

**Philadelphia Bar Association
Board of Governors
June 29, 2006**

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m. and upon motion made and seconded, the minutes of the May 25, 2006 meeting were unanimously approved.

2. The Chancellor gave his announcements. He acknowledged Steven Sher as the outgoing Editor of The Philadelphia Lawyer. He reported that the 87th firm has joined the Raise the Bar program, bringing the present total to 4,300 participating lawyers for a total of over \$1.3 million raised. He attended a meeting of the advisory board of the new Constitution High School. On June 15-16, 2006, he was the guest of the Allegheny Bar Association at its annual Bench Bar Conference. At said meeting, Chief Justice Cappy cited our Association's work on the Pro Bono Service for CLE credit concept. The June Quarterly meeting was well attended and received, with a rousing address by former NAACP President Kweisi Mfume, who delivered the annual Judge A. Leon Higginbotham Jr. Memorial Public Interest Lecture. He noted that he had appointed an ad hoc pandemic/disaster planning committee to review and develop plans useful to the legal community in the event of a disaster or pandemic. The Association is looking for ways to assist our membership with carrying on their practices in the event of such an occurrence. Nominations are presently being accepted for the 2006 Sandra Day O'Connor Award and Justice Brennan Award, both to be presented at the October Quarterly meeting. The Chancellor announced the passing of two association members of note: James Marsh and Miles Jellinek. Upon the Chancellor's motion, the Board approved the appointment of Brian Sims, Esquire, to the Philadelphia Bar Reporter Editorial Board and the approval for the Senior Lawyers Professional & Public Service Committee to be a Standing Committee of the Association.

3. The Treasurer's Report was given by Treasurer, Scott Cooper. The Association is currently \$111,000 ahead in receipts and \$24,000 ahead in expenses. After a motion made and seconded, the report was unanimously adopted.

4. The Chair gave his announcements. The mandatory pro bono form for board members is due by June 30, 2006. The YLD has a social event at the Prints Center on July 13, 2006. The Bar Foundation Golf Classic was rained out and has been re-scheduled for August 7th at the Philadelphia Cricket Club. Board Member Laura Feldman gave a presentation on the Bench Bar Conference, which she co-chairs with former Board Chair Ron Kovler. The event will take place September 29th -30th at the Tropicana in Atlantic City. Ten Scholarships at \$500 each have been paid for, the goal is to have 50 scholarships available. Ken Shear informed the Board that a recent issue of the Bar Leader Magazine contained an article on our Pod Cast program.

5. Hank Delacato, on behalf of the Insurance Programs Committee, presented a resolution to adopt the Transamerica Occidental Life Insurance Company's Flexible Premium Adjustable Life Insurance Program exclusively for Philadelphia Bar Association members. After comments from representatives of USI Colburn and discussion, the resolution passed unanimously.

6. Bob Meek presented a resolution on behalf of the Civil Rights Committee addressing the National Security Agency's secret electronic surveillance program. The purpose of the

resolution is for the Association to support an investigation by Congress into the practice and use of the program. After acceptance of a friendly amendment, the resolution passed unanimously.

7. Chip Becker, Sean Sullivan and Carl Solano presented a resolution on behalf of the Appellate Courts Committee supporting the submission of comments and proposed revisions to Rule 1925(b) to the Appellate Courts Procedural Rules Committee. After discussion, the resolution passed unanimously.

8. Bruce Franzel and Lisa Washington presented a resolution on behalf of the Charter & Bylaws Committee requesting approval of the submission of bylaw amendments to the membership. The amendments are necessary in order to add the Law Practice Management Division into the Association Bylaws. After acceptance of a friendly amendment, the resolution passed unanimously.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and approved and the Board departed for the holiday weekend with the sweet, dulcet melody of Van Morrison's *Brown Eyed Girl* "ringing" in their collective subconscious.

Respectfully submitted:

JOHN E. SAVOTH
SECRETARY