

**BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S MEETING  
MARYLAND STATE BAR ASSOCIATION  
TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2003  
HOLLY HILLS COUNTRY CLUB  
5502 MUSSETTER ROAD  
IJAMSVILLE, MD  
FRANCIS SCOTT KEY ROOM  
5:30 P.M.**

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The Board of Governors of the Maryland State Bar Association met at the location, date and time indicated above. Present at the meeting were 31 members of the Board of Governors, including all of the officers. In addition, Paul Carlin, Executive Director, and key members of his staff were in attendance. Invited guest, Kathleen Chapman, President of the Frederick County Bar Association joined us as our guest.

President James P. Nolan called the meeting to order at, approximately, 5:40 p.m.

The minutes of the Board of Governors meeting of March 18, 2003 were read and approved.

1. Jim Nolan gave the President's report.
  - a. He commented upon the Racial and Ethnic Fairness Survey that would be mailed randomly to 10,000 court users.
  - b. He mentioned the Maryland Bar Foundation Awards Ceremony which honored 3 individuals:
    - (i) Judge Deborah S. Eyler
    - (ii) Jervis S. Finney
    - (iii) Richard F. Lindstrom
  - c. Jim Nolan and President-Election Harry Johnson sent invitations out for a 5/23/03 Breakfast for Large Firm Managing Partners
  - d. President Nolan mentioned the letter regarding Maryland Legal Assistance Network (MLAN) from Ann Crawley
  - e. Jim Nolan reported the U.S. Supreme Court Decision on IOLTA
  - f. Jim Nolan, also, reported on former State Bar President Herb Garten's nomination to Legal Services Corporation by President Bush which was confirmed by the Senate.
  - g. He mentioned the Fundraising for Judicial Elections by Baltimore County Judges
  - h. He reported on attendance at the ABA Access to Justice Conference
  - i. Jim mentioned the Press Release on Mock Trial Finals by CLREP – 4 finalists

- j. He gave a report on meeting with Citizenship Law Related Education program (CLREP) regarding the issue of funding for the Law Links program. Jim Nolan, Harry Johnson and Paul Carlin met with Judge Diane Leasure on 4/3/03. Funding will continue through this summer but thereafter under CLREP. The funding vehicle is a 501C(c)(3) and the State Bar will control the Professional Development and Training Center entity.
  - k. He reported on Utah's Legislative Definition of the Practice of Law, the definition of which is frightening.
  - l. He spoke about the announcement regarding Election of Lawyer Members to the Judicial Nominating Commission. The Governors Executive Order includes 4 lay members, 4 elected lawyers and 5 appointed lawyers.
  - m. He advised of the distribution of Nominations for ABA House of Delegates seats. Page 24 lists nominees to the next board for a 2 year term.
2. Paul Carlin gave the Executive Director's report.
- a. Membership
    - (i) There were no resignations (0)  
Two drops and three deceased members for a total of five deletions
    - (ii) There were sixteen new members and one hundred thirty one reinstatements for a total membership of 20,060.
    - (iii) Two applications of disciplined attorneys were approved. Paul will check further on the Thompson application.
  - b. Paul reported on 3 Elections for BOG in the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> Districts.
  - c. He reported on the ABA Harrison Tweed Award and Mid-Atlantic Bar Meeting on Membership.
5. Neil Helfrich, Secretary, reported that the minutes of the Executive meeting of April 15, 2003, were contained in the documents provided to the Board.
6. Michael Conroy gave the Treasurer's Report.
- a. His review of Financial Statements as of March 31, 2003 reflected:
 

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| Due income of                 | \$2,334,311.09 |
| Total income of               | \$3,191,192.93 |
| Total expenses of             | \$2,386,037.03 |
| Leaving Unexpended revenue of | \$805,155.90   |
  - b. The Board moved, seconded and passed an amendment to the 2002-2003 budget for an honorarium for Professor Pier Forni to speak at the Annual meeting in the amount of fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,5000.00)
7. President-Elect Harry Johnson pointed to the back of the annual meeting brochure as it reflects the Punta Canta trip. He advised that all should sign up quickly.
8. Reports of the Standing Committees.

a. Report on Membership Committee. Co-Chairs Roger A. Perkins, former MSBA President, and the Honorable Angels Eaves, former Board Member, are working on ways to increase getting the message out to local and specialty Bars. "Thirsty Thursdays" have given way to hosting coffee and donuts for law students during exams. Janis Jones Branch was also in attendance.

b. Judge Eaves moved for a dues waiver for a member since 1969. He has a disability and a waiver was requested for the balance of this year and 2003-2004. The Board approved the request.

(i) They, also, requested one free Section Membership for each Associate Member as an incentive. The dues waiver for one (1) free section membership, at each Section's discretion was approved.

c. The Final Report on 2003 Legislative Session was distributed by Timothy Meredith, Chair, and Buzz Winchester, Director of Legislative Relations. The review was distributed by hard copy and e-mail. The Judicial Branch received an increase of \$300,000.00 as a compromise for its budget from the joint House/Senate conference.

d. We received a report on the Rules of Practice Committee from P. Tyson Bennett, Chair.

#### 9. Reports of Special Committees

a. Report on Anti-Discrimination Matters from the Honorable Albert J. Matricciani, Chair, a past Member of the Board. He chaired the Committee formed by Immediate Pat President Pam White. Motion to accept the report was approved. Bob Kershaw will chair the Special Committee next year and consider proposed action on items.

#### 10. New Business

a. A request for an Amicus Curiae brief for the "Civil Gideon" case generated a very spirited debate. Special guests were Stephen Sachs, J.B. Howard, Deborah Eisenberg, Bob Rhudy, Susan Erlichman and Deborah Gardner. The MSBA was asked to comment on limited issues. The Executive Committee proposed a resolution. Resolution moved, seconded, discussed and passed on a divided vote. Dissenters, included John Kudel.

#### 11. Announcements

a. Annual meeting brochure was mailed April 17,2003.

b. Carl Silverman had hip surgery and is recovering nicely

c. Crab Feast Flyer 7/19/03 Solomon's Island was distributed

d. Maryland Legal Services Partnership Conference, Wednesday, May 14, 2003

There being no further business to come before the Board of Governors, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Conroy

