberg. The Chancellor spoke at the ceremony and pushed for Civil Gideon.

Yesterday there was CLS's Breakfast of Champions, at which time Cathy Carr, the longtime Executive Director of CLS, gave a beautiful speech summarizing her years at CLS and acknowledging that she will be stepping down from her leadership position to enter the next phase of her professional life.

Today the Chancellor got another invitation to join the Judges for lunch. He spoke about what the Bar Association is doing for them and what the Bar is all about, including the work of the Commission on Judicial Selection and Retention.

Chair Brad Shuttleworth followed up with a comment that The Legal Intelligencer did an article on the 5K today. He also stated that this June is the ACS Ride to AC.

Brad introduced Tom Rogers, the current Managing Editor replacing Jeff Lyons.

Brad asked Maria Bermudez to remind everyone of the Philly Idol event. Registration was extended to next Monday. This is the major YLD fund-raising event. Bill Fedullo will be doing impressions; he gave a preview. We were encouraged to allow the young associates to attend the event.

Assistant Secretary, Judge Snyder, presented as the "enforcer" reminding all Board members of their obligation to provide him with their Pro Bono Certifications by July and their Diversity and Inclusion check list by the end of the year.

Board Chair Brad Shuttleworth then briefly discussed a possible Boots on the Ground project for the Board. Stephen Rothberg had discussed a one-day project for Habitat for Humanity at the last Section Chairs meeting. Mr. Rothberg will present on this project at the June meeting.

DLSC co-chair Joe Sullivan, along with Nikki Ludt, and Marsha Cohen, presented a Resolution for consideration supporting the creation of administrative fee waivers in appropriate cases for low income Pennsylvania residents seeking non-drivers photo id cards and birth certificates. The fees would be raised significantly under a new

Pennsylvania statute, thereby hurting the very low- income people the most. The waiver could be accomplished as a discretionary act by the Secretary of Transportation. It was suggested that the Chancellor send an appropriate letter to the Governor's General Counsel, in addition to any other communications made. The Resolution was passed after a suggested technical change in the Resolved clause by Larry Beaser that asked for communication to be made to The Governor, The Secretary of Transportation, and Governor's General Counsel.

Brad Shuttleworth asked if there were any new business to discuss.

Chair Brad Shuttleworth asked for any items of Good and Welfare.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Judge A. Michael Snyder (ret.)

Assistant Secretary

**Board of Governors
Attendance
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Voting Members:

Present:

Albert Dandridge
Gaetan Alfano
Deborah Gross
Hon. A. Michael Snyder
Wesley Payne
Mary Platt
Brad Shuttleworth
Natalie Klyashtorny
Dawn Tancredi
Lawrence Felzer

Peter Newman
Kathleen Kirkpatrick
Jeffrey Rosenthal
William Fedullo
Eric Weitz
Maria Bermudez
Erin Lamb
Dina Ronsayro
Su Ming Yeh
Robert Casey

Absent:

Jacqueline Segal

Lauren McKenna

Rachel Gallegos
Rachel Kopp
Emily Marks
Rahat Babar
Jeremy Menkowitz
Erin Siciliano
Ira Lefton
Kevin Mincey
Julia Swain

Nycole Watson
Rachel Keene
Graham Laub
Robert Muench
Scott Small
Steven Rothberg
Jennifer O'Leary
Joseph Turchi

Non-voting Members:

Present:

Jennifer Coatsworth
Mark Tarasewicz
Lawrence Beaser

Kathleen Wilkinson
Louis Rulli

Absent:

Sophia Lee
Vivian Luckiewicz
Molly Peckman
Rachel Branson
Steven Bizar
M. Kelly Tillery
Heather Austin
Andrew Laver
Hilda Thompson
Cheryl Disch
Abrahan Reich
Butler Buchanan

