

**Philadelphia Bar Association
Board of Governors**

February 26, 2009

The Chair Gaetan Alfano called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m.

The Chair requested that the Minutes of the January 2009 meeting be approved. The Minutes were approved.

The Chair recognized Assistant Treasurer Wes Payne, who reported that income is about \$130,000 behind budget. Executive Director Ken Shear reported that the Association is experiencing slower dues payments than usual but the full effect will be known by March. On the liability side, the Association is already taking actions to keep expenditures down. Upon motion made, and seconded, the Treasurer's report was approved.

Chancellor Sayde Ladov announced that she attended the Philadelphia VIP awards presentation on February 25, 2009. Jeff Lyons, the Senior Managing Editor of the Publications, received an award for publicizing VIP training events. Geraldine Long, Joan Weingrad and Susan Knight, who do financial work, received awards as well for their supporting work for VIP.

Chancellor Ladov also reported that she has met with Judge Marsha Neifield concerning getting a Help Desk in Municipal Court up and running relatively soon. She also thanked Wes Payne for his work as chair of the recently reactivated Military Affairs Committee.

Chancellor Ladov announced that Andy Susko will chair the Civil Gideon Task Force. She hopes to have a report concerning this by April. She welcomed Mehrin Masud-Elias as the new minority representative, to replace Reetu Dandora, who left her firm and is now in the suburbs.

The Chair recognized former chancellors Abe Reich and Andre Dennis to report on their recent attendance at the ABA midyear meeting as ABA delegates. With respect to ABA House of Delegates Resolution 109, the screening rule, Abe Reich reported he was one of five to present on the proposal. A substitute proposal was also presented. After a close vote, by a margin of 226 for and 191 against, the screening amendments to Model Rule 1.10 passed. Abe Reich also stated that the ABA rule imposes additional requirements beyond the Pennsylvania screening rule. The Legal Ethics Committee of the PBA recently voted not to recommend that Pennsylvania adopt the broader rule, but that issue could come up in the future. Andre Dennis discussed Resolution 301, which concerns the attorney-client privilege.

The Chair then recognized Wes Payne and Hank Delacato from the Insurance Programs Committee to present The Resolution Transferring the Association Sponsored Disability Insurance Program From AIG to New York Life Insurance Company. The Association's disability insurance program is currently with AIG. The goal was to have a seamless transfer and good pricing. Three other insurers could not match what New York Life could do. New

York Life also has excellent ratings. Chancellor Ladov pointed out recent news reports about AIG's fourth quarter losses. With regard to preexisting issues, if a member is not on disability but has disability coverage under AIG, the member's coverage will seamlessly transfer to New York Life. A member may automatically be allowed to buy more benefits depending on the member's personal situation. Under New York Life, there is no preexisting condition issue once a member returns to work. Upon motion made and seconded, the Resolution passed unanimously.

The Chair then recognized Assistant Secretary Sophia Lee, who directed the Board's attention to the section of the Association bylaws on the pro bono requirements. She pointed out how it can be fulfilled, such as taking on a new pro bono matter, employment in such a capacity, or if a member qualifies for alternative support.

The Meeting moved to executive session at 4:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen D. Wilkinson
Secretary

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Attendance
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Present:

Sayde J. Ladov
Scott Cooper
Rudolph Garcia

Kathleen Wilkinson
Gaetan Alfano
Wesley Payne

Sophia Lee
Richard Seidel

Grace Manno
Michael Berkowitz
Maria Feeley
Jeffrey Campolongo
Sean Sullivan
Albertine DuFrayne
Judith Stein

Rosemary Pinto
Mehrin Masud-Elias
Jeffrey Gross
Regina Foley
Stephanie Resnick
Mary Platt
Grace Sweeney

Jacqueline Segal
Karen Detamore
Danielle Banks
Michael Schaffer
Brian Chacker
Patricia Dubin

Absent:

Joseph Prim
Michael Hayes
Stacy Tees
Richard Harris
A. Michael Pratt
Eric Milby

Troy Wilson
Laura Feldman
Christine Paul
David Prewitt
Daniel Blickman