

**Philadelphia Bar Association  
Board of Governors  
May 26, 2005**

1. Upon motion made, and seconded, the minutes of the April, 2005 meeting were unanimously approved.

2. Upon motion made, and seconded, the Treasurer's report was approved. There exists a net positive variance of \$285,152 due to the Association being over budget on dues and LRIS fees.

3. The Chancellor provided his announcements. He informed the Board that the Association made the national press—in Poland. On May 15, Nine lawyers fluent in Polish provided free legal advice to 150 people at the Polish Community Center. The Chancellor provided several dates for upcoming events: the Federal Bench Bar has been scheduled for June 10. The spring quarterly is set for June 20<sup>th</sup> whereat Senator Arlen Specter will receive the Bar Medal; June 22<sup>nd</sup> is Philadelphia Bar Association Night at Citizen's Bank Park and June 27<sup>th</sup> is the Bar Foundation Golf Outing. The Cabinet met with Bill Walters who discussed the responsibilities of compliance and oversight of non-profits. The Association staff thereafter met with him in the afternoon. He congratulated the YLD on the many, successful events of Law Week-2005. There was a terrific turnout for a reception acknowledging the success of the Commerce Court Program. He acknowledged that the judges appreciate the interest and hard work of the bar in making this program effective. The Bar Race was held on May 15<sup>th</sup> and raised significant funds for the Support Center for Child Advocates. Regarding the judicial elections, all Municipal Court victors had been approved by the Judicial Commission. With regard to the Common Pleas election, ballot position was a factor in determining the outcome.

4. City Solicitor Romulo Diaz, Jr. provided remarks to the Board.

5. The Chair provided her announcements. She lauded the Association's staff for its continuing excellence in service to the membership. She attended an Equality Forum at Independence Mall. She spoke of the State Civil Practice Meeting with the judicial team leaders. The judges praised the work of the pro tem judges.

6. A Resolution was presented by Joe Sullivan on behalf of the Delivery of Legal Services Committee requesting the Association to join in the amicus brief being filed in the case of Velazquez v. Legal Services Corporation. An affirmance of the decision would save the legal aid community millions of dollars in administrative costs. It would permit Philadelphia Legal Assistance and Community Legal Services to merge back together. Bob Lane, speaking as President of the Bar Foundation, asked the presenters to approach the Foundation to join with them in the amicus. After being moved and seconded, the Resolution was unanimously approved.

7. The Board unanimously approved the retention of Tony Creamer of Navigant Consulting to conduct an economic study of Philadelphia lawyers, after a presentation by Greg Matthews. The fee for this impact/benefit study would be \$25,000, which Navigant would donate to the Bar Foundation. Ken Shear proposed that this be a natural process of analysis that should occur every five (5) years.

8. Executive Session

The meeting thereafter adjourned, with visions of Memorial Day leisure in the immediate future.

Respectfully submitted:  
John E. Savoth  
Secretary