

**Philadelphia Bar Association
Board of Governors
November 29, 2007**

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:08 P.M. and upon motion made, and seconded, the minutes of the October 2007 meeting were unanimously approved.
2. The Treasurer's Report was given by Assistant Treasurer, Jeff Lindy. The Association is over budget on revenue in excess of \$139,000.00 and on expenses in excess of \$31,000.00, for a net positive variance of \$107,000.00. Upon motion made, and seconded, the Treasurer's report was unanimously accepted.
3. The Chancellor gave her announcements. A successful gathering was held, including members of our Association, along with various members of the Minority Chamber of Commerce and Minority Bar Associations to discuss relevant business issues. The Chancellor reminded the Board that Michael Pratt would speak at the Annual Meeting as incoming Chancellor and invited all to attend.
4. The Chair gave her announcements.
5. Jeff Abramowitz reported to the Board on the Association's team participation in the 2007 American Cancer Society Bike-a-Thon. It is the 4th year the Association has participated as a team in the event. A total of 1.8 million dollars was raised, with the Association's team raising \$122,000.00. The Association placed 4th among the teams participating in fundraising. 75 firms either rode or donated to the cause. Jeff presented a plaque and jersey to the Chancellor and thanked the Board for its continued support. Upon a question from a Board member, Jeff detailed the manner in which the money raised is used by the Society, including education, outreach, and research grants.
6. Rob Byer reported on the request for the Association to file an amicus brief relating to the scope of the attorney/client privilege. The matter is on appeal to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court from the Superior Court's holding that the privilege only attaches if the communication is from the client to the lawyer. Thus, the issue is whether the privilege is a one way or two way street. The Pennsylvania Bar Association has voted to join the amicus. After discussion, the Board unanimously approved participation on the brief.
7. Michael Scullin presented a resolution concerning the conflict in Pakistan. Mike explained that the actions in Pakistan, particularly those taken against members of the bar, were against the fundamental principles of an independent judiciary in a lawful society. It was requested, through the resolution, that we stand shoulder to shoulder with our colleagues in Pakistan. After some discussion on the manner in which the Resolution would be communicated, it passed unanimously.

8. Roberta Liebenberg presented a resolution endorsing federal legislation to protect the attorney-client privilege. The legislation has passed the House and is currently in the Senate, sponsored by Senator Specter. It has been endorsed by various opposite constituencies, such as the ACLU and Chamber of Commerce. After discussion, the Resolution passed unanimously.

9. Jeff Lichtman presented a Resolution on behalf of the Social Security Disability Committee regarding proposed changes to the regulations governing adjudication of SSDI & SSI claims. As Mr. Lichtman explained, the proposed changes create many procedural roadblocks, which will particularly harm the unrepresented applicants. After discussion, and some language changes in the Resolution, it passed unanimously.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and approved at 5:02 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

John E. Savoth

Secretary