

**MARYLAND STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 21, 2010
MOUNT AIRY MANSION
8714 ROSARYVILLE ROAD
UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772**

President Thomas D. Murphy called the meeting to order at 5:40 P.M. Thirty four (34) members of the Board of Governors were present.

I. MINUTES

The minutes of the Board of Governors meetings held on June 9, 2010 and June 12, 2010 and of the June 12, 2010 Annual Business meeting were approved as presented.

II. REPORT OF THE OFFICERS

A. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

1. President Murphy reported on MSBA Crab Feast, the ABA Annual Meeting and the Mid-Atlantic Bar Conference. President Murphy also reported on various developments including Judge Michelle Hotten's appointment to the Court of Special Appeals, Raymond A. Hein's appointment as Deputy Bar Counsel with the Attorney Grievance Commission, the new Construction Law Committee, and a complimentary letter received regarding the Maryland Bar Journal.
2. President Murphy and Mr. Carlin reported on the proposed appointments of Jeff Delgado to the Ethics Committee and Theresa Moore and Travis Poole as local members to the Judicial Appointments Committee. The appointments were approved by motion duly seconded and approved.
3. President Murphy reported on a request to support a constitutional amendment requiring members of the Baltimore City Orphans Court to be members of the Maryland Bar. A motion was made, amended, seconded and approved with one abstention (Hon. Pamela J. Brown).
4. President Murphy reported on the Self-Represented Litigant Commission.
5. President Murphy reported on the Executive Committee's action supporting sitting judges in the ongoing judicial elections taken in response to requests from the sitting judges.

6. President Murphy reported on a recent Daily Record editorial entitled “A Call To Arms” which called upon the MSBA to mobilize an effort to study drug abuse and its impact on the criminal justice system. It has been referred to various MSBA Sections and Committees for feedback.

7. President Murphy reported on the appointment of John Maloney as Chair of the Maryland State Prosecutor Selection and Disabilities Commission.

8. President Murphy reported on a conversation he had with the Honorable Lynne A. Battaglia of the Court of Appeals of Maryland regarding mandatory continuing legal education. Judge Battaglia and President Murphy discussed a possible survey of Maryland lawyers to determine the extent of voluntary continuing legal education they undertake.

B. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

1. Mr. Carlin reported on the history of the Mt. Airy Mansion, including a visit by President George Washington to attend a wedding.

2. Mr. Carlin reported on membership, including 194 resignations (less than last year), and 361 new members, and efforts to collect overdue dues. He also requested approval of the several (19) requests received for honorary membership, all of which were approved by the Board of Governors. In addition he requested approval of waiver of dues for a bar member who suffered a serious injury, which request was approved.

3. Mr. Carlin reported on Courthouse identification badges in Baltimore City Circuit Court, including the MSBA’s recent assumption of the function of issuing the badges, and the Bar Association of Baltimore City’s request to take over some of those duties, which request was approved by the Executive Committee.

4. Mr. Carlin reported on a request from the Honorable William O. Carr for volunteers for the MSBA Committee on Legal History.

5. Mr. Carlin reported on the request of the Pro Bono Resources Center to amend their By Laws to increase the size of their Board of Directors from 25 to 27. Upon motion duly seconded and approved the request was granted.

C. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

1. Secretary Michael Baxter reported that the materials and issues discussed at the Board of Governors meeting had been previously presented and considered in the September 7, 2010 Executive Committee meeting.

2. Mr. Baxter also reported on the 2011-12 allocation of Governors positions on the MSBA Board of Governors in each District in Maryland, including the

addition of one position for the Seventh District (Anne Arundel County) and the deletion of one position for the First District (Baltimore City). The allocation was adopted by motion duly seconded and approved.

D. REPORT OF THE TREASURER

1. Treasurer John P. Kudel reported on budgeted and collected dues revenue, including that collections to date were ahead of last year's collections at the same time.

2. Mr. Kudel presented several requests for budget amendments, including a request from the MSBA Young Lawyers Section for \$1500 to continue a Leadership Academy Project, a request for \$4030 from the Intellectual Property Section, and a request from former MSBA President, James P. Nolan, for \$5,000 for an upcoming Maryland meeting of the National Conference of Bar Presidents, of which Mr. Nolan is President. By approved motion all of the requests were granted.

E. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT-ELECT

President-Elect Henry E. Dugan reported on his ongoing investigation into a location for the 2012 Mid Year Meeting and encouraged all Governors to attend the 2011 Mid Year Meeting.

III. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Keith R. Truffer, Chair of the MSBA Professionalism Committee, reported on the Committee's consideration of Judge Lynne A. Battaglia's proposed revisions to the Professionalism Course. The Committee endorsed the proposal generally, with concerns expressed about logistics and finances. In particular it was noted that the MSBA has invested approximately \$650,000 in the course since its inception, and currently spends approximately \$20,000 to \$30,000 per year on it. Expansion of the course to a full day program was recommended by the Committee. The Committee emphasized that funding must be provided by sources other than the MSBA. A Motion to create a sub-committee of the Committee of Professionalism comprised of five members, including a member of the Young Lawyers Section, to work with the Court of Appeals and the Professionalism Commission on the revision of the course, was seconded and approved.

IV. REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Stanford Gann, member of the MSBA CLE Taskforce, reported on proposals solicited for handling on-line continuing legal education, and the signing of a contract with a company named In Reach to manage that part of MSBA's CLE. In addition an agreement has been reached regarding an e-discovery text to be

published. It is anticipated that continuing legal education providers from other state will seek to compete with the MSBA in providing continuing legal education to Maryland lawyers, and plans are underway to meet that competition. Two new employees who will work on MSBA continuing legal education will be added soon. Special thanks to the entire Task Force was offered by the Board of Governors.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS & NEW BUSINESS - None

V. ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Baxter

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Secretary