

Philadelphia Bar Association
Board of Governors Meeting at the Bar Leaders Retreat
The Water Club at the Borgata, Atlantic City NJ
January 7, 2011 Minutes

The Chancellor Rudy Garcia called the meeting to order at 11:33 a.m.

The Chancellor-Elect John Savoth asked for nominations for the Chair of the Board of Governors. Chancellor Garcia nominated Regina Foley and the nomination was seconded. Chancellor Garcia recognized that this year's class of board members was spectacular and that any member would have made a great Chair, then proceeded to comment on Regina Foley's qualifications, describing her as brilliant, dedicated and having good perspective. The motion passed unanimously and Regina Foley was elected to the position of the Chair of the Board of Governors.

The Chair Regina Foley thanked the Board for its vote of confidence and further commented that she was looking forward to working with the Board with diligence and passion.

Chair Foley asked for nominations for the Vice-Chair of the Board of Governors. Chancellor-Elect Savoth nominated Brandi Brice and the nomination was seconded. Chancellor-Elect Savoth also recognized the excellence of this year's class of board members and each member's potential as the Vice-Chair. The motion passed unanimously and Brandi Brice was elected to the position of the Vice-Chair of the Board of Governors.

Chair Foley proceeded with the appointments of the Chancellor and Chancellor-Elect to the Philadelphia VIP Board, the Insurance Programs Committee, the LRIS Committee and the Judicial Commission.

To the VIP Board, Chancellor Garcia moved for the appointments of Stephen M. Foxman, John J. O'Brien, Bella Schnall and Matthew Ian Whitehorn. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved by the Board of Governors.

To the Insurance Programs Committee, Chancellor Garcia moved for the appointments of Wesley Payne and H. Marc Tepper as Co-Chairs, Peter Dunn, H. Marc Tepper and Robert Tintner each to a three year term, and Hank Delacato as Chair Emeritus. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved by the Board of Governors.

To the LRIS Committee, Chancellor Garcia moved for the appointments of James Francis and Michael Schaffer as Co-Chairs, and Jeffrey Lichtman, Michael Schaffer and Denise Smyler each to a three year term. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved by the Board of Governors.

To the Judicial Commission, Chancellor Garcia moved for the appointments of Richard Seidel as Chair, Gaetan Alfano to a four year term, Jeffrey Lindy to a three year term in accordance with Bylaw Section 606 (d) to fill the vacancy of the U.S. Attorney's seat, and Leyla Moreno to a two year term as lay member. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved by the Board of Governors. Chancellor-Elect Savoth moved for the appointment of Gaetan Alfano as Vice-Chair of the Judicial Commission. That motion was seconded and unanimously approved by the Board of Governors.

To the Campaign for Qualified Judges, the Association's PAC, Chancellor Garcia moved for the appointment of Kim Jessum as Treasurer. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved by the Board of Governors.

Chair Foley congratulated all of the foregoing individuals for their willingness to serve the Association.

Chancellor Garcia began his announcements by welcoming all to the Bar Leaders Retreat and thanking them for their service to the Association. He remarked that a great year lies ahead for the Association, noting that the Association is at a turning point where the atmosphere is electric and that people are generally feeling better about the economy. Chancellor Garcia assured that, with the help of everyone involved, much can be accomplished by the Association.

Chancellor Garcia announced that under the Association's Bylaws, the Chancellor can change a committee name. To that end, Chancellor Garcia moved for a name change for the Minorities in the Profession Committee to bring it up-to-date; that committee will be renamed the Diversity in the Profession Committee. The motion was seconded. A discussion ensued that a conforming change for the renamed Diversity in the Profession Committee will be required for Section 208 of the Association's Bylaws. Under Section 1102 of the Association's Bylaws, where there is no substantive change to any provision of the Bylaws, an amendment to the Bylaws for a conforming or other purely formal change may be adopted by the Board of Governors. The motion for a name change then passed unanimously, and the text of the amendment shall be included in the call for the next stated or special meeting of the Association as is required by Section 1102.

Chair Foley introduced the Association's Conflict of Interest Policy. Counsel to the Board Larry Beaser explained that the Conflict of Interest Policy was required by Pennsylvania's non-profit corporation law and that members of the Board were required to abide by the policy and to acknowledge it by signing off on the policy on an annual basis.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sophia Lee
Secretary

Board of Governors
Attendance
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Present:

Rudolph Garcia
Sophia Lee
Wesley Payne
William Fedullo
Pedro Ramos
Stacy Tees
Marc Zucker
Nikki Johnson-Huston
Ho, A. Michael Snyder
Melanie Taylor
Ourania Papademetriou
Sayde Ladov

John Savoth
Jacqueline Segal
Regina Foley
Larry Beaser
Michael Shaffer
Kimberly Ruch-Alegant
H. Marc Tepper
Gina Rubel
Richard Seidel
Sandra Jeskie
Cheryl Gaston
Kenneth Shear

Kathleen Wilkinson
Joseph Prim
Brandi Brice
Danielle Banks
Sean Sullivan
Scott Sigman
Brian Chacker
Louis Rulli
Carolyn Chopko
Julia Swain
David Prewitt
Abraham Reich

Absent:

Jeffrey Campolongo
John Encarnacion
Scott Cooper

Judith Stein
George Nagle
Scott Reid