

**Philadelphia Bar Association
Board of Governors
September 27, 2007**

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:07 P.M. and upon motion made, and seconded, the minutes of the July 2007 meeting were unanimously approved.

2. The Treasurer's Report was given by Treasurer, Scott Cooper. To date, the Association is approximately \$105,000 over budget. All dues revenue has been collected. Upon motion and second, the Report was unanimously approved.

3. The Chancellor gave her announcements. The Board approved the appointment of Larasz Moody to the VIP Board. In September, the Chancellor spoke at the Constitution Center with Vice President Chaney's wife, Lynn Chaney. The Bench Bar Conference is set to commence on Friday, September 28, 2007. They have been able to secure 40 scholarships for attorneys to attend who would otherwise be unable to. The Association will host a CLE on October 3, 2007 addressing the issue of Freedom of Press. Democratic Mayoral Candidate Mike Nutter is scheduled to speak to the Criminal Justice Section. The Chancellor thanked Board Member Jackie Segal for her work on the Disaster Pandemic Committee and asked the members to view the Associations' website for more information. The Sandra Day O'Conner award will be presented to Lynn Marks on October 16, 2007 at the Fall Quarterly Meeting. A diversity summit will be held on October 23, 2007. The deadline for submitting nominees for the Wachovia Award is October 12, 2007. The deadline for the Brennan Award is October 19, 2007.

4. The Chair gave her announcements. Next month's copy of the Philadelphia Lawyer will have a separate insert explaining the benefits afforded by the Law Practice Management Division.

5. A Resolution was presented by Maria Feely on behalf of the Women in the Profession Committee adopting the Call to Action and Best Practices for the Retention and Promotion of Women Attorneys. Prior to presenting the Resolution, Ms. Feeley stated that a large firm can lose up to \$500,000 when an associate leaves after training and that clients are demanding the issue of the retention and promotion of women attorneys be addressed. She stated that these two documents which the resolution supports are aspirational in nature and a starting point to get the policies contained within them enacted by the firms. It was noted by Assistant Secretary Kathleen Wilkinson that the percentage of retention is even lower when contract partners are added in with the equity partner calculations. Upon motion and second, the Resolution passed unanimously.

6. A Resolution was presented by Michael Froelich and Art Read on behalf of the Civil Rights Committee Opposing Senate Bill 9 which requires ID and a signed Affidavit of Citizenship in order to receive public benefits or licenses from any State Agency. The presenters stated that this actually is a voter ID bill for public benefits. They stated that approximately 11% of U.S. citizens have no type of official ID. This bill would have a chilling effect on citizens' application for needed benefits, including school lunches. The overall political tone to it is an attack on immigrants. After discussion on the language of the Resolution and whether it clearly states the underlying intent of the bill, the Resolution passed unanimously. The bill currently has a hearing date of October 17, 2007.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and approved at 4:52 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:
John E. Savoth
Secretary