

**MARYLAND STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 2004
ISABELLA'S
44 NORTH MARKET STREET
FREDERICK, MARYLAND 21701
SECOND FLOOR
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 30 members of the Board of Governors, including all of the officers. In addition, Paul Carlin, Executive Director, and key members of his staff were in attendance, as well as Sean O'Keefe, an intern at Whiteford, Taylor, from UMBC and Middletown, Md., where Barbara Gilliss' family, also, hails from.

President Harry Johnson called the meeting to order at approximately 5:50 p.m. The minutes of the Board of Governors meeting of February 17, 2004 were read and approved.

I. Report of the Officers

1. Report of the President

- A. A report was given on various events and clippings.
 - i. Press Release for National Association of Administrative Law Judges
 - ii. Press Release on Professionalism Commission
 - iii. News article on "Civil Gideon" Case
 - iv. President's Keynote Speech to University of Maryland's Black Law Students Association Banquet.
 - v. Notice of increase of AGC assessment
 - vi. News article on ABA President visit. Harry Johnson could not appear due to MSBA Midyear in the Dominican Republic.
 - vii. Open letter to U.S. Chamber of Commerce from ABA President
- B. A report on MSBA Midyear Meeting and Bar President's Luncheon was given. Excellent trip to Punta Cana. Good luncheon with local and specialty bar presidents. They seemed to interact well. Jim Nolan performed admirably as master of ceremonies.
- C. A report on name change of Korean Bar Committee. Ed Kim requested change of name to Asian-American Bar Committee. Minorities Committee of MSBA voted unanimously to recommend change. Judge Jeanne Hong felt portfolio had expanded and change was appropriate. President Johnson approved it.
- D. A report on Contested Judicial Elections was given by President Johnson. Theresa Adams quite successful in her election in Frederick County.
- E. A report on Public Defender's Retirement was given.

Steve Harris retired. Jane Murray is resigning soon too. Jim Nolan moved for resolution thanking Steve Harris for his years of service and work for the citizens of Maryland. Motion approved.

- F. Appointment of Best Section Projects BOG Committee
Successful breakfast last Friday with section chairs and vice-chairs. President Johnson appointed John Kudel, Mary Kramer and Scott Robertson to the Best Section Projects Committee.

2. Report of the Executive Director

- A. Membership
 - a. Dropped 912 for non-payment; Resignations , 60; Deaths 6: Total deductions 978
 - b. New members, 34; Reinstatements, 43;
 - c. Total additions 77
 - d. Total membership at this time: 20,409.
 - i. Action on disciplined attorney - William Porter, Conditional Diversion Agreement, under direction of Richard Vincent. With no objection he will be added as a member. After discussion, attorney added without objection. Motion by Darren Kadish that information be limited to applicant being subject to CDA and up to Board to make further inquiry. Seconded and approved.
 - ii. Report on Honorary Memberships - Joseph DePaul added
- B. Report on Bar ID Numbers was given by Paul Carlin. SSI number should be replaced by new identifying number by end of April by Client Protection Fund, which number will also be shared with the MSBA for its records.
- C. Report on Law Links Summer Intern Program was given.
In Baltimore City, Prince George's County and Lower Eastern Shore, several firms have signed up. Baltimore City is self-supporting with about \$30,000. Prince George's is not financially self sufficient. MSBA will support 1 more year.
- D. Report on New Member Benefit Magazine Program and Stationary Program
 - i. Magazine program 2-3% royalty for MSBA
 - ii. Stationary from Baltimore Office Supply Company (BOSCO) is being solicited for better rates and for advertisements.
- E. Report on Annual Meeting, June 16-19, 2004
Letter to Judge Bell for administrative leave for judges. Governor not available at this time. No opening reception sponsor.

3. Report of the Secretary

Today's agenda fairly reflects items covered at the March 9 Executive Committee meeting.

4. Report of the Treasurer

- A. Report on financial statement as of February 29, 2004.

98.6% of budgeted dues collected:

Income total	\$3,140,775.06
Expense total	<u>\$2,140,026.00</u>
Revenues budgeted but not yet expended	\$1,000,749.06

B. Request approval of Budget Amendments, Attachment 14

1. \$900.00 for Committee on membership extra meals.
 2. \$5,000.00 for meeting educational book for members. Both passed unanimously. Amended Budget is (\$10,915).
5. Report of the President-Elect. President-Elect Neil Helfrich complemented those wearing their MSBA Lapel Pins.
6. Report of Standing Committees
- A. Report of Laws Committee, Michael J. Baxter, Chair; Richard A. Montgomery, III, Director of Legislative/Governmental Relations. Committee met on February 23, 2004. 6 bills tonight. Richard Montgomery spoke on SB 316/HB 706, should pass with amendments. HB 1234/464; (3) HB 1237; (4) SB 518 killed; (5) SB 535 killed; (6) Medical malpractice killed 3/19/04.
1. HB #1234 opposed - approved
 2. SB #535 dead – no action
 3. SB #464 support – approved
 4. HB #930 – support – approved
 5. HB #1299 support – approved
 6. HB #1344 oppose – approved
 7. HB #1846 – oppose – approved
7. Reports of Special Committees - None.
8. Reports of Sections - None.
9. Unfinished Business and General Orders – None
10. New Business - None.
11. Special Orders of Business - None.
12. Announcements
Brown v. Board of Education Programs are growing significantly. Some tickets (a block) will be available at next meeting for May 3, 2004. Next meeting at University of Maryland Golf Course Clubhouse; May meeting at Chesapeake Hyatt in Cambridge.
13. Adjournment – There being further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Michael Conroy, Secretary