

**Philadelphia Bar Association
Board of Governors
February 22, 2007**

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:06 p.m. and upon motion made, and seconded, the minutes of the December, 2006 meeting were unanimously approved. Thereafter, the minutes of the January, 2007 meeting were approved, with the clarification that Assistant Treasurer Jeff Lindy merely presented the Treasurer's report and the he did not draft it.
2. The Chancellor next informed the Board that the leaders of our Association had been invited to Israel by the leaders of the Israeli Bar to discuss an exchange program.
3. The Treasurer's Report was given by Treasurer, Scott Cooper. Fifty Percent (50%) of the membership dues for 2007 have already been received. We are currently \$20,000.00 behind in expenses, but 82,000.00 ahead on revenue. After a motion and seconded, the report was unanimously adopted. The Board was thereafter requested to vote on our Certificate of Banking with PNC, which passed unanimously.
4. The Chancellor gave her announcements. She attended a Minorities in the Profession Committee meeting today. There is a CLE planned for pandemic disaster planning. It will address, inter alia, the materials needed for home and office should such an event occur. It is scheduled for March 14th. The Chancellor next addressed the upcoming statewide judicial elections and the campaign to defeat retention judges. The Association will place considerable effort into educating the public on the importance of judicial independence. A global review of the Association's by-laws is underway. All groups have been invited to provide input. The next meeting is scheduled for March 19th. Kim Jessum was elected by the Board to serve on the Audit committee as an at-large member of the Board. The Board roundly applauded the news of the arrival of Executive Director Ken Shear's granddaughter, Lucy Danielle.
5. The Chair next gave her announcements. There will be a Chancellor's forum on April 30th which will address what lawyers can learn from diversity in corporations.
6. Assistant Secretary Kathleen Wilkinson alerted the Board to its Pro Bono responsibility and asked that all forms be filled out and sent to her as soon as possible.
7. Jennifer Rosato, the acting Dean of Drexel Law School and Toby Oxholm, General Counsel of Drexel University, gave a presentation on the development of the law school and its plans to work closely with our Association. A Resolution applauding the school's efforts was unanimously approved by the Board.
8. Jeff Lichtman next presented a resolution from the Lawyer Referral and Information Service adopting revised LRIS Panel Membership Experience Requirements. After much discussion and overall consensus that the LRIS Board has the power to set standards on its own, the original Resolution was withdrawn and a second Motion to Approve the Report of the LRIS Committee was seconded and unanimously approved.
9. Kathleen Stephenson and Kim Fetrow gave a presentation on the comments by the Probate and Trust Law Section on the proposed amendments to Rule of Professional Conduct 1.15. They gave a detailed presentation on how the changes to the Rule have improved its

effectiveness. After a brief discussion, the Resolution was passed unanimously.

10. Janet Stotland and Michael Churchill led an informative discussion regarding the Education Finance Reform Subcommittee. The subcommittee charged with addressing the equal funding of schools in Pennsylvania. Currently, the Commonwealth has a very wide disparity in funding between school districts. Three events have occurred within the last year:

a. The Chancellor's Forum was held addressing the problems with Philadelphia meeting it's education budget.

b. The disclosure of a Seventy One Million Dollar (\$71,000,000) shortfall in the Philadelphia School District budget.

c. The appointment of a committee/task force by the Legislature to determine the actual cost of a quality experience in every school district in the Commonwealth.

The Board should be prepared to address this problem and the Chancellor will appoint the appropriate committee to accomplish this.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and approved at 5:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

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SECRETARY