

**Philadelphia Bar Association  
Board of Governors  
June 26, 2008**

Stephanie Resnick, Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order at 4:08pm.

The Chair requested that the minutes of the May 29, 2008 meeting be approved. After clerical corrections, the minutes were approved.

The Chair recognized Treasurer Jeff Lindy who presented the financial report through the end of May. Expenses are slightly ahead of budget but the budget is still positive. The Treasurer's report was moved, seconded, and accepted unanimously.

The Chair welcomed Mary Beth Pratt to the meeting. She will be attending Board meetings as the representative of the Metropolitan Philadelphia Chapter of the Legal Marketing Association.

Chancellor A. Michael Pratt discussed the recent House of Delegates meeting of the Pennsylvania Bar Association during which a Resolution Urging the General Assembly to Adopt an Educational Funding Formula to Provide Adequate Funding for Students in All Districts was presented. This was similar to the one passed by the Philadelphia Bar Association. Chancellor Pratt reported that there was active participation by the Philadelphia attorneys in support of the PBA resolution. Chancellor Pratt stated that this showed the importance of the Association's participation in the PBA. Letters of support of educational funding have been sent to Harrisburg.

Chancellor Pratt also announced that the Women in the Profession Committee had its first annual Summit and that it was quite successful. He thanked the co-chairs, Maria Feeley and Danielle Banks.

Chancellor Pratt reminded everyone about the June 30 Quarterly meeting with speaker Mark Moriale, former Mayor of New Orleans, and noted that the amendment to the bylaws concerning the nominating committee will be presented to the membership for approval at that time. Members of the 50, 60 and 65 year clubs will also be honored.

Chancellor Pratt also announced that Vivian W. Piasecki has generously agreed to donate \$25,000 to the ACE program.

The Chair called on the Chancellor to present a Resolution Authorizing the Expenditure of Funds to Obtain Local Governmental Relations Services. This authorization from the Board will enable the Association to obtain consultants and give the Executive Director and officers the authority to expend funds and to negotiate the terms of the retention of governmental relations consultants. There are two candidates: Denise Smyler, former assistant District Attorney, former assistant City Solicitor and current member of the City's Historical Commission and the SEPTA Board; and David Hyman, partner at

Kleinbard, Bell and Brecker, who has served in various city posts. The resolution was moved, seconded and approved unanimously.

The Chair recognized Paul Kimbol, the Co Chair of the Pension Committee, to present a Resolution Adopting Amendment No. 1 to the Philadelphia Bar Association Pension Plan as Restated and Adopted January 1, 2007. The amendment provides for an increase in the contribution for employees with more than twenty years in the plan from 10% of eligible compensation to 14% of eligible compensation. This amendment represents the first increase in the contribution level in over twenty years. Mr. Kimbol stated that the net cost to the plan this year will be about \$6,000 and will increase to \$14,000 and will remain at that level for the foreseeable future. The resolution was moved, seconded and approved unanimously.

The Chair recognized ABA delegates Abe Reich and Andre Dennis to discuss two resolutions from the American Bar Association's Standing Committee on Judicial Independence which will be presented at the annual ABA meeting in August. The goal of the first resolution is to have a fair and impartial judicial system. The resolution was prepared by the Missouri bar and contains many elements and suggestions. The resolution seeks to urge states to undertake assessments of their judicial system, using as an assessment tool, the State Court Assessment Project, developed by the ABA Standing Committee on Judicial Independence. There was discussion and the work of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Interbranch Commission was noted with regard to review of the Pennsylvania court system in general. Pennsylvania's system of judicial discipline was another aspect of work done in this area. The study of the National Center for State Courts of the Court of Common Pleas in Philadelphia County was also noted. The Board authorized Chancellor Pratt to write to Chief Justice Castille and bring this resolution to the attention of the Supreme Court.

A second resolution prepared by the Ohio State Bar urges that there should be judicial education required of potential judicial candidates. Andre Dennis presented. There was debate about the necessity of such education. There was discussion that there are other avenues for education after one becomes a judge and the need for this education does not appear necessary and may place an undue burden on those who may be interested in becoming a judge. The sense of the Board was not to support this resolution.

Abe Reich presented another resolution by the ABA Standing Committee on Ethics and Professional Responsibility concerning Model Rule of Professional Conduct 1.10, which would insert into the Model Rule a conflict screening mechanism when lawyers move from one firm to another. It was pointed out that this is consistent with the longstanding position of this Association. There was discussion that the judicial system also is a good check of disqualification. The Board authorized Abe Reich and Larry Beaser to draft a resolution providing that the Association will join in the ABA resolution.

The Chair recognized Women in the Profession Co-chair Danielle Banks to present a Resolution Adopting Statement of Diversity Principles. Several committees including the Women in the Profession and Minority Bar Committee, Large Firm Management and

Medium Size Firm Management are in support. Other bar associations, including the Ohio and Pennsylvania Bar Associations, have similar statements of diversity principles. Sean Lincoln, Director of the Association's Office of Diversity, was recognized as providing invaluable assistance with regard to the principles. The resolution was moved and seconded. After discussion, the resolution passed unanimously.

The Chair recognized Rosemarie Pinto who is co-chairing the Bench Bar Conference to be held September 19 – 21, 2008, at Bally's Atlantic City. She reported that there will be two evening events. The other chairs are Molly Peckman and Al Dandridge. There will be great CLEs and numerous opportunities for networking. The Board will meet as well.

The Chair noted that Bar-News Media Committee Chair Gina Rubel was unable to attend the meeting and asked everyone to read the Committee's 2008 Program Plan Mid-Year Report.

The Chair recognized Dan Alva to report on the work of the Municipal Courts Committee, which he co-chairs with Linda Ware Johnson. The Philadelphia Municipal Court is one of the busiest courts of its type in the country. Mr. Alva and Ms. Johnson attended the Municipal Court summit to discuss issues facing the court. He also reported that President Judge Louis J. Presenza will be retiring.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:25pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen D. Wilkinson  
Secretary

**Board of Governors  
Attendance  
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***Present:***

Michael Pratt	Sayde Ladov	Scott Cooper
Kathleen Wilkinson	Jeffrey Lindy	Joseph Prim
Stephanie Resnick	Gaetan Alfano	Judy Berkman
Regina Foley	Kim Jessum	Carlton Johnson
Michael Hayes	Wesley Payne	Rosemary Pinto
Jacqueline Segal	Michael Berkowitz	Karen Detamore
Maria Feeley	Jeffrey Gross	Richard Seidel
Daniel Siegel	Donna Woelpper	Judith Drasin
Denis Lawler	Cindy Rosenthal	Michael Goss
Rochelle Fedullo	Stacy Tees	

***Absent:***

Sophia Lee  
Reetu Dandora  
Scott Sigman  
Stewart Weintraub

Matthew Perks  
Jane Dalton  
Brian Chacker

Grace Manno  
Deborah Weinstein  
Stephen Foxman