

**Philadelphia Bar Association
Board of Governors Meeting
10th Floor Board Room
August 30, 2018**

Upon confirmation that a quorum was present, the meeting was called to order at approximately 4:08 p.m. by Chair Katayun Jaffari. Chair Jaffari acknowledged her absence during the illness, subsequent passing and mourning period for her mother and thanked the Board for their kindness and support.

A motion to approve the [minutes](#) of the Board's July 19, 2018 meeting and the [minutes](#) of the August 2, 2018 meeting carried unanimously.

Treasurer Regina Foley presented the Treasurer's Report for the period ending July 31, 2018. The association failed to meet its overall year to date budget by \$212,512. Revenues were short, relative to the budget for that period, in the amount of \$266,717, primarily due to LRIS performance (which was under budget by \$127,120) and reduced sponsorships (which were \$95,000 under budget). On the positive side, expenses were lower than expected, in the amount of \$54,205, attributable to cost cutting measures and timing of payments, but were not low enough to offset the reduced revenues. A motion to approve the report carried unanimously.

Former chancellor and American Bar Association delegate Abraham Reich and former chancellor and alternate delegate Kathleen Wilkinson then delivered a summary of the highlights of the ABA's recently concluded 2018 annual meeting.

Chancellor Mary Platt reported on the recent resignation of Meredith Z. Avakian-Hardaway as Director of Communications and Marketing and recent hiring of a part-time temporary employee to assist Wes Terry and Tom Rogers who are currently addressing some of the work that Meredith previously handled. Chancellor Platt informed the Board that a new permanent marketing/communication employee would not be hired until after the new Executive Director is in place.

Former chancellor and Elections Committee Chair Deborah R. Gross then reported on the activities of the Elections Committee.

Chief Financial Officer Susan Knight and Treasurer Regina Foley reported on the recently concluded IRS audit of the bar association.

Former chancellor Reich, in his capacity as chair of the Executive Director Search Committee, then reported on the status of the search for a new executive director and the engagement of Diversified Search to assist in that process, in accordance with the Board's vote at its August 2, 2018 meeting. The Board then heard from Diversified Search Managing Director Andrew C. Wheeler, who is working with Diversified Search Vice President and Senior Associate Jennifer A. Muller, Esq.

Chancellor Platt and Vice Chancellor Michael Snyder reported on the proposed Consignment Agreement for the sale of the Association's art collection, currently located at Jenkins Law Library. Vice Chancellor Snyder moved to approve the sale of the portraits owned by the Association listed in the material presented to the Board and to authorize the Chancellor to execute the Consignment Agreement with Samuel T. Freeman & Co. substantially in the form as distributed to the Board; provided that this authorization is subject to discussion of this potential sale with the Office of the Attorney General to determine the Attorney General's position with respect to this sale; and further provided that, if the Attorney General raises concern about the sale, the matter be brought back to the Board. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Secretary Marc J. Zucker, in his capacity as chair of the Bylaws Committee, then reported on the draft Amended and Restated Bylaws that the committee prepared. Following extensive discussion of drafting questions and the insertion of a new description for the Worker's Compensation Section and other revised language, a [resolution](#) to approve the [Amended and Restated Bylaws](#) in their newly-revised form carried unanimously. In accordance with the existing bylaws, the new version will come before a meeting of members of the Association scheduled for 11:30 a.m. on October 12, 2018, at the Bench Bar Annual Conference to be held at the Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa.

Chancellor Platt reported that as of August 29, 2018, the Bar has collected \$1.76M in dues revenues, which represents approximately 96% of our membership dues budget of \$1.83M. She stated that the Bar still has to receive approximately \$66,000 in order to make the dues budget, and we want to exceed the budget because we budgeted down from last year (e.g. \$17,064 less than last year). She asked Board members to contact those on the list of 10 non-renewed members they received from Andrea Morris-Tracey and Section representatives to continue to focus on getting their members who have not renewed to renew their membership.

Chancellor Platt also asked Board members to identify vendors who are potential sponsors and connect them with Tracey McCloskey.

There being no further public business, the Board adjourned at approximately 6:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marc J. Zucker
Secretary

**Board of Governors Attendance
August 30, 2018**

Voting members present (by phone or in person)

Mary Platt	Francesca Iacovangelo
Rochelle Fedullo	Nicholas Kamau
Hon. A. Michael Snyder (Ret.)	Alisha Lubin
Marc Zucker	Michael van der Veen
Jennifer Coatsworth	Dominique Ward
Regina Foley	Deborah Gross
Matthew Olesh	Michaella Tassinari
Katayun Jaffari	Eric Siegel
Amber Racine	James Berardinelli
Maureen Farrell	Timothy Holman
James Funt	Molly Tack-Hooper
Wendy Hess	Jill Jenkins
Susan Lin	David Shapiro
Benjamin Barnett	Hon. Tina Rago
Meghan Claiborne	

Absent:

Edward Beitz	Jennifer Seme
Angela Giampolo	Kevin Mincey
Teresa Rodriguez	Vincent Barbera
Adam Taylor	Ann Funge
Neil Maskeri	Erin Siciliano
Hon. Sandra Mazer Moss (Ret.)	
Maureen Olives	

Non-voting members present:

Lawrence Beaser	Wesley Payne
Harry Reichner	
Abraham Reich	

Absent:

Gaetan Alfano	Butler Buchanan
Priscilla Jimenez	Elisa Advani
Thomas Brophy	Hilda Thompson
Niki Ingram	
Robyn Addis	

