

**MARYLAND STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2003
BULLE ROCK
320 BLENHEIM LANE
HAVRE DE GRACE, MARYLAND 21078
MEETING ROOM
5:30 P.M.**

The Board of Governors of the Maryland State Bar Association met at the location and date above and the meeting was called to order at 5:40 p.m. Present at the meeting were all of the officers and members of the Board of Governors as well as Charles Wagner, President of the Harford County Bar Association. 38 board members were present as well as Executive Director, Paul Carlin and his staff. Approval of the meeting minutes for June 11 and June 14, 2003 and Annual Business Meeting, June 14, 2003 were read and approved. Mr. Walter Carson served as Carl Silverman's substitute as parliamentarian.

1. Report of the President
 - a. President Harry Johnson reported on:
 - i. The President's Summer Activities memorandum that was sent out by e-mail. Harry reported on the spirit of conviviality at our Annual Meeting as recognized by American Bar Association President-Elect Dennis Archer.
 - ii. Clippings included board member Doug Guidorizzi becoming a prosecutor.
 - iii. Correspondence included articles regarding nominations to the Judicial Nominating Commission.
 - b. Harry reported on the status of the President's nominee to the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals, Claude Allen from Virginia.
 - c. The President next reported on the United States District Court for the District of Columbia's opinion and denial of the motion to dismiss the Gramm-Leach-Bliley lawsuit. Included were two American Bar Association comments on the District Court opinion.
 - d. President Johnson reported on the Oral History Video and *Brown v. Board of Education* projects. Motion to approve will be heard at a later date. No contract has been signed yet. The *Brown v. Board of Education* project is tentatively scheduled for May 3, 2004, by Center Stage. We will be the repository for many programs done by others. Janet Eveleth will be the coordinator.
 - e. President Johnson reported on Chief Judge Bell's request for pro bono assistance on the Court's intellectual property issues.
 - f. The President reported on the National Association of Women Judge's Conference and selection of designee. The Mid Atlantic Bar Conference meets in D.C. at the same time. The President was invited to be on the NAWJC's host committee. The President will decline offer. The members of the Board may attend the dinner.
 - g. Harry provided a report on the Bar President's rigorous conference schedule. October 23 and 24 is the Bar President and Specialty Bar conference at Solomon's Island and the featured speaker will be Kim Keenan, President-Elect of the National Bar Association. Programs at that conference will focus on legislation.

- h. The Maryland Legal Services Corporation (MLSC) new award – The Herb Garten award will be given to the MSBA for its continued support for access to justice and legal services to the poor.
- i. The President reported on the reappointment of the MSBA Governance Committee and the MSBA Courthouse Security ID Committee. A new committee was established to review and see if we can't reconstruct a state-wide pass system.
- j. President Johnson reported on the MSBA's acceptance of Judge Rodowsky's committee's recommended revisions to the Maryland Rules of Professional Conduct.
- k. The Board entertained the request for approval of appointments to Ethics Committee and Judicial Appointments Committee. Suggested appointments to the Ethics Committee are: William McDonald, Cherie Jones, T. Christine Pham, James Butler and for the Judicial Appointments Committee: Kenneth L. Thompson (At-Large), Elizabeth M. Hewlett (At-Large), Tracy Cannon (Local-Baltimore County), Janet T. Johnson (Local-Baltimore County), Andrea Leahy-Fuchek (Local-Prince George's County) and Ann C. Ogletree (Local-Caroline County)

2. Report of the Executive Director

- a. Paul Carlin reported on the \$35,000.00 CPF contribution to the Lawyer's Manual for 2004. Attorney Grievance will not contribute.
- b. The Executive Director reported on the membership numbers of:
Resignations: 145
Drops - 3
Deceased - 17 for a total of 165 deletions.
New members – 339
Reinstatements – 88 for a total of 427 additional members
The total membership count as of 9/23/03 is 20,408
- c. Paul discussed professional license numbers and the advisability of a number other than one's social security number.
- d. Paul reported on the decertification of Lawyers for failing to file pro bono reporting forms. The number now stands at 460.
- e. Paul announced the retirement of our Director of Legislative Relations.
- f. The Executive Director reported on Honorary Memberships for: Charles T. Albert, B. George Ballman, Raymond E. Coates, Joel D. Fedder, Florio N. Franetovich, Bayard Z. Hochberg, Hon. Jacob S. Levin, James C. Lindsay, Arthur A. Marshall, Jr., Robert B. Murdock and Charles J. Novak, Jr. – unanimously approved.

3. Report of the Secretary

- a. Consideration of certification of BOG Entitlement to Representation was approved.

4. Report of the Treasurer
 - a. Street Baldwin and Jason of Ellin & Tucker spoke about 2003 audited financial statements. Audit was approved by Board.
 - b. As of 8/31/03 total dues in the amount of \$2,098,395.27 was received. Total income of \$2,236,229.90 was received. Total expenses were \$539,595.79 leaving unexpended revenues of \$1,696,734.11
5. Report of the President-Elect - No report.
6. Reports of Standing Committees
 - a. A report of Laws Committee on Preliminary State Legislative Program was given by Buzz Winchester.
7. Reports of Sections

Doug Guidorizzi spoke for Young Lawyers on Hurricane disaster relief provided by the Young Lawyers.
8. Unfinished Business and General Orders
 - a. Past President Jim Nolan spoke about the size of civil juries; Bad blood due to failed end run by Court the year before and a June 20, 2003, meeting with Judges and MSBA's officers and lobbyist. Committee on Laws will look at softened new legislation. Jim says "stay tuned". Tim Meredith agreed on behalf of the Committee on Laws.
 - b. Gender Equality Committee; Judge Cathy Cox (MSBA designee chair) called Harry Johnson to see what we wanted done. She will talk to Judge Cathell and report back to President Johnson.
 - c. Public Trust and Confidence Committee (PTCC) looking at contested judicial elections.

"Campaign Code of Conduct for Judicial Elections" proposed by President Johnson to be proposed by PTCC.

Not likely in this year's legislature. Jim Nolan and Buzz Winchester commented also. Primary need to educate the public.

Bob Guth proposed that opponents of elimination of contested elections be given opportunity by PTCC to contribute.

Judge Richard Sothoron gets credit from Jim Nolan for another fantastic crab feast for the MSBA.
9. New Business - None
10. Special Orders of Business - None
11. Announcements
 - a. Hispanic Bar Association Annual Meeting in Greenbelt, September 25, 2003.
 - b. Solo and Small Firm Conference, November 15, 2003
13. Adjournment – there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Conroy, Secretary