

MARYLAND STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 2003
CLARION RESORT FOUNTAINEBLEAU HOTEL
10100 COASTAL HIGHWAY
OCEAN CITY, MD
BANQUET HALL #2B
3:00 p.m.

The Board of Governors of the Maryland State Bar Association, Inc. (MSBA) met at the location, date and time indicated above. Present at the meeting were all officers, Paul Carlin and staff, along with thirty members. The Board read and approved the Board of Governors' Minutes of the May 9, 2003 meeting. President James P. Nolan called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

1. Jim Nolan gave the President's report

The President advised that:

- a. A report was given in the *Baltimore Business Journal* on Harry Johnson. Also reported were various news clippings on Howard County lawyers, technology, a lawyer referral conference blurb, and LRIS resource network program.
- b. Public Awareness Cyber Safety Law Day Event was held May 13, 2003.
- c. Legal Aid Bureau's Equal Justice Breakfast was held May 21, 2003, and was attended by Jim Nolan, Harry Johnson, Paul Carlin, Janet Eveleth and Immediate Past President Pamela White.
- d. The Baltimore City Annual Meeting was held May 22, 2003.
- e. The Legal Service Conference took place on May 14, 2003.
- f. ABA letter of support for increased judicial pay was considered and the Board approved support.
- g. The Ninth Annual Lawyer Referral Conference was held on May 27, 2003.
- h. An editorial on Appellate Courts was in the Daily Record commenting on the significant amount of time passing before opinions were issued.
- i. The Breakfast with Large Firm Managing Partners and the dinner with the General Counsel of Maryland were very successful. A list serve for the Managing Partners will be developed.
- j. A report was given on the MICPEL Board of Trustees Meeting. MICPEL will initiate a distance learning project without front loading considerable expenses.
- k. A report on the progress of Gideon Amicus Brief was given. The Brief was approved as well as an earlier extension of time.

l. Forbes.com reported on UPL actions against We The People. Unauthorized practice of law vigil alive and well.

m. Claude Allen of Virginia was nominated for the U.S. 4th Circuit seat previously held by Judge Francis Murnaghan of Maryland. The Board approved sending a letter from President Nolan to President Bush objecting to this nomination.

n. A report on limitation of attorney fees in personal injury cases was delegated to a Rules subcommittee, according to Sandy Haines.

o. The Board made appointments to Boards of Directors of the Legal Aid Bureau, Pro Bono Resource Center, and Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service.

Legal Aid – Paul Mark Sandler, Anilkumar Hoffberg, Robert S. Kahoe were reappointed. Claudia Barber was a new appointment. Motion passes subject to applicants being MSBA member

PBRC – Clayton Aarons, Hon William Carr, Karren Jo Pope Onwukwe and Marc Scurti were reappointed. David Merkin and James Butler were new appointments. Motion passes subject to applicants being MSBA member

MVLS – Michael Brown was reappointed. Kathleen Meredith and Christopher Rahl were new appointments. Motion passes subject to applicants being MSBA member

p. President Nolan sent a letter of thanks on June 11, 2003 to Governor Ehrlich regarding the Judicial Nomination Commissions and requesting that weight be given to our Judicial Appointments Committee as well as volunteering our services.

2. Paul Carlin gave the Executive Director's report.

a. The Executive Director reported on Maryland Lawyers Rules of Professional Conduct and Attorney Trust Accounts booklets which were handed out to each new admittee.

b. The Annual Meeting will be well attended and might approach the record of 782 MSBA member registrants. Legal Mutual will sponsor the opening reception. There were 4 resignations and 3 drops for a total of 7 deletions from memberships. There were 16 new members and 39 reinstated members for a total of 55 new members. The current membership count is 20,146 as of June 11, 2003.

c. Milton ("Sonny") Clogg was approved for Honorary Membership. A new benefit to members of magazine subscription services was approved by the Board.

d. Law school breakfasts were sponsored by the MSBA Membership Committee during final exams.

e. An analysis of Resignations was provided among the handouts.

f. Member only access to Section Newsletters was implemented increasing the value of membership in the sections. .

- g. Report on ABA House of Delegates selection and non-discrimination policy. Neil Helfrich, our incoming President-Elect, Brian Zemil from the Young Lawyers and Tracy E. Skinner were elected.
 - h. Report on election for D.C. Bar President was provided.
 - i. Report on Bar Leader article on disaster plans was provided.
3. Report of the Secretary:
a. Neil Helfrich, Secretary, reported that the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of June 3, 2003 were contained in the documents provided to the Board.
4. Report of the Treasurer. Michael Conroy gave the Treasurer's Report.
a. Report on Financial Statements as of May 31, 2003. Total dues income was \$2,338,644. Total income was \$3,417,853. Total expenses were \$2,914,760.00. Unexpended revenue was \$503,093.
b. The Board approved Budget Amendment for \$2055 for the Legal Aid Bureau for the 60+ Wills Program, based upon a prior agreement.
5. Report of the President-Elect. On June 18, 2003, Harry Johnson will move admission of new admittees to the Maryland State Bar. Harry thanked the Board for their support and guidance. Harry, also, requested thanks and appreciation to our financial sponsors.
6. Reports of Standing Committees:
a. The Membership Committee report was provided.
7. Reports of Special Committees:
a. Immediate Past President Pam White gave report on recommendations of Ethics 2000 Committee. A summary of comments and recommendations were distributed to the Board, which were approved by Board for referral to the Rodowsky Committee.
8. Announcements
a. The MSBA Annual Crab Feast was announced for July 19, 2003, at Solomon's Island Yacht Club.
There being no further business to come before the Board of Governors, the meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.
- I. The Annual Meeting of Members of the Maryland Bar Foundation took place. The election of Directors and transaction of other business was conducted. Becky Strandburg nominated Jim Thompson, Jim Nolan and Judge William Missouri, all of whom were elected by the Board.
 - II. The Annual Avian Society Presentation was made with Immediate Past President, Pamela J. White, inducting Jim Nolan to the Dodo Society.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Michael Conroy

