

**Philadelphia Bar Association
Board of Governors Meeting
May 30, 2018**

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 p.m. by Vice Chair Amber Racine.

A motion to approve the [minutes](#) of the Board's April 26, 2018 meeting, amended to correct the attendance list, carried unanimously.

Assistant Treasurer Matthew Olesh presented the Treasurer's Report for the period ending April 30, 2018. A motion to approve the report carried unanimously. The association failed to meet its overall year to date budget by \$72,261. Revenues were short, relative to the budget for that period, in the amount of \$137,738, primarily due to dues collections (which were \$84,300 lower than this time last year) and LRIS performance. On the positive side, expenses were lower than expected, in the amount of \$65,477, attributable to cost cutting measures and timing of payments, but were not low enough to offset the reduced revenues.

Delivery of Legal Services Committee Co-chair Anita Santos Singh and YLD Executive Committee Member Arly Smith-Pearson presented a [resolution](#) opposing [H.R. 4508](#), also known as the "PROSPER" Act. A motion to approve the resolution carried unanimously.

Criminal Justice Section Chair Susan Lin then presented a [resolution](#) opposing the use of risk assessment tools to determine criminal sentences. Hearings on a particular risk assessment tool released by the Pa. Sentencing Commission are scheduled for June 6, 2018. A motion to approve the resolution carried unanimously.

Chancellor Mary Platt nominated Elisa C. Advani to serve as editor-in-chief of the Philadelphia Bar Reporter. A motion to approve the nomination carried unanimously. Chancellor Platt also nominated Douglas E. Simon for a seat on the Philadelphia VIP Board. A motion to approve the nomination likewise carried unanimously.

Young Lawyers Division Chair Vincent Barbera reported on the activities of this year's Law Week, which were a big success, under the direction of Vice Chair Michaela Tassinari.

Chancellor Platt then reported on the progress of the Strategic Vision Task Force. Each of the five working groups met, and the chairs of those working groups participated in a facilitation session on May 22nd with ABA Consultant Jennifer Lewin.

Executive Director Mark Tarasiewicz then presented his monthly report. He reiterated, as previously disclosed to the Board, that he successfully negotiated a renovation budget, to be funded by the City, of up to \$500,000 for modernization of the bar association's offices. Tarasiewicz thanked Susan Knight for her work with the pro bono design firm and contractors to assess the bar association's needs. No significant renovation has taken place since 1985. Executive Director Tarasiewicz also reported on membership collections thus far, on sponsorship solicitation efforts, on USI Affinity law firm prospects and on plans for the June Quarterly Meeting and Luncheon.

In her monthly announcements, Chancellor Platt announced that this year's Bench Bar Conference, taking place on October 12-13 at the Borgata Hotel in Atlantic City, will be chaired by Julia Swain and Robert W. Zimmerman.

This year's Election Committee will be chaired by immediate past chancellor Deborah R. Gross. Chancellor Platt will be nominating members to the Elections Committee at the next meeting; interested Board members should contact her.

Chancellor Platt will be writing to the Pennsylvania Disciplinary Board regarding proposed amendments to Pa. Rule of Professional Conduct 8.4(g), which deviates in significant ways from the language in the ABA Model Rules of Professional Conduct which the Board supports.

There being no further public business, all members of the Bar staff were excused. The Board went into executive session at 5:14 p.m. and adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marc J. Zucker
Secretary

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

Voting members present (by phone or in person):

Mary Platt	Meghan Claiborne
Rochelle Fedullo	Francesca Iacovangelo
Hon. A. Michael Snyder (Ret.)	Nicholas Kamau
Marc Zucker	Alisha Lubin
Jennifer Coatsworth	Michael van der Veen
Matthew Olesh	Dominique Ward
Amber Racine	Deborah Gross
James Funt	Kevin Mincey
Wendy Hess	Vincent Barbera
Teresa Rodriguez	Eric Siegel
Susan Lin	James Berardinelli
Neil Maskeri	Timothy Holman
Hon. Sandra Mazer Moss (Ret.)	Molly Tack-Hooper
Maureen Olives	Erin Siciliano
Jennifer Seme	David Shapiro
Benjamin Barnett	Hon. Tina Rago

Absent:

Regina Foley	Adam Taylor
Katayun Jaffari	Michaella Tassinari
Edward Beitz	Ann Funge
Maureen Farrell	Jill Jenkins
Angela Giampolo	

Non-voting members present:

Lawrence Beaser	Butler Buchanan
Mark Tarasiewicz	Wesley Payne
Harry Reichner	

Absent:

Gaetan Alfano	Mary-Kate Martin
Priscilla Jimenez	Hilda Thompson
Thomas Brophy	Robyn Addis
Niki Ingram	Abraham Reich