

**Philadelphia Bar Association
Board of Governors Meeting
June 28, 2012**

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m. by Chair Brandi Brice.

Upon consideration by the Board, the minutes of the May 31, 2012 Board meeting were unanimously approved.

Treasurer Joseph Prim presented the Treasurer's Report for the period ending May 31, 2012. He reported that dues revenue continues to lag behind, but that expenses also continue to decline as a result of not filling three open positions. He also reported that revenue from Lawyer Profiles is \$150,000 less than expected, coming in at about \$4,100. After consideration, the Treasurer's Report was unanimously accepted by the Board.

Executive Director Ken Shear reported that a routine audit of the Association's pension plan is being conducted by the IRS. Co-Chairs of the Pension Committee, David Jones from Dechert and Jonathan Clark from Pepper Hamilton, are leading the charge and asked that the Board to be apprised of the audit. They expect that the audit will be concluded by the end of July.

Chancellor John Savoth began his announcements by reporting that the U.S. Supreme Court opinion released today on health care will not have any impact on the Task Force on Health Insurance's plans to move forward. Chancellor Savoth will provide the Board with another update at the next Board meeting.

Chancellor Savoth reported on his visit with a Widener Law School law clinic that is assisting veterans and noted that the clinic is a further affirmation of what the Association is doing with its Military Assistance Program. The law clinic staff was pleased to learn that the Association will be able to provide additional assistance as the clinic does not have enough resources to handle all of the services requested. Chancellor Savoth then invited Director of Public and Legal Services Charlie Klitsch to discuss Penn Law's veteran assistance program. Mr. Klitsch reported that Penn's program is helping to provide civil legal assistance for Veterans Court and that the clinic has also agreed to handle intake for the Association's Military Assistance Program starting in September. Penn Law has also offered to start a veterans resource database and to assist with legal research relating to the Military Assistance Program. Mr. Klitsch also reported that he met with Philadelphia VIP Executive Director Sara Woods and Managing Attorney and Board Member Rainy Papademetriou to ensure that veterans seeking services receive appropriate legal representation.

Chancellor Savoth also reported that he attended Community Legal Services' Breakfast of Champions during which Board Member Professor Lou Rulli received the Champion of Justice Award. He then thanked Professor Rulli for all that he does for the Association. Chancellor Savoth then reported that he attended the State Civil Litigation

Section quarterly meeting, which was organized by Co-Chairs Mark Cohen and Robert Szostak, and featured a discussion on the Montgomery County Civil Court System.

Chancellor Savoth reported that the Bench-Bar Conference scheduled for October 5-6, 2012 is getting a good number sponsorships and a significant number of full attendees. He also reported that the Federal Courts Committee held its Bench-Bar Conference at the Rittenhouse Hotel earlier in the month and featured great speakers and panels. He acknowledged that Dr. Mary Frances Berry was an engaging speaker at the Association's Quarterly Meeting and thanked Professor Rulli for his help in securing Dr. Berry as a speaker. He congratulated Jane Dalton for receiving the Sandra Day O'Connor Award and recognized Louis Fryman as a member of the 50-Year Club and thanked him for representing the class at the Quarterly Meeting. Finally, he recognized Murray Shusterman, a member of the 75-Year Club, whose 100th birthday is coming up next week and noted that Mr. Shusterman was presented with a Philadelphia Bowl by Abe Reich at the Quarterly Meeting.

Chancellor Savoth reported that he and Judge Annette Rizzo presented on pro bono service at the Weber Gallagher firm, at the request of Richard Stabinski. They discussed the Association's Military Assistance Program and, along with VIP Managing Attorney Stefanie Seldin, Philadelphia VIP's mortgage foreclosure program. Chancellor Savoth offered to present on pro bono service at any legal organization that requests it.

Finally, Chancellor Savoth reported that he met with Managing Partner Vincent McGuinness and Elliott Feldman at Cozen O'Connor, whose membership numbers with the Association have declined. After discussing the benefits of membership, Cozen O'Connor renewed its membership for all of its Philadelphia attorneys.

Assistant Secretary Jacqueline Segal presented on the annual pro bono requirement and reminded members of the Board that they must comply with Section 216 of the Association's Bylaws.

