

**Philadelphia Bar Association
Board of Governors
September 28, 2006**

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:07 p.m. and upon motion made, and seconded, the minutes of the July, 2006 meeting were unanimously approved.

2. The Treasurer's Report was given by Treasurer, Scott Cooper. The Association currently has a \$120,000.00 positive variance, due in part to receipt of a recent fee of \$85,000.00 from LRIS. Ken Shear informed the Board that the Association should anticipate more activity on the expense side of the ledger for the final quarter of 2006. Accordingly, the surplus may start to dip. After a motion and seconded, the report was unanimously adopted.

3. The Chancellor gave his announcements. He noted the light agenda and asked the Board insure that important issues concerning our Association are fully addressed before the Board. He spoke of the controversy over the Supreme Court's recent decision on the pay raise case. He stated that it is the role of the organized Bar to respond to inappropriate criticism of the Court. He wrote letters to the Legal Intelligencer and Inquirer about such criticism. We must address the criticism immediately when it crosses the line in an attempt to intimidate the judiciary from performing its constitutionally mandated role. We must defend them. He concluded with the statement that the public, generally, does not understand the importance of judicial independence and we must step to the fore to insure they do. He next spoke of a committee in Harrisburg that is addressing the issue of gun violence, particularly involving youth. Board member Marsha Levick commented that there is no data to support that said violence is, by definition, "youth" violence and that we should not characterize it as such. The Chancellor next informed that Board that the CLE Board voted against our proposal of CLE credit for Pro Bono Service. He stated that Chief Justice Cappy addressed the CLE Board in opposition to the idea before it voted. Our Association will continue to attempt to find a solution to this impasse and see if a reversal can be accomplished in the future. He stated that Philadelphia Forward and the Committee of Seventy have asked our Association to join them in rebuking the Mayor for not making appointments to the Board of Ethics. He determined that we would address the issue alone and he wrote a letter doing so.

4. The Chair gave his announcements imploring the Board to continue the fight on the Pro Bono issue address by the Chancellor.

5. Board member Mark Cohen next addressed the Board on the current state of security at City Hall. He recently met with Jim Lewis, the facility management director of City Hall, and was told that they are currently looking to the implement the changes by the end of this calendar year. All members of the Bar will be permitted to buy pass cards to avoid the lines. These cards will be issued from Room 112 in City Hall. Firms may get the opportunity to buy extra non-picture cards for clients, witnesses, etc.

6. YLD Chair Michael Hayes next addressed the Board. He stated that the YLD was having its annual Halloween fundraiser this year at Sesame Place on October 21st. He asked all Board members to spread the word on attending this fun and profitable event.

7. Mary Gay Scanlon presented a Resolution on behalf of the Law Firm Pro Bono Committee for consideration of amending the rules for firm pro bono reporting and publication. After discussion and acknowledgment that the data being collected has generally become public as a matter of course, the Resolution passed unanimously.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and approved at 5:01 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:
John E. Savoth
Secretary