Philadelphia Bar Association
Board of Governors Meeting
October 26, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 4:08 p.m. by Board chair Kevin Mincey.

A motion to approve the minutes of the September 28, 2017 meeting carried unanimously.

Assistant Treasurer Natalie Klyashtorny delivered the Treasurer’s Report through September 2017. As of the end of September, the Association is in the red by $71,715. Revenues were $122,549 less than had been budgeted, only partially offset by expenses that were $50,834 less than had been anticipated. Cost cutting measures are continuing. A motion to approve the treasurer’s report carried unanimously.

Laura Powers, Director of Marketing & Development for the Philadelphia Bar Foundation, discussed the upcoming Access to Justice Benefit.

Chancellor Gross presented in memoriam resolutions in memory of former Chancellor Harold Cramer and former Judicial Commission chair A. Harold Datz. Geraldine Cramer and her daughter, attorney Patricia Cramer, accepted the honor in Harold Cramer’s memory. Attorney Jeffrey Datz and his wife, attorney Elissa Fuller, accepted the honor in Harold Datz’s memory. The resolutions were unanimously adopted by the Board, together with a similar resolution in memory of former Chancellor Peter Hearn, whose family will accept the honor at the next Board meeting.

Bench Bar Conference co-chair Sophia Lee delivered an interim report regarding the October 13-14, 2017 conference at the Borgata in Atlantic City, which surpassed all expectations. Chancellor Gross thanked Lee and her co-chair Teresa M. Rodriguez for their stewardship.

Executive Director Mark Tarasiewicz provided a membership update. With just a month left in the renewal period, $1.818 million or 99% of the membership dues budget has been collected. The goal continues to be to exceed that budget. Tarasiewicz thanked Chancellor Gross for her creativity in planning Member Appreciation Week, which will include special prizes, gift cards and giveaways and an ice cream happy hour kickoff on November 6, coinciding with an election forum to maximize attendance. Rising stars will be nominated by sections and committees. Further information is available at #philabarlove.

Chancellor Gross updated the board on recent successful events, including a press conference on the pending hate crimes bill, and reminded the Board of the upcoming forum for appellate court judicial candidates.

Board member Amber Racine encouraged the Board to participate in the Barrister’s Association’s annual Thanksgiving Turkey Drive. Donations can be made online or by mail to Racine directly.
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:51 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
Marc Zucker
Jennifer S. Coatsworth
Natalie Klyashtorny
Kevin Mincey
Ira Lefton
Shabrei Parker
James Funt

Adam Taylor
Neil Maskeri
Hon. Sandra Moss (Ret.)
Amber Racine
Matthew Olesh
Vincent Barbera
Richard Bost
David Shapiro
Hon. Tina Maria Rago

Present by phone:
Regina M. Foley

Absent:
Rochelle M. Fedullo
Katayun Jaffari
Kathleen Kirkpatrick
Jeffrey Rosenthal
Julia Swain
Myisha Lacey-Tilson
Edward Beitz
Maureen Farrell
Angela Giampolo
Teresa Rodriguez
Wendy Hess
Maureen Olives

Jennifer Seme
Susan Lin
Gaetan J. Alfano
Lauren McKenna
Sarah Gelb
Eli Segal
Kevin Harden
Timothy Holman
Eileen QuigleyE
Erin Siciliano
Hon. Tina M. Rago

Non-Voting Members
Present:

Lawrence Beaser
Mark Tarasiewicz
Albert S. Dandridge III

Louis Rulli
Sophia Lee

Absent:

Louis Rulli
Thomas Brophy
Mary Kate Martin
Harry Reichner
Butler Buchanan
Wesley R. Payne
Patricia Infanti
Jessica Sharp