

**MARYLAND STATE BAR ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING  
SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 2011  
CLARION RESORT FOUNTAINEBLEAU HOTEL  
OCEAN CITY, MARYLAND**

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President Thomas M. Murphy called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m.

**I. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

President Murphy called upon Secretary Michael J. Baxter to read the names of all members who have died during the past year. Mr. Baxter then announced those members.

**II. REPORTS OF THE OFFICERS AND BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

**A. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY**

Secretary Baxter reported on his keeping of the minutes of the Business Meetings of the Association, the meetings of the Board of Governors, and the Executive Committee, and his reporting of actions of the Executive Committee to the Board of Governors. President Murphy ordered, without objection, that the minutes of the Business Meeting be corrected and approved by the Board of Governors.

**B. REPORT OF THE TREASURER**

Treasurer John P. Kudel presented the fiscal report in the MSBA Annual Report for fiscal year July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009. Treasurer Kudel noted that his five year tenure as Treasurer was concluding and he thanked Executive Director Paul V. Carlin, Cleaveland D. Miller, Chair of the Investment Committee, and all members of the Budget & Finance Committee with whom he had worked for their assistance and contributions.

**C. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Executive Director Paul V. Carlin reported that this was the 40<sup>th</sup> year of holding the MSBA Annual Meeting in Ocean City, Maryland and that there were approximately 635 attendees at the meeting. Mr. Carlin recognized Wanda A. Claiborne, Director of Meetings & Bar Liaison, for her twenty five (25) years of service to the MSBA, which was acknowledged with applause from the members present. Mr. Carlin also announced that Janet Stidman Eveleth, Director of Communications for the MSBA for the past twenty four (24) years was retiring, which was followed by an extended ovation. Mr. Carlin reported on the membership of the Board of Governors for the 2011-12 Bar year. Lastly, Mr. Carlin noted the completion of the integration of MICPEL into the MSBA Department of Education and the leadership of Marshall B. Paul in that project.

#### **D. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

Secretary Baxter presented the report of the Board of Governors referencing the MSBA Annual Report and highlighting several Board actions including its promotion of a uniform rule for attorney use of cellphones in Maryland Courthouse, its successful efforts to protect funding of the Legal Services Corporation, and its role in the MSBA assumption of the functions of MICPEL.

#### **III. REMARKS OF THE HONORABLE ROBERT M. BELL, CHIEF JUDGE, COURT OF APPEALS OF MARYLAND**

Chief Judge Bell delivered his address on the state of the Judiciary and issues involving the Maryland State Bar Association, including that the Court of Appeals will address the issue of mandatory continuing legal education for Maryland lawyers in the near future, the budgetary issues confronting the Judiciary, and the ongoing effort to create state-wide e-filing in Maryland Courts.

#### **IV. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

President Murphy presented the Report of the Board of Governors acting as the Nominating Committee. The nominees were: John P. Kudel, for President-Elect; Michael J. Baxter for Secretary; and Debra G. Schubert for Treasurer. Members in attendance voted in favor of the nominees.

#### **V. NEW BUSINESS**

##### **A. BYLAW AMENDMENT**

President Murphy presented a recommendation of the Board of Governors to create a new Construction Law Section. Members in attendance voted in favor of the bylaw amendment.

##### **B. CONTRIBUTION TO MARYLAND LEGAL SERVICES CORPORTATION**

President Murphy invited Annual Meeting Committee co-chairs Andrew Radding and Edwin H Staples to address a new practice implemented this year at the Annual Meeting whereby the funds traditionally used to provide gifts to meeting attendees were instead donated to the Maryland Legal Services Corporation. The amount contributed this year was \$5,000.00.

#### **VI. REPORT OF BAR ASSOCIATION INSURANCE TRUST**

President Murphy called upon Aaron Kadish, Chairman of the Bar Association Insurance Trust, to report on the state of the Trust. Mr. Kadish came forward and delivered his report in his customary informative and entertaining fashion.

#### **VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

**A. PRESIDENTIAL BEST SECTION PROJECT AWARDS**

President Murphy presented the MSBA Presidential Best Section Project Award to the Immigration Law Section for its work on the Emergency Immigration Project, and the Best Section Project of the Public to the Young Lawyers Section for their One Bar – One Community Project.

**B. PRESENTATION OF THE ANSELM SODARO JUDICIAL CIVILITY AWARD**

President Murphy called upon Keith R. Truffer, Esquire, Chairman of the Professionalism Committee, to present the Anselm Sodaro Judicial Civility Award. Mr. Truffer presented the Award to recently retired Judge John “Hamp” Tisdale of the Frederick County Circuit Court.

**C. PRESENTATION OF PRO BONO RESOURCE CENTER AWARDS**

President Murphy called upon Sharon Goldsmith, Executive Director of the Pro Bono Resource Center, to present the PBRC Awards. Ms. Goldsmith came forward and presented the Awards of the Pro Bono Resource Center.

**D. LEADERSHIP ACADEMY INTRODUCTIONS**

President Murphy called upon Joseph Wright, Co-Chair of the Leadership Academy, to introduce this year’s graduating Fellows. Mr. Wright came forward and introduced the Fellows.

**VIII. PRESENTATIONS TO PRESIDENT MURPHY**

President-Elect Henry E. Dugan commented on the accomplishments of President Murphy during his term and thanked him for his service to the MSBA. President-Elect Dugan then presented several gifts to President Murphy.

**IX. MSBA PRESIDENT FOR 2010-2011 (HENRY E. DUGAN, JR.)**

The stage and podium was cleared and President Dugan presented his inaugural address.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

President Henry E. Dugan, Jr. adjourned the 2011 Business Meeting of the Maryland State Bar Association.

Respectfully submitted,

*Michael J. Baxter*

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Secretary

