

**Philadelphia Bar Association  
Board of Governors  
January 23, 2007**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m. The Chair called for a volunteer to take the minutes in light of the fact that the Secretary and the Assistant Secretary were absent. The Vice-Chancellor, Ms. Ladov, volunteered.

The Chair introduced Lou Fryman, Esquire, Chair of the Senior Lawyer Committee. Mr. Fryman defined the mission of the committee and determined that there are 60+ lawyers working on projects that assist attorneys. A new program has been created that assists lawyers who become disabled or assists the families of deceased attorneys who need help in either keeping the practice going or winding up the practice. This program requires board approval because of malpractice coverage. Mr. Alva moved the resolution creating the program and Mr. Cooper seconded the resolution. Mr. Garcia asked whether the resolution had been vetted. Mr. Kazaras advised that the resolution had not because a prerequisite of participation is that the attorney carry his/her own malpractice insurance and, because the attorney will be a volunteer, the Bar's professional liability carrier will also cover. Mr. Fryman noted that the volunteer attorney will not be eligible to take on representation of any attorney's clients. The Chancellor thanked Mr. Fryman and his committee for their work in bringing definition to the Senior Law Committee Mission. The question was called and the resolution passed unanimously.

The Chair introduced the Treasurer, Mr. Cooper, who offered his report. The Bar ended the year in a good economic position. The Garber painting has increased in value. Our revenue is up in excess of \$200,000.00; LRIS income is up, interest and dividend income are up and expenses were slightly over budget due to the Equal Justice Conference as well as Bench Bar. However, even this early in the year we are on track. Mr. Cooper moved his report and Ms. Resnick seconded it same. The Treasurer's report was accepted unanimously.

The Chair recognized the Chancellor, Ms. Dalton, for her announcements.

May Mon Post was appointed to the Philadelphia Lawyer Editorial Board. Appointments were made to board at VIP.

Ms. Dalton advised that we are off to a good start. Richard Dreyfus will be the speaker at the March quarterly meeting.

Bar leadership is going to Mexico for the Pennsylvania Bar Association mid-year meeting and then onto Miami for the ABA. Leadership is also going to Israel as part of an exchange program. The Israel Bar wants to promote the English language skills of the members and increase commercial contacts. Thus, Bar leadership will be visiting Israel in this regard.

The Bar is considering a local legislative lobbyist. The Bar is exploring whether the outcome and benefits make sense. The positive would be immediate access to legislative updates; increased technical input; increased membership involvement; and an increase in institutional involvement.

The Charter and By-Laws Committee has been asked to review our entire set of by-laws which have not been examined in many years.

The Chair recognized Past Chancellor, Lawrence Beaser, who advised that the State Legislature passed a new lobbying disclosure act. Therefore, if you go to Harrisburg on behalf of your firm, you must register as a lobbyist. It may well be that your firm will have to register as well as the client. You do not have to register if you are a volunteer or if you lobby for less than ten (10) hours every three (3) months. Mr. Beaser explained the other highlights of the bill.

The Chair introduced Maria Feeley and Bobby Leibenberg who are co-chairs of the Women in Profession Committee. They offered a report on their agenda for the upcoming year.

The Chair recognized Jeff Lindy. Mr. Lindy put forth a resolution in support of an attorney's obligation to represent unpopular clients. Mr. Lindy thanked Karen Detimore for her aid in preparing the resolution. Mr. Lindy summarized the resolution and tracked it. The resolution was moved and seconded. A friendly amendment was made and accepted. Mr. Garcia mentioned that this resolution is mild by comparison to what other bar associations have done with regard to Under-Secretary Stinson's comments. The resolution with the friendly amendment passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sayde J. Ladov  
Vice Chancellor