

**AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION
YOUNG LAWYERS DIVISION ASSEMBLY**

Minutes

Friday, August 8, 2008

The Marriott Marquis, Broadway Ballroom, 6th Floor, New York, New York

Call to Order

Speaker Deborah A. Smith called the Assembly to order at 1:05 pm.

Presentation of the Colors

The Colors were presented by the United States Coast Guard - Honor Guard

National Anthem

The National Anthem was song by Paul Neese of the Oregon State Bar - Young Lawyers Division

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Matthew Butler of the California Young Lawyers - Young Lawyers Division

Invocation

The Invocation was given by Daniel McKenna, Philadelphia Young Lawyers Division

Explanation of Purpose and Mission of the Assembly and Roles, Rights and Duties of Delegates

Speaker Smith explained the rules of the Assembly and introduced the officers: Chair, Justin Goldstein; Secretary- Treasurer, Kelly-Ann Clarke; and Clerk, Chauntis Jenkins. Speaker Smith also introduced Parliamentarian, Scott Laufenberg and Sergeant at Arms, Mario Sullivan.

Credentials Report

Clerk Chauntis Jenkins reported that 145 delegates were certified and a quorum of this meeting is 73 delegates.

Explanation of Standing Rules, Adoption of Rules of Debate, Adoption of Agenda

Upon a motion and a second, the Standing Rules were adopted unanimously. Upon a motion and a second, the Agenda was adopted.

Approval of Minutes of 2008 Midyear Meeting Assembly

Secretary-Treasurer Kelly-Ann Clarke moved the adoption of the Minutes of the 2008 Midyear Meeting Assembly. After a second, the Minutes were approved.

Adoption of Consent Calendar

Speaker Smith explained the Consent Calendar and noted that the delegates had one hour to remove a resolution from the Consent Calendar. Resolutions 102, 103, 104-B, 104-C, 107, 109, 112-B, 115, 117-A, 118 and 121 were placed on the consent calendar for the hour between 1:22 to 2:22.

Welcome to New York

Jonathon Bing Assemblyman for the 73rd District, New York and YLD Fellow welcomed the Assembly to New York. Mr. Bing explained that he was a former member of YLD and former head of NYC delegation from 1998 to 2002. His involvement in ABA overlapped with the tragedy of September 11, 2001. He stated he was proud that his involvement in the YLD allowed him to have substantial role in rebuilding city by coordinating the Disaster Legal Services efforts. As a result of his DLS work, he authored legislation that extended time for victims. Mr. Bing implored the Assembly to stay involved despite the pressures of work and family. He also implored the Assembly to consider running for public office and getting involved in local political and community activities. He stated he hoped that everyone enjoyed all the city of New York had to offer during their stay.

A motion made to re-open certification by Phenise Poole. Motion was seconded. Certification was open for fifteen meetings from 1:29 to 1:44.

Presentation by Tort, Trial and Insurance Practice Section

Timothy Bouch, Chair Elect of Tort, Trial and Insurance Practice Section implored the Assembly to consider TTIPS as a section to join. He explained that it is where both sides of the bar and insurance counsel all come together. He spoke of the Trial Academy as the best trial school and explained that the TTIPS Leadership Academy funds 25 young lawyers. He also said he was here as the ABA Standing Committee on Specialization and specializing was a way to distinguish yourself among peers.

Special Presentation honoring Craig Cannon, Pro Bono Publico Award Recipient

Secretary-Treasurer, Kelly-Ann Clarke spoke regarding Craig Cannon's service as Disaster Legal Services Coordinator and his continued service in the area. She explained his role and the work that he has done in the past year. Ms. Clarke explained that Mr. Cannon would be receiving the Pro Bono Publico award on August 11, 2008 and is the only young lawyer we could find that has received the honor.

Chair's Report- Justin Goldstein

Chair Goldstein reminisced on his early years in the YLD and his decision to run as for Secretary-Treasurer. He encouraged members to run for office for the good of the Division. He stated that the YLD is the conscience of the Association. He highlighted our focus on members and member benefits. Chair Goldstein stated that the Division must be at forefront of diversity efforts and explained that it was personal to him and his family. He stated that we must formulate the opinions of our own profession and continue to serve as the voice of young lawyers so that our voice can become the policy of the profession.

