

**MARYLAND STATE BAR ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2004  
CHESAPEAKE BAY BEACH CLUB  
500 MARINA CLUB ROAD  
STEVENSVILLE, MARYLAND 21666  
HASSIE'S PORCH  
5:30 P.M.**

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The meeting was called to order at 5:40 p.m.. There were 30 members of the Board of Governors present at the meeting.

**I. MINUTES**

**A.** The Board of Governors' Minutes of June 16, 2004 and June 19, 2004, and the Annual Business Meeting of June 19, 2000, were approved.

**II. REPORT OF THE OFFICERS**

**A. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

1. Review of recent correspondence and articles.
  - a. ABA letter re Legal Services Corporation
  - b. ABA letter re U.S. Presidential Elections
  - c. Daily Record Innovator of Year to Michael Ross for *Brown v. Board of Education*.
2. Appointment of Robert Rohrbaugh to Maryland State Prosecutor.
3. News reports on medical malpractice commissions.
4. Report on creation of the Bates-Vincent Foundation. Keith Truffer appointed as Presidential designee.
5. Report on Racial and Ethnic Fairness Commission.
6. Appointment of Barbara Jorgenson, Krystal Quinn Alves and Connie Kratovil to Pro Bono Resource Center Board and Richard Wasserman to Legal Aid Board.
7. Report on contested judicial elections in Montgomery and Anne Arundel Counties. Motion to support sitting Judges in both counties.

8. Report on 2 vacancies on ABA House of Delegates due to the growth of the number of lawyers in Maryland and Delegate Robert Gonzales becoming the State Delegate. Announcements will appear in the Bar Bulletin and Bar Brief and the Board will fill these vacancies at its December meeting.

**B. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

1. Membership Report
  - a. 158 resignations (standard); 100 out of state; 5 disciplined; 15 deceased  
Total deletions: 178  
357 New Members plus 86 reinstatements : 443 Additions  
Total Membership : 20, 845 (includes 286 Associates)  
306 New Members in Consumer Bankruptcy Section –  
18,908 Section memberships in 23 Sections
  - b. Honorary Memberships Approved:
    1. James M. Bailey
    2. David C. Bryan
    3. Richard S. Ehrlich
    4. Hon. John C. Eldridge
    5. Herbert H. Hubbard
    6. Robert G. Levy
    7. W. Dwight Stover
    8. John A. Whitney
    9. Hon. John Hanson Briscoe
    10. George Beuchert, Jr.
    11. Estelle Fishbein
    12. Charles F. Stein, III
    13. Gil Weidenfeld
2. Report on 2004 Annual Crab Feast at Mayo Beach over 300 –sellout – great day
3. Report on IRS inquiry re political activity.\$155,000 for grass roots lobbying not PACS or partisan contributions. Problem arose due to confusing IRS form.
4. Report on new CPF Attorney Identifier Numbers. The MSBA will also use these numbers to avoid identity theft by use of Social Security Numbers.
5. Report on Video Oral History Project and Distribution.  
Video Oral History Project initiated by Past President Harry Johnson and produced by Blue Rock Productions, Ron Richardson, Andrea Leahy- Fuchek and Gary Crawford. Has been distributed to all local and specialty bars as well as to 54 colleges and law school libraries.

The Board approved Certificates of Recognition to be given by MSBA to Blue Rock Productions and to Ron, Andrea and Gary approved by Motion

5. The Board approved offering Postini, SPAM filtering software, as a membership affinity program. Postini has worked well for the MSBA HQ.

**C. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY**

1. The Secretary reported that the Executive Committee met on September 7, 2004 at Camden Yards.
2. Request approval of certification of BOG Entitlement Representation. Paul Carlin briefed the Board and the Certification was approved.

**D. REPORT OF THE TREASURER**

1. Approval of 2003-04 Audit by Ellin & Tucker. The Board was briefed by Ellin and Tucker on the Audit. Net assets total approximately \$3.1 million (restricted and unrestricted). Reserves increased by \$95,000. Upon motion made and seconded, Audit Report was approved.
2. Report on Financial Statement as of August 31, 2004. Treasurer Gillis reported that as of August 31, 2004 MSBA dues receipts are \$1.993 Million; Total income is \$2.3 million. Total Expense is \$493,293.
2. Request for Budget Amendment for a \$2,000 contribution to the 2004 National ALJ Conference was approved.

**E. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT-ELECT**

Mid Year meeting site of Costa Rica was approved.

**III. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES** - No report.

**IV. REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES** - No report.

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

**VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS**

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Consideration of a new line of credit for MICPEL.

Steven Van Grack, President briefed the Board on MICPEL's request for an extension of their MSBA line of credit. Brent Burry provide

additional information to the Board. A motion was made seconded and approved to extend a line of credit of \$150,000 in accordance with the terms of the Line of Credit Agreement.

**VIII. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alison L. Asti, Secretary