

**Philadelphia Bar Association
Board of Governors Meeting
September 24, 2013**

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by Chair Marc Zucker. Chair Zucker recognized the guest presence of the Association's former Chancellor, Audrey Talley.

Upon consideration by the Board, the minutes of the July 25, 2013 Board meeting were unanimously approved.

Treasurer Wesley R. Payne IV presented the Financial Report for the period ending August 31, 2013. He reported that the Association's revenue is over-budget by \$147,000, thanks to LRIS doing a great job with bringing in funds. He also reported that dues are under-budget by \$8,900, which is better than what was anticipated for this point this year. The Association's staff budget is below budget by \$20,000. Overall, the Association is operating with a surplus budget of \$167,000. After consideration, the Treasurer's Financial Report was unanimously accepted by the Board.

During Executive Session, the Board voted to change the Association's Pension Plan trustee to TD Ameritrade Trust Company. The following members of the Board recused themselves from the discussion and vote: Wesley Payne, Marc Zucker, Al Dandridge, Dawn Tancredi, John Encarnacion, Michael Hayes, Ed Bietz and Rudy Garcia.

Following the Executive Session, Chair Zucker acknowledged Mark Tarasiewicz as the new Executive Director for the Association. Mr. Tarasiewicz received a standing ovation from the Board. Chair Zucker then recognized past Chancellor Alan Feldman for doing an exceptional job in chairing the Executive Director Search Committee, in coordinating a massive amount of information, including carefully constructing the criteria for the job posting and advertising the posting, and for demonstrating true grace, gentlemanliness and magnanimity throughout the process.

Chancellor Wilkinson began her announcements by reporting that she could not be more delighted to announce that Mr. Tarasiewicz was unanimously approved by the Board as the next Executive Director. Chancellor Wilkinson recognized Executive Director Ken Shear for his contributions to the Association. She also recognized former Chancellor Audrey Talley for blazing the trail for her as Chancellor and for her involvement with the Women in the Profession Committee.

Chancellor Wilkinson followed with announcements for future events including that the Bench-Bar will take place October 4 to 5; the next Chancellor's Forum on the future of legal practice in today's world on October 9; and another Chancellor's Forum with an international law focus dealing with the public interest community and ways lawyers are helping on international matters on October 22.

A report commissioned by the two co-chairs of the Large Law Firm Management Committee entitled, Economic Impact of the Legal Industry in the City of Philadelphia, will be distributed to the Board for comment before public dissemination.

Chancellor Wilkinson then reported on her participation in past events and programs including the following: July 29 generational diversity program addressing issues related to having four generations in the workplace; August 7 Chancellor's Leadership Institute with women bar leaders including Judge Sandra Moss, APABA-PA President Erica Smith-Klocek, and Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Association President Nancy Winkler; August 8 to 12 attendance at the ABA meeting, including election to a three-year term to the Council of the National Association of Bar Presidents; August 14 meeting with the Association of Legal Assistants to discuss future relationships; August 23 CLE presentation for the Pike County Bar Association; September 6 presentation of the Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg award to Matt Tom, a recent Temple Law School graduate, at the National Constitution Center; September 10 Chancellor's Leadership Institute featuring Institute for Inclusion in the Legal Profession President Sandra Yamate, Philadelphia Diversity Law Group Co-Presidents Wes Payne and Sophia Lee and Corporate In-House Counsel Committee Co-Chair Brennan Torregrossa; September 10 Five County Bar Dinner with Chancellor-Elect William Fedullo and Executive Director Shear; September 11 Barristers' Installation with Chancellor-Elect Fedullo and Vice Chancellor Al Dandridge, wherein Amber Racine was installed as its President; September 11 Bar Foundation kick-off event for the Gala; September 11 Select Greater Philadelphia dinner to discuss how to attract business; September 12 participation in a naturalization ceremony; September 12 Education Law Committee panel discussion on first amendment rights in public school; September 19 Chancellor's Leadership Institute featuring actor Jill Eikenberry; and September 23 meeting with the U.S. Coast Guard in Atlantic City with Charlie Klitsch and Jeffrey Moeller.

Chancellor Wilkinson reported on the current status of the RFP issue, that she was informed by the City Solicitor that a contract has not yet been awarded and that the Association does not support or condone any comments made about clients represented in the RFP.

Chancellor Wilkinson sought appointment of members to the Philadelphia Bar Reporter Editorial Board including James R. Nixon, Jr. and Lauren A. Strebel. Upon consideration by the Board, the motion for the appointments was unanimously approved.

Board member Brian Chacker was congratulated on birth of his daughter, Eva Rose.

Chancellor Wilkinson presented a new membership marketing video that will be posted to the Association's website. Given the Association's emphasis on membership, over the summer, the Marketing and Branding Task Force suggested that videos be put up on the website for members to view about the benefits of Association membership, including segments on networking opportunities, the work of the Judicial Commission, insurance, professional guidance, pro bono, diversity and exclusive discounts available to Association members. The videos can be viewed one segment at a time or all at once.

Chancellor Wilkinson reported on the Friendship Agreement between the Philadelphia Bar Association and the Montreal Bar Association. Chancellor Wilkinson met Luc Deshaies, President of Montreal Bar Association, at the World Conference of Bar Leaders, wherein they agreed to sign a Friendship Agreement. Upon consideration by the Board, the Friendship Agreement was unanimously ratified.

Chancellor Wilkinson recognized the guest presence of Aurelie Cohenet from the Lyons Bar Association. Ms. Cohenet is interning with Chancellor's Wilkinson's law firm.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sophia Lee
Secretary

**Board of Governors
Attendance
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Voting Members:

Present:

Kathleen D. Wilkinson
William P. Fedullo
Albert Dandridge
Sophia Lee
Jacqueline Segal
Wesley Payne
Mary Platt
Marc Zucker
Eric Weitz
Brian Chacker
John Encarnacion
Nikki Johnson-Huston
Jennifer Coatsworth
Ourania Papademetriou

Natalie Klyashtorny
Rachel Kopp
Emily Marks
Brad Shuttleworth
Dawn Tancredi
John Savoth
Aneesh Mehta
Edward Beitz
Kevin Mincey
Gordon Wase
Richard Vanderslice
Mark Cohen
Christian Petrucci

Absent:

Gina Rubel
Scott Reid
Rachel Branson
James Rocco
Kay Yu
Rachel Gallegos
Brad Shuttleworth

John Savoth
Brandi Brice
Barbara Sicalides
Kevin Mincey
Meredith Brennan
Sara Jacobson
Howard Goldberg

Non-Voting Members:

Present:

Kenneth Shear
Lawrence Beaser
Michael Hayes
Deborah Gross

Louis Rulli
Rudolph Garcia
Judy Stouffer
Abraham Reich

Absent:

Justine Gudenas
Heather Austin
Hilda Thompson

Richard Alonso
Cheryl Disch
A. Michael Pratt
Sayde Ladov