

**Philadelphia Bar Association  
Board of Governors Meeting  
April 27, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by Board Chair Kevin Mincey.

Board Vice Chair Katayun Jaffari, in her capacity as a member of the Bylaws Committee, presented a resolution to amend Article IV of the Association's Bylaws. These [amendments](#) to Article IV were proposed because the staff concluded that hard deadlines were needed for the election calendar, and it was deemed advisable to have the amendments approved at the June quarterly meeting in order for the deadlines to be in place for the fall election season. Judge Tina Maria Rago proposed friendly amendments to the resolution, which were accepted. A motion to approve the [resolution, as amended](#), carried unanimously. A discussion occurred about sending resolutions to the board after approval by the cabinet, understanding that all are busy and need advance time to review proposals and speak on them in an educated fashion.

Board Chair Mincey introduced Maida Milone, president and CEO of Pennsylvanians for Modern Courts ("PMC"), to report on the mission and activities of PMC. The organization aspires to create conditions in which all Pennsylvanians come to court with knowledge of the judicial system and an expectation that they will be treated with respect. PMC recently published a [report](#) and recommendations with regard to Pennsylvania's system of judicial discipline. The issue of court funding will be addressed next year. PMC has partnered with the Association on candidate forums. In addition to advocating for merit selection, PMC has focused on equal access to justice, judicial independence, how to navigate the judicial system, diversity, jury participation, elimination of bias, interpretation services, mental health courts and other specialized courts.

The [minutes](#) from the Board's March 30, 2017 meeting were approved unanimously.

Treasurer Regina M. Foley presented the Treasurer's Report for the three months ending March 2017. Revenues are \$74,595 lower than had been budgeted for the quarter, primarily due to lower than expected receipts by the Lawyer Information & Referral Service ("LRIS"). That decrease was offset somewhat by the fact that expenses also were \$65,144 less than had been budgeted, yielding a net budget deficit of \$9,451 for the quarter. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was moved, seconded and carried. Treasurer Foley also reported that the Association's auditors had prepared the [IRS Form 990](#) for calendar year 2016, which had been referenced at the March board meeting but had not yet been distributed. Copies of the draft Form 990 were distributed electronically prior to the meeting. A motion to approve the Form 990 was moved, seconded and carried.

Board Chair Mincey introduced former Board Chair Jeffrey Lindy and Pennsylvania Institutional Law Project Executive Director Angus Love, who presented a [resolution](#) opposing reinstatement of mandatory minimum sentences. A motion to approve the resolution carried, with an abstention by Jennifer Seme.

Young Lawyers Division vice chair Vincent Barbera announced the upcoming events for Law Week and encouraged Board members to attend and volunteer. Young Lawyers Division Chair Matthew Olesh encouraged Board members to volunteer to assist on Primary Election Day with publicity of the [recommendations](#) of the Commission on Judicial Selection & Retention.

Chancellor Gross announced that E-Consult will be analyzing the extent to which the Commission's recommendations affect the outcome of the election.

Chancellor Gross also reminded the Board of the [resolution](#) passed on June 22, 1989 regarding the Board's procedures for considering whether to file an amicus brief in a particular case. A discussion about this procedure ensued. This was brought to the Board in light of a recent request to the Professional Guidance Committee to join in on an amicus brief, but the Committee could not reach consensus and opted instead to defer to whatever the Cabinet subsequently decided.

Chancellor Gross nominated the following persons as members of the Election Committee: Immediate Past Chancellor Gaetan J. Alfano, Chair; Butler Buchanan, Maria Bermudez, Andrew Chirls, Maureen Farrell, James Funt, Erin Lamb, Kevin V. Mincey, Amber Racine, Hon. Tina Maria Rago, Jacqueline Segal, Su Ming Yeh, in addition to the three chancellors and Board secretary as *ex officio* members of the committee. A motion to approve the nominations carried unanimously.

Chancellor Gross reported that the Association intends, after the primary election is over, to take the position that Pennsylvania's statute governing district attorneys, [16 P.S. §1401](#), requires that the Philadelphia district attorney be an active member of the state bar throughout his or her tenure as district attorney.

Chancellor Gross also reported that the future of the Long Range Advisory Council will be addressed in upcoming meetings of the Bylaws Committee. A discussion about the history of the Long Range Advisory Committee ensued.

Board Chair Mincey reminded the Board of the upcoming May 20<sup>th</sup> Barristers' Association scholarship gala. Chair Mincey also announced that the next Board meeting will be held on May 24, 2017 at the National Constitution Center.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marc J. Zucker  
Secretary

**Board of Governors  
Meeting – April 27, 2017  
Attendance**

**Voting Members**

**Present:**

Deborah R. Gross  
Mary F. Platt  
Rochelle M. Fedullo  
Marc Zucker  
Jennifer S. Coatsworth  
Regina M. Foley  
Natalie Klyashtorny  
Kevin Mincey  
Katayun Jaffari  
Ira Lefton

Maureen Farrell  
Amber Racine  
Jennifer Seme  
Matthey Olesh  
Vincent Barbera  
Sarah Gelb  
Richard Bost  
Eileen Quigley  
Erin Siciliano  
Hon. Tina Maria Rago

**Absent:**

Kathleen Kirkpatrick  
Jeffrey Rosenthal  
Julia Swain  
Myisha Lacey-Tilson  
Edward Beitz  
Angela Giampolo  
Wendy C. Hess  
Teresa Rodriguez  
Adam Taylor

Neil Maskeri  
Hon. Sandra Moss (Ret.)  
Maureen Olives  
Susan Lin  
Gaetan J. Alfano  
Lauren McKenna  
Sarah Gelb  
Kevin Harden  
David Shapiro

**On Phone:**

Shabrei Parker  
James Funt

Timothy Holman  
Eli Segal

**Non-Voting Members**

**Present:**

Albert S. Dandridge III  
Mark Tarasiewicz  
Louis Rulli  
Sophia Lee

Harry Reichner  
Butler Buchanan  
Jessica Sharp

**Absent:**

Thomas Brophy  
Jennifer Snyder  
Mary Kate Martin

Patricia Infanti  
Jessica Sharp  
Butler Buchanan

**On Phone:**

Lawrence Beaser  
Kathleen Wilkinson