Chair Goldstein detailed the accomplishments of this bar year. The YLD offered the first Outstanding Young Lawyer Award, something we should have been doing all along. We negotiated a new Memorandum of Understanding with FEMA, allowing more flexibility in assisting with Disaster Legal Services for those in need. The Division published the 101 Practice Series book and have been collecting 201 Practice Series articles to publish a second book. He also highlighted the Year of the Summits as a way of coming together as young lawyers on what was important to young bar leaders, young lawyers and diversity. She stated that our joint meeting with the Section of Litigation and in conjunction with ABA Day was our greatest bar association meeting ever. Young lawyers were able to lobby with congress people on important issues and was the largest event with young lawyers.

Chair Goldstein spoke about the Wills for Heroes program. In conjunction with the newly formed Wills For Heroes Foundation, founders Jeff Jacobson and Anthony Hayes, the Division created a fantastic project. The Division did on-site public service at every meeting. Here in New York it will be very special and he implored the leaders to take on the project locally.

Chair Goldstein chronicled his journeys for the year. He traveled 60,000 miles to affiliates to across the country and the world. Included were - Arizona, North Carolina, Montreal, London, Las Vegas, Alabama, Chicago, Washington State, Washington D.C., California, Texas, New York, New Jersey, Georgia, Colorado, Florida, Michigan, Belgrade, Paris, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Virginia, Tennessee, Utah, Puerto Rico and Toronto.

Chair Goldstein stated that the YLD should be the spring board to other entities in Association. He spoke about the collaborative efforts with other sections and our 100% co-sponsorship at all of our conference. He complimented the Division Staff, stating that they were professional, competent and enthusiastic.

Chair Goldstein congratulated Josh Bell from Georgia and James Cho from New York for bringing more delegates from their states. He also thanked our sponsors for their support at the meeting.

Chair Goldstein closed by presenting a Star of the Quarter to Tracy Deutmeyer for her work on DLS in Iowa.

Updated Certification Report

Clerk Chauntis Jenkins reported that there were now 173 certified delegates with 87 delegates constituting a quorum.

Resolution 114

Amends Model Rule of Professional Conduct 1.10 ("Imputation of Conflicts of Interest: General Rule") to permit screening within a law firm to allow other lawyers to undertake representations that would be prohibited to another lawyer in the firm because of a conflict of interest from a prior employment.

Resolution 114 was moved by Arden J Olson of the Standing Committee on Ethics and Professionalism and YLD Fellow moved the motion. Danny Van Horn seconded the motion. Speaking in opposition of the motion was Lawrence J. Fox, Past Chair of the Section of Litigation. Danny Van Horn spoke in favor of the motion. David Sterling spoke in opposition. Division was called. The resolution passed.

Update of the Consent Calendar

Resolutions 102, 103, 104-B, 104-C, 107, 109, 112-B, 117-A, 118, 121 remained on the Consent Calendar. Brian Miller of Texas removed Resolution 115 from the Consent Calendar. Speaker Smith stated that Resolution 115 would be debated at some point.

Report of the Chair of the House of Delegates- Laurel G. Bellows

Laurel Bellows, Chair of the House of Delegates congratulated the YLD on the breadth and substance of our 114 debate. Chair Bellows encouraged YLD to join the House. She stated that she was delighted to report of those who come to well and discuss the substance, the most thoughtful remarks are coming from YLD delegates. She implored the membership to share their expertise and be confident that their voice was important. She congratulated us on our power point and explained that with our help they will be updating the way they do things at the House of Delegates.

Presentation of the Outstanding Young Military Service Lawyer Awards

Lineka Quijano introduced Rear Admiral William Baumgartner. Rear Admiral Baumgartner stated that the challenges of JAG are more rewarding that ever since they are working across the world, working in court to protect the rights of the country and uphold the values of our country. He stated that JAG officers stand up for those who can't stand up for themselves and are just and obedient to the law.

