

**MARYLAND STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2009
CLARION RESORT FONTAINEBLEAU HOTEL
10100 COASTAL HIGHWAY
OCEAN CITY, MARYLAND 21843**

President Katherine Kelly Howard called the 113th Annual Meeting of the Maryland State Bar Association to order at 8:38 a.m. A quorum of the membership was present along with various guests including the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals of Maryland, the Executive Director and Bar staff in attendance.

I. NECROLOGY

Secretary Thomas D. Murphy read the names of the 66 members of the Association that have passed away since the 2008 Annual Meeting.

II. REPORT OF THE OFFICERS

A. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY (Thomas D. Murphy, Esquire)

Secretary Murphy reported on the maintenance of the minutes of the Association at the business meeting, Executive Committee meetings, Board of Governors meeting and his contact with the other officers of the Association.

B. REPORT OF THE TREASURER (John P. Kudel, Esquire)

Treasurer Kudel presented the financial report from the Maryland State Bar Association Annual Report for the fiscal year July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008. He also advised that the auditors report for the fiscal year July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 will be acted on by the Board of Governors at its September meeting.

C. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (Paul V. Carlin)

1. The Executive Director welcomed the members to the business meeting and provided his annual review of issues. He also announced the attendance at the meeting (626), the tally of the MSBA membership with the addition of the new admittees, the election of the 2009-2010 Board of Governors and referenced the membership benefits of the MSBA on a sheet illustrating those items distributed to those in attendance.

2. The Executive Director congratulated President Katherine Kelly Howard on her tenure during a particularly challenging year as Bar President.

III. REMARKS OF THE CHIEF JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS

Chief Judge Robert M. Bell addressed the members of the MSBA noting as Charles Dickens did in his Tale of Two Cities that it was the best of times and the worst of times - the worst of times economically and the best of times in terms of the overwhelming response of the attorneys of the state of Maryland in response to the foreclosure challenge faced by a significant portion of the citizenry of the state of Maryland.

IV. PRESENTATION - CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

A certificate of appreciation was presented to Bobby A. Zirkin, Senator, District 11, Baltimore County. Senator Zirkin, who played a critical role in protecting resources dedicated to the neediest citizens in the state of Maryland, gave a brief address to the membership.

V. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Thomas D. Murphy, President Elect, Henry E. Dugan, Jr., Secretary, John P. Kudel, Treasurer, were elected as officers of the MSBA.

VI. NEW BUSINESS - NONE

VII. REPORT OF THE BAR ASSOCIATIONS INSURANCE TRUST

Aaron Kadish, Esq., Chairman of the Bar Association's Insurance Trust presented his report to the membership. Mr. Kadish provided a multitude of sums donated by the Trust over the years to various organizations.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

A. Presidents Best Sections Project Award

1. The Presidential Best Section Project Award for service to members went to the MSBA Business Law Section for its outstanding Entrepreneur's Almanac.
2. The award for best section project for the public was given to the MSBA Taxation Section for their outstanding pro bono project with the U.S. Tax Court.

B. Presidential Initiative Awards

1. The Lawyers Spotlight Awards for seasoned lawyers went to Ed Pinder and for Young Lawyers went to Justin Browne.
2. The winner of the You Tube video contest for the Under 18 First Place Award and the Peoples' Choice Second Place Award went to Paget and Peton Barranco and Christy and Andi

Cwieka.

C. The Anselm Sodaro Judicial Civility Award

Baltimore County District Court Judge, Robert J. Steinberg was honored as this year's recipient.

D. Presentation of Pro Bono Resource Center Award

Alfred Lacer of the Pro Bono Resource Center Board, and Sharon Goldsmith its Executive Director, presented various PBRC awards.

E. Leadership Academy Introductions

The graduating fellows of the Leadership Academy were presented to the membership.

IX. PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Following the presentation of gifts to the Outgoing President, Katherine Kelly Howard, Incoming President, Thomas C. Cardaro presented his inaugural address to the membership.

X. ADJOURNMENT - The 2009 Annual Business Meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry E. Dugan, Jr.
Secretary