

**MARYLAND STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2003
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155 HOLIDAY DRIVE
SOLOMONS, MARYLAND 20688
HUNTING CREEK ROOM
2:00 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 2:06 p.m. Present at the meeting were all of the officers and members of the Board of Governors as well as Executive Director Paul Carlin and his staff. 33 members were present. Board of Governors Minutes for September 23, 2003 were read and approved..

1. Report of the President

- a. President Harry S. Johnson reported on the Mid-Atlantic Bar Conference, hosted by the DC Bar at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, the Supreme Court and the Spy Museum.
- b. The President reported on various correspondence and articles which were provided previously to the members. President Johnson mentioned his speaking engagement on professionalism and civility.
- c. The President also reported on the publicity for the Young Lawyers Mass Disaster Legal Assistance
- d. The Daily Record Leadership in Law Awards Luncheon will take place on November 14, 2003. Our President, Harry S. Johnson, will be honored along with board member Scott Robertson, Sharon Goldsmith and former MSBA President, Richard Sothoron.
- e. Baltimore Honors Harry S. Johnson Reception
- f. Candidates for Court of Appeals Vacancy including our board member, Tim Meredith. President Johnson serves on the Appellate Court Nominating Commission.
- g. Report on Civil Gideon case indicated Steve Sachs pointed to the MSBA amicus brief on several occasions.
- h. Harry reported on a change of hotels for MSBA Midyear Meeting to Iberostar Bavaro from Melia Caribe Tropical.
- i. Harry gave a report on Mandatory Professionalism Course Commission and MICPEL's position. MSBA needs to see task force report before taking a position.
- j. Harry mentioned a report from the ABA Center for Professional Responsibility. Bob Ferguson spoke about the task force's September 22 and October 20 presentation and proposed recommendations including a professionalism commission. A mandatory course is unlikely but a remedial course is quite possible. (That was echoed by Judge Battaglia on Saturday.)

2. Report of the Executive Director
 - a.. Paul Carlin reported on membership numbers of :
Resignations: 22
Drops: 24 total minus Austin Carlin (to transfer to Honorary)
Deceased: 2
New Members: 9
Reinstatements: 23
The total membership count as of 10/16/03 is 20,416
 - b. The Executive Director reported on the status of Honorary Memberships for the following, all of whom the Board approved:
 1. Irwin R. Cohen
 2. David Macdonald
 3. Austin Carlin
 4. Harry R. Hughes
 5. Richard D. Payne
 - c. Paul Carlin gave a report on MSBA Bar Brief e-newsletter which is exclusive to our members. It will be released the 1st of each month. Mary Ellen Flynn suggested that e-mail reminders and advertisements continue as they were still helpful.
 - d. Paul Carlin reported on various items:
 - a. Membership outreach to American University Law School resulted in a thank you letter to Janet Jones Branch for her efforts.
 - b. Thank you letter re Pro Bono Reporting. The number failing to submit, who are MSBA lawyers, was reduced.
 - c. The next Crab Feast will be July 24, 2004 on Mayo Beach in Anne Arundel Co.
3. Report of the Secretary – No additional report.
4. Report of the Treasurer
 - a. As of September 30, 2003, MSBA Dues received \$2,029,252.50;
Total Dues income was \$2,217,049.84 ; Total Income was \$2,389,107
Total expenses were \$718,799.00
Leaving \$1,670,307.54 budgeted, but not yet expended, revenue.
 - b. A request for the Approval of Budget Amendments was made. B&F recommended and the Board approved the following :
 - i. Production of Oral History Video request to add \$13,500.00 income and expense line.
 - ii. University of Maryland series on Brown vs. Bd of Education calls for \$2,000.00 co-sponsor contribution.
 - iii. \$2,028.00 for new yellow pocket folders for new member packets
 - iv. Annual Meeting gift budget for registrants addition to membership committee of \$8,000.00

- v. \$2,195.00 to Legal Aid for reimbursement allocation.
Amendments moved, seconded and passed.

- 5. Report of the President-Elect, Neil Helfrich
 - a. Neil requested approval of February, 2005 MSBA Midyear Meeting Location of Costa Rica Paradius Playa Conchal. Board approved.
- 6. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES
 - Committee on Laws. Michael Baxter moved approval of the preliminary report on Laws which will come up for final approval in December.
- 7. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES - None
- 8. REPORTS OF SECTIONS - None.
- 9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS
 - Report on National Association of Women's Judge's Conference dinner by Mary Ellen Flynn, Tim Meredith and Sue Ellen Hantman.
- 10. NEW BUSINESS - None.
- 11. SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS
- 12. ANNOUNCEMENTS
 - a The Women's Bar Association Awards Dinner honoring Susan Bayly will be at the Lowe's Hotel in Annapolis on October 29, 2003.
 - b. The J. Franklyn Bourne Annual Dinner will be held at Martin's Crosswinds in Greenbelt on November 6, 2003
 - c. The Young Lawyers November Fest will be at the American Visionary Art Museum in Baltimore on November 8, 2003
 - d. The Women's Law Center Annual Dinner will be at the Hyatt Regency Inner Harbor on November 12, 2003.
 - d. The Solo and Small Firm Conference will be at the Sheraton Columbia Hotel on November 15, 2003.

- 13. ADJOURNMENT at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Michael Conroy, Secretary