

**MARYLAND STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 2004
UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND GOLF COURSE CLUB HOUSE
UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD
FAIRWAY ROOM
COLLEGE PARK, MARYLAND 20740
5:30 P.M.**

The Board of Governors of the Maryland State Bar Association met at the location, date and time indicated above. Present at the meeting were the MSBA officers and 25 members of the Board of Governors as well as Parliamentarian, Karl Silverman, Herb Garten, Elizabeth "Betsy" Anderson, and CEELI Executive Director, Helaine Barnett.

President Johnson called the meeting to order at approximately 5:40 p.m.

I. The Minutes of the Board of Governors meeting on March 23, 2004 were read and approved.

II. Reports of the Officers.

A. Report of the President.

1. Report on Breakfast with Large Firm Managing Partners.

The meeting was not as well attended as last year (7 managing partners attended this year). This meeting provides a useful forum for a healthy discussion among managing partners and officers of the MSBA. An idea came up for a MICPEL program to teach lawyers how to manage a law firm (i.e., the business of practicing law).

2 Report on various events and clippings.

a. IRS Grant to MVLS

b. Recipients of 2004 ABA Margaret Brent Award

Judge Irma Raker did not receive an award this year, but was very appreciative of the State Bar's endorsement. We were encouraged to submit her name again next year.

c. Letter to Secretary Nelson J. Sabatini

d. Annapolis Capital article on Pro Bono

e. Daily Record article on MCLE

President Johnson explained that the Court of Appeals is split on the issue of mandatory CLE, and the MSBA does not intend to take up this issue this year.

3. Request for approval on 3 interim appointments to Pro Bono Resource Center.

The nominations of Charles Borek, Patricia Lambert and Alfred Lacer were approved by the Board.

4. Report on selection of Maryland representatives to ABA House of Delegates.

Seven persons have expressed an interest in three positions. The President-Elect nominee has by tradition been nominated to one of these positions. The Board of Governors will vote in May.

5. Report on May 3 Center Stage production and community forum on Video Oral History Project.

The Center Stage *Brown v. Board of Education* is sold out. President Johnson was pleased that the MSBA could be a partner in this endeavor. This is a dramatization followed by a community forum. The Video Oral History is also proceeding well; more than 45 hours of tapes of past presidents have been recorded. Janet Eveleth, Ron Richardson, Andrea Leahy-Fucheak, and Gary Crawford from Whiteford, Taylor and Preston provided immense assistance. Rod Daniels will be the narrator

B. Report of the Executive Director

1. Membership: The Executive Director reported the following:

- a. Resignations - 1
- b. Dropped members - 3
Deceased - 2
- c. Total Deletions - 6
- d. Reinstatements - 61
- e. Total Additions - 84

- f. Membership count

The Executive Director reported total membership of 20,487.

2. Report on results of 2 Board of Governors elections.

C. Report of the Secretary

No Executive Committee meeting this month. No report from the Secretary.

D. Report of the Treasurer

1. Report on financial statement as of March 31, 2004 was give by Paul Carlin

- a. MSBA dues \$2,187,540 99.25%
- b. Total dues \$2,395,211 99.50%
- c. Total income \$3,269,844
- d. Total expense \$2,360,106
- e. Unexpended revenues \$909,738 - \$104,000 better than last year

E. Report of the President-Elect

1. Report on 2005 Midyear Meeting (action)

President-Elect Helfrich reported on his site visit, and was very enthusiastic about the location and accommodations. The location is the Intercontinental at Los Cabos, San Hose del Cabo, Mexico. The meeting is February 26 to March 6, 2005. A motion to approve the proposed site for the midyear meeting was unanimously approved.

III. Reports of Standing Committees

A. Report of Laws Committee. Richard A. Montgomery, III, Director of Legislative Relations. Final Report of 2004 Session.

The Board congratulated Richard Montgomery on a great first year.

IV. Reports of Special Committees

None

V. Reports of Sections

None

VI. Unfinished Business and General Orders

A. Special Guest: Elizabeth Anderson, Executive Director of ABA Central European and Eurasian Law Initiative (CEELI) was introduced by Executive Director Paul Carlin. This organization assists emerging democracies with the principles of law.

B. Special Guest: Helen Barnette. Mr. Garten introduced Helen Barnette, President of the Legal Services Corporation. Mr. Garten also invited the Board of Governors to attend the reception and dinner at the Camden Club on Friday, April 30.

VII. New Business

MSBA Resolution to Stephen Harris on his retirement as Public Defender approved by the membership. Jim Nolan, Immediate Past President, will attend the dinner in Steve Harris' honor on May 6, 2004.

VIII. Special Orders of Business

Herb Garten, Past President, and a member of the National Legal Services Corporation nominated by President Bush, Herb introduced Helaine Barnett, President of the Nation of Legal Services Corporation. Ms. Barnett spoke to the Board on legal services.

IX. Announcements

A. Maryland Legal Services Partnership Conference Thursday, May 20, 2004

B. Alison Asti, Assistant Secretary, was congratulated on her appointment as Acting Executive Director for the Maryland Stadium Authority.

XI. Adjournment. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alison L. Asti, Assistant Secretary