

**MARYLAND STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF GOVERNOR COMMITTEE MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2009
CLARION RESORT FONTAINEBLEAU HOTEL
10100 COASTAL HIGHWAY
OCEAN CITY, MARYLAND
3:00 P.M.**

President Katherine Kelly Howard called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

I. MINUTES

The minutes of the Board of Governors meeting of May 8, 2009 were approved as read.

II REPORT OF THE OFFICERS

A. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

1. President Katherine Kelly Howard introduced Cleaveland D. Miller, Chair of the Investment Committee who reported that our two investment advisors Jeff Graham and Richard DuVal had left Smith Barney and were working for a new company and he requested that the Board of Governors permit the investments to continue with the same two investors at the new company, Robert W. Baird & Co. The motion was made and carried.

2. President Howard indicated that the first Phil Sherman award given by the Military Law Committee was given to J. Michael Lawlor. The speaker for that event was Congressman Frank Kratovil.

3. The President drew attention to various correspondence and clippings which were attached to the agenda.

4. The Board approved two new appointments to the Pro Bono Resource Center, Gerard R. Vetter and Khalid Abdul-Khaliq.

5. Paul Mark Sandler and Erik Barron were also re-appointed to the Legal Aid Bureau Board of Directors by vote of the Board of Governors.

6. President Howard observed as well that consideration was being given to an MSBA Education Law Committee and information in that regard was made available to the Board of Governors.

7. Finally, President Howard reported that the MSBA would support as a co-sponsor the 2009 National Conference for the Minority Lawyer, requested by the ABA Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity. This was without cost to the MSBA.

B. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

1. The Executive Director Paul V. Carlin reported that the membership of the MSBA was at 23,390 members and that 282 new admittees would be added on Saturday. Judge Lloyd L. Simpkins and Winston T. Brundige were added as honorary members.

2. It was pointed out that currently the MSBA has two Twitter accounts which were being showcased at the Annual Convention.

3. The Executive Director discussed IRS form 990 policies dealing with: 1. Conflict of interest; 2. Whistle blowing policy; 3. Records retention policy; 4. Executive compensation policy; and 5. Joint-venture policy, as being recommended by the Sarbanes-Oxley Act. A motion was made and carried that the Board of Governors of the MSBA approves these policies.

4. The Executive Director noted that Lawrence J. Hicks, MSBA IT Director had sent out all MSBA Dues Bills by June 3 and that Jim Quinn had hired a part-time social worker who will start on July 13th. He also pointed out that the Annual Meeting was presenting 25 programs by 18 different sections.

C. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

Secretary Elect Henry E. Dugan, Jr. indicated that the agenda discussed by the Executive Committee was that being presented to the Board that date.

D. REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Treasurer John P. Kudel referred to the summary balance sheet of the MSBA that had been given to all of the Board of Governors highlighting particularly the \$270,000.00 that was budgeted but not yet expended since our income was \$3,767,000.00 and expenses were at \$3,496,000.00.

E. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT ELECT - NONE

III. NEW BUSINESS

There was a confidential discussion of the future of MICPEL by Jeffrey A. Markowitz, President and Barry J. Dalnekoff, Taskforce Chair. A motion was made and carried that the Board of Governors will convene to make a decision after the MICPEL Taskforce reports in 30 days with regard to various information concerning costs, business model and plan.

IV. REPORTS ON STANDING COMMITTEES

A. There was a report of the Long Range Planning Committee by Associate Judge of the Court of Appeals, Lynne A. Battaglia, Chair. Since the report was so extensive it had been e-mailed to all members of the Board ahead of time and Judge Battaglia referenced various highlights from each of the sub-committees.

1. Technology Sub-Committee - Judge Battaglia highlighted: 1. considerable resources had already been expended on MSBA headquarters technology; 2. the Judiciary and Bar need to work together more with regard to electronic filing; 3. recommending that MSBA favor electronic filing

2. Access to Justice Sub-Committee - Judge Battaglia referenced the consideration to be given to Civil Gideon, right to counsel, unbundled legal services and the question of *pro se* integration within the Court system.

3. She reported that the CLE Sub-Committee had reported and determined that there would not be a recommendation of mandatory CLE.

4. Finally, with regard to the relevance of the Bar to Large Firms Sub-Committee, she discussed their recommendations to encourage more large firm involvement in the MSBA.

A motion was made and carried that the recommendations of the Long Range Planning Committee be received by the Board of Governors for further discussions, study and potential implementation.

V. REPORTS OF SECTIONS -NONE

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS & GENERAL ORDERS - NONE

VIV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting of the Board of Governors was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

PRO BONO RESOURCE CENTER

At this point in time the Annual Meeting of the members of the Pro Bono Resource Center was called to order. A motion was made and carried with regard to proposed changes to the PBRC Board composition to 1. convert the two ex-officio positions of the MSBA immediate past President and MSBA President to two at-large positions; and 2. to change the term for the MSBA President Elect to begin when he or she becomes the nominee. The motion favoring the changes carried.

A request was also made from the Executive Committee of the PRBC to allow non-lawyer members and non-MSBA members to serve on the Board of Directors. This motion also carried.

MARYLAND BAR FOUNDATION

At the request of the Maryland Bar Foundation, directors Robert J. Kresslein, Judge Lenore R. Gelfman, and Thomas D. Murphy, President Elect, were elected to the Board upon motion, as well as renewals for Jerald B. Lurie and Alison L. Asti.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry E. Dugan, Jr.
Assistant Secretary