

**MARYLAND STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING MINUTES
FRIDAY, MAY 14, 2010
HYATT REGENCY CHESAPEAKE BAY RESORT
CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND**

President Thomas C. Cardaro called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m. Thirty-six (36) members of the Board of Governors were present.

I. MINUTES

The minutes of the last Board of Governors meeting held on April 20, 2010 in Port Deposit, Maryland, were approved as presented.

II. REPORT OF THE OFFICERS

A. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

1. President Cardaro reported on ABA Day held recently in Washington, D.C., and attended by Mr. Cardaro, Thomas Murphy, Henry Dugan, Herb Garten, Robert Gonzales and Paul Carlin. Among the issues addressed were Legal Services Funding, re-authorization of the Legal Services Corporation, the Paycheck Bonus Act, and the Civil Rights Tax Relief bill. The group met with Senator Benjamin Cardin, Representative John Sarbanes, Representative Chris Van Hollen, and Representatives of Senator Barbara Mikulski, and Congressmen Kratochvil, Ruppertsberger and Cummings.

2. President Cardaro reported on various informational items referenced in exhibits to the agenda.

3. President Cardaro reported on the MSBA's activity in making recommendations to Governor O'Malley for an appointment to the State Prosecutor Selection and Disabilities Commission.

4. Governor Dana Williams reported on the Integrated Case Management System, providing an update on the vendor selection process and related issues.

5. President Cardaro discussed a letter received from Frank M. Conaway, Clerk of the Circuit Court for Baltimore City. Mr. Conaway expressed concern in his letter about the Administrative Office of the Court's failure to respond to his prior suggestions regarding improvements in the jury pool system in Baltimore City and requested the assistance of Maryland State Bar Association, the Monumental City Bar Association and the Bar Association of Baltimore City in addressing the issue.

6. President Cardaro introduced Brian P. Hochheimer, President of the Maryland Pro Bono Resource Center, who reported on the Center's recent activities, including its

success in the mortgage foreclosure initiative, and the upcoming Partners in Legal Services Conference, to be held on May 27, 2010 at the Baltimore Convention Center.

7. President Cardaro reported that Glenn Grossman had been appointed as the new Bar Counsel for Maryland.

8. President Cardaro reported on the activities of the Professionalism Committee and, in particular, potential changes being considered regarding the Professionalism Course. The next meeting of the Professionalism Committee is on May 24, 2010. It was noted that the Board of Governors could consider any proposal of the Professionalism Committee at its June meeting.

9. Mr. Carlin next reported on various miscellaneous matters including the activities of the Sodaro Judicial Civility Award Committee, the selection of the Best Section Project Award, and the recent successful Mock Trial CLREP Program. Upon motion seconded and approved, the Board of Governors approved the awarding of the Sodaro Award to Judge Ann Sundt from the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, and the Best Section Project Awards for Members to the Consumer Bankruptcy Section for its foreclosure project and for the Public to the Delivery of Legal Services Section for its legislative effort regarding the legal services funding (filing fees) legislation.

10. President Cardaro reported on current vacancies for representatives of the MSBA in the ABA House of Delegates. By acclamation, Henry Dugan, James Nolan, Judge Michael Conroy and Harry Johnson were selected as Delegates.

B. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

1. Mr. Carlin reported on the topic of membership statistics and, in particular, that the MSBA retains 85% of new admittees, that one-third of Maryland lawyers maintain out of state primary addresses, and that there are currently 23, 135 current members.

2. Mr. Carlin reported on the support extended by the MSBA to the Citizens Law Related Education Program regarding a recent grant request, and the recent successful Mock Trial CLREP Program.

3. Mr. Carlin reported that the MSBA Crab Feast will take place this year on July 24, 2010 at the Jefferson-Patterson Park in Calvert County.

C. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

Secretary Henry E. Dugan, Jr. encouraged all members of the Board of Governors, particularly those new to the Board, to become involved in committee work of the Association.

D. REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Mr. Kudel reported on the upcoming presentation by the Budget and Finance Committee to the Board of Governors, and on the completion of IRS Form 990. He also reported the current financial reports of the Association which showed that membership

dues are currently \$45,000 short of budget, that the Association has a year-to-date total income of approximately \$4 million dollars, expenditures of approximately \$3.2 million dollars, and budgeted but not yet expended funds of approximately \$825,000.00.

E. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT-ELECT

President-Elect Murphy reported that a proposed location for the MSBA 2011 Mid-year meeting at Barcelo Maya Palace on the Mayan Riviera, Mexico had been selected. By motion, duly seconded, the Board approved the recommendation.

III. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

1. Deborah G. Schubert, Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee, presented the proposed MSBA annual budget for 2010-2011, which was approved by motion. Ms. Schubert also reported on behalf of the Investment Committee, in particular, on the performance of the MSBA's new investment counselor, Baird & Company, and that since Baird & Company was appointed, the MSBA portfolio had grown 14.8%. Lastly, Ms. Schubert reported on the Budget and Finance Committee's recommendation that a dues increase be considered, noting that MSBA dues have not increased in 20 years and that current MSBA dues are the lowest for any Bar Association in the country.

IV. REPORTS OF SECTIONS - None.

V. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES - None.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS & GENERAL ORDERS - None.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. President Cardaro reported that the Maryland State Bar Association will recognize Mel Hirshman's service as Maryland Bar Counsel at the upcoming MSBA Annual Meeting being held in Ocean City, Maryland.

2. Mr. Carlin reported that Alex Gordon, a prominent Maryland attorney, died recently.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Board of Governors was advised that the Maryland Partners for Justice Conference will be held on May 27, 2010 at the Baltimore Convention Center, and the PBRC and MSBA Young Lawyers Section Pro Bono Night will be held on June 3, 2010 at the ESPN Zone in Baltimore.

IX. ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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