

**MARYLAND STATE BAR ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2004  
STATE HOUSE  
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND  
SENATE CHAMBERS**

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The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. There were 32 members of the Board of Governors present at the meeting.

**I. MINUTES**

- A.** Approval of Board of Governors Minutes for November 23, 2004.  
Upon motion made and seconded, the minutes of November 20 were approved, with one amendment changing the words “pay rate” to “pass rate.”

**II. REPORT OF THE OFFICERS**

**A. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

1. The following articles and correspondence were reviewed:
  - a. Thank you from National Association of Administrative Law Judges
  - b. Court of Appeals Hearing on Pro Bono Implementation
  - c. Formation of LAP Bates/Vincent Foundation
  - d. Resolution from Southern Conference of Bar Presidents
  - e. Judge William D. Missouri elected Chair of the Conference of Circuit Court Judges
  - f. LSC Magazine article on Chief Judge Robert Bell  
The President remarked upon the Judge Bell article and the distinguished career of our Chief Judge
  - g. Status of Gramm-Leach-Bliley Litigation
  - h. Mega merger of Piper Rudnick with DLA
  - i. 2006 Circuit Court contested election
  
- 2 Request approval to nominate Chief Judge Robert Bell for ABA Thurgood Marshall Award and Judge Irma Raker for the Margaret Brent Award.  
A motion was made to renominate Judge Bell for the Thurgood Marshall Award, and was unanimously approved.  
A motion was also made to renominate Judge Raker for the Margaret Brent Women Lawyers of Achievement Award and was unanimously approved.
  
- 3 .Upon motion made, the request by the Pennsylvania Bar Association for support and co-sponsorship of a ABA House of Delegates Recommendation to repeal the \$10 limitation for legal services for veterans was unanimously approved.

4. Report of continuing coverage of malpractice insurance premium situation. Richard Montgomery gave the Board an update on the upcoming Special Legislative Session.
5. Selection of 2 Delegates to the ABA House of Delegates. Supporting comments were made for Judge Pamila Brown, Jim Nolan, Herb Garten and Darren Kadish. A ballot was distributed, and the President reported that Jim Nolan and Pamila Brown were elected.

## **B. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

1. Membership
  - a. Resignations -28 (12 were out of state); 3 deceased;31 fewer members
  - b. New Members - 11 new; 8 reinstatements;29 additions
  - c. Membership Count - 20,840 total, not including new admittees, which will be approximately 1,000. Mr. Carlin reported that we have doubled our membership in 18 years, and are the 5<sup>th</sup> largest voluntary bar in the country.
  - d. Report on Honorary Memberships.
    1. Herbert D. Morrison
    2. G. Patrick WardUpon no objection being heard, the above honorary members were elected.
2. Report on miscellaneous items.

It was announced that on July 23, 2005, the MSBA crabfeast will be held at Jefferson Patterson Park in Calvert County.

The Executive Director complimented his staff as the large collection of clothes, food and toys for the Grace and Faith Mission.

## **C. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY - No report.**

## **D. REPORT OF THE TREASURER**

1. Review of Financial Statement as of November 30, 2004.

The Treasurer remarkably reported dues to date of \$2,167,274, more than 96% of budgeted dues. Budgeted but unexpended funds are \$1,484,589.

## **E. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT-ELECT - No report.**

## **III. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

- A. Report by Laws Committee. Request approval of Final 2005 Legislative Program Michael J. Baxter, Chair; Richard A. Montgomery III, Director of Legislative and Governmental Relations. Upon motion made and seconded, the MSBA Legislative Package was approved.

## **IV. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES - No report.**

**V. REPORTS OF SECTIONS** - No report.

**VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS** - No report.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS** - No report.

**VIII. SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS**

A. Nomination of MSBA Officers: President-Elect, Secretary and Treasurer.

Keith Truffer nominated Ed Gillis for the position of President-Elect. Election was by acclamation. Mike Conroy nominated Alison Asti as Secretary. Election was by acclamation. Mary Ellen Flynn nominated John Kudel as Treasurer. Election was by acclamation.

**IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The officers and the Board celebrated Paul Carlin's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as Executive Director and were joined by 19 distinguished MSBA Past Presidents.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alison L. Asti, Secretary