Lieutenant Lineka Quijano introduced and Rear Admiral William Baumgartner presented the award for the U.S. Coast Guard to Lieutenant Commander Donald Brown. Captain Holly Bryant introduced and Major General Scott Black presented the award for the U.S. Army to Captain Andrew K. Kernan. Lieutenant *Pete Pascucci* introduced and Vice Admiral Bruce MacDonald presented the award for the U.S. Navy to Lieutenant Commander Dustin E. Wallace. Captain Jeff Liebenguth introduced and Brigadier General James Walker presented the award for the U.S. Marine Corps to Captain Jennifer S. Parker. Captain Afsana Ahmed introduced and Lieutenant General Jack Rives presented the award for the U.S. Air Force to Captain Jason S. Robertson.

Presentation on Election Protection

Rachel Patrick of the ABA Council on Racial and Ethnic Justice introduced Jesus Negron to discuss Election Protection. Mr. Negron explained that a coalition was created in 2001 after the 200 election because thousands of citizens lost their right to vote. The coalition is nonpartisan and provided a hotline (1-866-HOTLINE) for information to voters regarding voter information. He stated that they need lawyers to provide services to the people and to provide legal representation to those that need it. He stated that in this year's election there are 35 states targeted, but wanted to make the effort national.

Ms. Patrick handed out election protection forms and gave real life examples of why it is important. She challenged the YLD for participation asking the questions "YLD what are you going to do?" "Allow voters to be disenfranchised?" She collected forms from the Assembly delegates.

Presentation on the Danish Young Bar Association

Morten Schwartz Nielsen, Danish Young Bar Associations President explained the workings of the Danish Young Bar Association. The organization looks at working conditions, salaries, maternity leave and work life balance issues. He explained the legal profession in Denmark. He thanked Chair Goldstein for the invitation to the meeting.

Resolution 115

Urges states and territories to adopt legislation creating pilot programs that enable and encourage medical personnel to report hospital personnel to report hospital events which, if repeated, could threaten patient safety.

Chair, Justin Goldstein moved that the resolution be adopted it was seconded. Brian Miller spoke in opposition of the resolution. Resolution 115 was adopted.

Presentation of the Outstanding Young Lawyer Award Criteria- Justin Goldstein

Chair Goldstein informed the Assembly about the Outstanding Young Lawyers award and stated the deadline is Aug 28, 2008. He stated that one application per affiliate is allowed. Chair Goldstein stated that the selection committee would be making the selection in the Fall in San Diego and the award would be awarded in Boston at Midyear. Chair Goldstein explained the requirements and encouraged affiliates to apply.

Presentation of Uncontested Candidates For YLD Offices

Speaker Smith presented the candidates for YLD elected offices.

Elizabeth Acee, Chair
Kelly-Ann Clarke, Chair Elect
David Wolfe, Secretary-Treasurer
Chauntis Jenkins, Assembly Speaker

Ethan Tidmore, Assembly Clerk
Justin Goldstein, Division Delegate
Ryan Reed, Nominating Committee
Kendyl Hanks, Nominee to Board of Governors

Resolution 11-2

A resolution to Amend § 21.12 of the Bylaws to add a Student Associates category of membership for individuals enrolled in college or university level post secondary educational studies and have an interest in the work of the American Bar Association.

Daniel Van Horn moved the resolution and it was seconded. Eric Koester spoke in opposition of the resolution. The resolution was adopted.

Presentation General Practice, Solo and Small Firm Division – Keith B. McLennan

General Practice, Solo and Small Firm Division, Chair, Keith B. McLennan encouraged members to join the G/P-Solo Division. He explained some of the benefits of the Division and the continued relationship with YLD.

Presentation of Meetings Coordinator

Kendyl Hanks Meetings Coordinator explained the events of this weekend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECESS at 4:08.

Saturday, August 9, 2008 Opening & Introductory Remarks

The Clerk announced that as of the reopening of the Assembly, one hundred eighty-two delegates had been certified and that the quorum for the meeting is ninety-one delegates.

Presentation of the Awards of Achievement

Jaye Rancourt, Incoming YLD Affiliates Director, presented the 2008 ABA YLD Awards of Achievement, standing in for Mr. Ryan Reed, current Affiliates Director and Chief Judge of the Awards Team. Ms. Rancourt recognized Mr. Reed's outstanding involvement in and contributions to the Division.