Assistant Secretary Segal then presented on the Membership Task Force as one of its Co-Chairs, and explained that the Task Force meets regularly to discuss membership and dues issues and to consider initiatives for improving membership, such as joint memberships with affinity bar associations and conducting membership surveys. She then outlined two initiatives that are currently underway, including the health insurance consortium previously discussed by Chancellor Savoth and the publication of a new membership brochure created by the Association's staff, including Mark Tarasiewicz and Jeff Lyons. Five thousand brochures have been printed and they are being distributed first to new lawyer admittees and to non-members in the five-county area. The Task Force will seek to obtain a comprehensive list of attorneys from the Disciplinary Board to determine additional non-member lawyers who will receive the brochure.

Chair Brice invited Judi Bernstein-Baker, Executive Director of HIAS, to present on the Resolution Supporting Senate Bill 1925 Reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). Ms. Bernstein-Baker thanked Mr. Klitsch and Molly Callahan,

Legal Center Director of Women Against Abuse, for their assistance on the resolution and noted that the resolution has been passed by the Immigration Committee, the LGBT Rights Committee, Civil Rights Committee and the Women's Rights Committee. She explained that Senate Bill 1925 seeks to reauthorize existing protections as well as to expand protections to the LGBT and Native American communities and to fund violence prevention strategies and that it passed two to one in the Senate. However, the House also narrowly passed its own reauthorization bill, H.R. 4970, which seeks to curtail protections for immigrant victims of domestic violence, including denial of permanent residency for most U visa applicants and subjecting victims of domestic violence who self-petition under VAWA to numerous interviews as well as allows the perpetrators of violence to intervene in the case. Ms. Bernstein-Baker noted that thousands of people will be impacted if the House version of the bill prevails. She also noted that VAWA currently provides funding for domestic violence issues in the area and that several legal services organizations, including HIAS, Women Against Abuse, Community Legal Services and Philadelphia Legal Assistance, receive funding from VAWA. Upon consideration, the resolution was unanimously passed.

Chancellor-Elect Kathleen Wilkinson acknowledged the contributions of former Board member, Karen Detamore, who recently passed away. A moment of silence was held in her honor. It was noted that the Public Interest Section is looking at ways to memorialize Ms. Detamore's contributions to the community, as well as those of Judge Louis Pollock, who also recently passed.

A Philadelphia VIP intern and student at Temple Law School, Rachel Eisenberg, was introduced as a guest present at the meeting.

Young Lawyers Division Chair Melanie Taylor announced that the YLD is receiving the Founders Award at the 25th Anniversary of the Legal Clinic for the Disabled event scheduled for September 28, 2012.

Scott Sigman announced that the Temple Law Alumni Association recently held its Annual Meeting and that Murray Shusterman, who was inducted into the 75-Year Club at the Quarterly Meeting, is still actively involved.

Judge A. Michael Snyder announced that a portrait of the Finishing Room of the former Stetson Hat Factory was unveiled at the Workers' Compensation Section's Annual Spring Party.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sophia Lee
Secretary

Board of Governors
Attendance
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Voting Members:

Present:

John Savoth
Kathleen Wilkinson
William Fedullo
Sophia Lee
Jacqueline Segal
Joseph Prim
Wesley Payne
Brandi Brice
Marc Zucker
Kimberly Ruch-Alegant
Scott Sigman
Stacy Tees
Marc Tepper

John Encarnacion
Nikki Johnson-Huston
Ourania Papademetriou
Kay Yu
Rudolph Garcia
Melanie Taylor
Michael Bertin
Gordon Wase
Larry Felzer
Brad Begelman
Robert Szostak
George Nagle
Hon. A. Michael Snyder

Absent:

Pedro Ramos
Brian S. Chacker
Scott Reid
Gina Rubel
Rachel Branson
Jennifer Coatsworth

James Rocco
Eric Weitz
Regina M. Foley
Aneesh Mehta
Wanda Flowers
Brad Shuttleworth

Non-Voting Members:

Present:

Louis Rulli
Kenneth Shear

Judy Stouffer

Absent:

Michael Hayes
Lawrence Beaser
Scott Cooper
Wendy Beetlestone
Daniel Siegel
Heather Austin

Flora Yarnall
Andrea Malone
Cheryl Disch
Abraham Reich
A. Michael Pratt
Sayde J. Ladov