

**Philadelphia Bar Association
Board of Governors
July 26, 2006**

Daniel Alva, Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

Chancellor Alan Feldman began by announcing that 103 firms have agreed to participate in the "Raising the Bar Campaign," but there are still 100's of firms to be contacted. He urged the board to contact the Chancellor, Philadelphia Bar Association Foundation President Robert Lane, Wendy Beetlestone, or Kathleen Wilkinson, co-chairs of the Campaign, for further information.

Chancellor Feldman advised the Board that he had written a column on pro bono which received high praise. He further advised that he formed a committee to name new recipients to be inducted into the "Legends of the Bar" which hasn't had any new inductees since 2002. The committee is being chaired by Marvin Comisky. The Chancellor also advised the Board that arrangements were being made for the Chancellor, the Chancellor-Elect, Vice Chancellor, and the Executive Director to attend the annual ABA meeting.

The Chancellor asked the Board to remember the late Tom Felix, dean of the Labor bar, and the late Arthur Raynes, a former Chancellor and trial lawyer.

The Chancellor then introduced Judge Jinn Lee Sun from the Supreme Court of China who is taking courses at the University of Pennsylvania. He gave brief remarks about modern judicial systems developing in China.

The Chair requested that the minutes of the June 2006 Board meeting be approved. Upon motion made and seconded they were approved.

Treasurer Scott Cooper presented the Treasurer's report for the period ending June 30, 2006. He reported the Treasury is positioned well as of this time and there is a positive variance of approximately \$167,000 and that expenses are under budget by \$23,000. Upon motion made and seconded, the Treasurer's report was approved.

The Chair called upon Assistant Secretary Kathleen Wilkinson who reported that all Board Members completed their pro bono forms stating they were in compliance with the Association's pro bono requirements for Board members.

The Chair called upon Executive Director Ken Shear who gave a report on the state of the Association. Mr. Shear reported it is vital, vibrant, and virtual. There are 12,217 members, an increase of over 10 percent from 2005, largely attributed to free membership for first year associates. There are 8,278 regular members. He also reported investments have increased significantly and that 95% of budgeted dues had been collected. He complimented the staff on the website and database integration. He spoke of a new look that will be given to the Bar Reporter. He also spoke about the facility, age of the phones, and distance of the current Association offices from members as continuing challenges.

The Chair then called upon Foundation President Robert Lane. Joined by Executive Director Maureen Mingey, he reported that the Foundation funded 29 agencies last year. He complimented the Chancellor on the successful “Raise the Bar Campaign,” stating that 30 new firms have participated in contributions this year to the Foundation. Mr. Lane also spoke about the financial commitments required by the Hamilton Circle and how he would like 100 percent participation from Board members in joining the Circle. He also advised the Board that all Foundation trustees are required to make contributions each year.

The Chair recognized Jeff Campolongo who presented a report from the Public Interest Section, stating that they had co-sponsored or sponsored 8 resolutions this year. He reported the Section was involved in many cle programs, and was working on a summer reception with law schools and the public interest community. He further advised the Board that the Section was working on a 15th anniversary award for law students. Lastly, he discussed the work of the Section on the successful Equal Justice Conference earlier in the year.

The Chair then called upon Young Lawyers Division Chair Michael Hayes who spoke of identifying minority bar associations and reaching out to them for new members. The Division is also working on scholarships for minority lawyers and passing an internal resolution on pro bono service requirements. Lastly, he discussed some of the cle programs the Division has been involved in.

The Chair called upon Karen Detamore from the Public Interest Section who presented a Resolution opposing legislation in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania making English the official language of the Commonwealth. She discussed the anti-immigrant laws recently enacted in Hazleton, PA and Riverside, NJ. Upon motion made and seconded the Resolution passed unanimously.

The Chair called upon Family Law Section Chair Jacqueline Segal who discussed how the Section has increased membership by, among other things, changing the time and format of their meetings to allow more interaction between bench and bar. She also discussed some of the programs they have worked on involving domestic relations, forensic experts, and custody. She discussed a program attended by 50 members featuring hot tips from an appellate standpoint and a successful spring Family Law Section reception. She stated the Section is participating in the Chancellor’s ad hoc committee on pandemic/disaster planning and is studying how a disaster might affect the bench and family bar.

The Chair called upon Mary Jane Barrett from the Probate Section who discussed the four quarterly cle luncheon programs they have done this year. She also discussed the Section’s work on proposed new probate rules.

The Board adjourned at 5:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen D. Wilkinson
Assistant Secretary