

Philadelphia Bar Association
Board of Governors
March 29, 2007

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:13 p.m. and due to a lack of quorum, non-voting issues were first addressed.

2. The Chancellor gave her announcements. She spoke of the Association leadership's recent trip to Israel. They met with several dignitaries, including the Chief Justice of the Israeli Supreme Court and the Chairman of the Constitutional Law and Justice Committee. They attended local and national bar association meetings and established many contacts that should prove helpful in creating a professional relationship between our Association and the legal community there. The specifics of the relationship will hopefully be completed by the Fall of 2007 and reported to the Board. Ken Shear and Paul Kazarus next spoke on their attendance at a New Jersey Bar Association meeting on pandemic and disaster planning. It was a regional meeting with representatives from New York, Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Washington, D.C. Emergency procedures were reviewed and a model rule for providing legal services after a disaster was developed. The Chancellor noted the success of the recent quarterly luncheon at which Richard Dryfuss spoke on several issues relevant to our community, including the need for civility in public discourse. The Bylaws Committee is continuing the process of a global review of the Association's Bylaws. Initial issues discussed include the concern that a quorum of the Board has been difficult to obtain and that perhaps the number of voting members should be reduced so that the number needed to attain a quorum would likewise be reduced. In addition to the idea of adding an additional year (from two to three) to the minority bar representatives term on the Board, the Committee discussed eliminating the voting membership of the two immediate past Chancellors, the immediate past Chair of the Board, and the Chair Elect of the YLD (Young Lawyer's Division). The general consensus was that the voting right of the YLD should not be diminished at the Board level. The Chancellor stated that the Committee would take the Board's concern into consideration as it proceeds forward.

3. The Chair gave her announcements. She noted the complementary article on the Chancellor in the current edition of the Philadelphia Lawyer Magazine. She also announced two Chancellor forums scheduled for the immediate future, one involving the participation of the mayoral candidates and the second addressing Diversity Best Practices.

4. A quorum being present, a motion to approve the Minutes of the February, 2007 meeting, as prepared by the Board's Secretary, John E. Savoth, Esquire, was seconded and unanimously approved.

5. The Treasurer's Report was next presented. By the end of February, dues were over budget by \$80,000.00 with 65% collected. In fact, 41% of total revenue has been collected. Revenue is exceeding expenses at this juncture by \$36,000.00. Upon motion and second, the report was unanimously approved.

6. The Board next voted on three representatives to the Nominating Committee. The following three were elected: Stephanie Resnick, Mike Hayes, and Joe Prim.

7. Rudy Garcia next gave a presentation on the ABA House of Delegates Mid Year

Meeting in Miami, Florida. He and Abe Reich attended as the representatives of our Association. One of the highlights of the meeting was the adoption of a new version of a Model Code of Judicial Conduct. This new version will now be addressed on a state by state basis. Mr. Garcia provided a memorandum detailing the full results of the meeting.

8. Bob Meek next presented a resolution from the Civil Rights Committee supporting a Philadelphia Home Rule Charter Amendment to create an Independent Police Advisory Commission. The current executive director and assistant director attended as well to answer questions posed by members of the Board. The change would create a permanent agency under the City Charter and not one created by executive order which is prone to constant political and budgetary considerations. The result will ultimately transfer control of the Commission from the Mayor to City Council. The FOP is neutral on the issue and the Criminal Defense Bar is not in opposition. The resolution was ultimately passed with two (2) abstentions after a friendly amendment struck the last phrase of the original resolution.

9. The Board went into Executive Session after the Final Audit Report was presented by Association auditor, David Faw.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and approved at 5:33 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:
John E. Savoth
Secretary