Ms. Rancourt explained that the Awards of Achievement program identifies and recognizes the outstanding and innovative programming implemented throughout the country by YLD Affiliates. She noted that the awards are presented by category and division, and that only the first place award winners are announced at Assembly. A complete list of first place, second place, special recognition and certificate of performance award winners has been distributed to Assembly delegates and will also be posted on the ABA YLD website (<http://www.abanet.org/yld/aoa.html>).

Ms. Rancourt provided the details of the judging criteria and each award category and division, and then proceeded to announce the award winners. Ms. Rancourt also announced the winner for the Most Outstanding Single Project Service to the Bar Award, the award winner chosen from among all Single Project Service to the Bar applications in recognition of exceptional, unique, and exemplary projects. The award was presented to the State Bar of Georgia Young Lawyers Division for their project titled, *Model Juvenile Code Project*, and was accepted on behalf of Ms. Amy Viera Howell.

Ms. Rancourt expressed delight that this year the judging team received more award applications than the previous year. She made certain to thank the Awards of Achievement judging team.

Presentation of the Outstanding Public Service Project Award

Lee Edmon, ABE President, and I.S. Leevy Johnson, Immediate Past President, from American Bar Endowment presented the award on behalf of the ABE. The ABE's mission is to design insurance for lawyers by lawyers. As a result of the investments of the ABE, each year the organizations makes donations to the American Bar Foundation and the Fund for Justice and Education, which offers substantial support of Division projects. He pointed out how important the members of the Division were as participants in the ABE, whose projects include term life insurance, and other forms of insurance designed for ABA members.

They acknowledged the energy, knowledge and passion of the young lawyers who have given their time and their energies to build a better legal system. He expressed pleasure in presenting the Endowment's Outstanding Public. Safeguarding Our Seniors. The film provides an easy to understand explanation of the three primary forms of elder abuse.

Presentation of Commitment to the Fund for Justice & Education by the Young Lawyers Division Officers

Mr. Goldstein noted that for the fifth consecutive year, 100% of the YLD Council has participated in donating to the ABA Fund for Justice and Education. The Chair noted the importance of the American Bar Endowment's (ABE) commitment to distributing dividends in the Fund for Justice for Education. He encouraged the membership to consider participating in the American Bar Endowment's insurance project.

The Speaker, Ms. Smith, in addition to pretending that the presentation involved a giant check, noted the importance of the ABE and the Fund for Justice and Education and also encouraged the membership to consider supporting the ABE, the Fund, and its activities.

Debate on Resolution 10B

The Resolution urges Congress to examine the "incident to service" exception to the Federal Tort Claims Act created by Supreme Court in *Feres v. United States*, 340 U.S. 135 (1950), provide that only the exceptions specifically provided in the Act limit active duty military members' access to the courts when they are victims of tortuous government conduct, and amend the Act to provide that the exception limiting access for conduct that occurs in combatant activities applies "during time of armed conflict" rather than "during time of war."

Matt Besmer, delegate for Virginia appeared to move the resolution. Mr. Besmer gave the Assembly an insightful overview of the Feres Doctrine and the "incident to service" legal rule and explained why Resolution 10B would address issues perceived to exist in the application of the Federal Tort Claims Act. Mr. Henry Dewoskin from St. Louis, Missouri appeared for purposes of opposing the Resolution. Mr. Dewoskin offered a thoughtful observation on questions the Resolution could raise that the Resolution fails to address in the application and effect of the Resolution.

Special Presentation by Justin Goldstein, Chair of the Young Lawyers Division

The Speaker recognized Mr. Justin Goldstein, Chair, to present the Stars of the Year. He acknowledged his happiness about the opportunity to recognize the individuals who have contributed to the Division in a notable year.

Past Chair, Christina Plum. Mr. Goldstein noted that there were people who chaired the organization but continued, after their time as an officer in the division, to continue to answer the call in the most sensitive and important business of the Division. In particular, Mr. Goldstein noted Ms. Plum's involvement in assessing the relationship between the Center for Children on the Law. He noted her gracious willingness to take on the projects of the Division, including ABA Day and others.

Lynlee Wells Palmer. Mr. Goldstein noted the effort the Division has made in being the springboard for young lawyers to become involved in the greater ABA. As part of that initiative, he appointed Ms. Palmer to take the Division programming and to enhance the quality and substance of the programming at the national conferences. In addition, Ms. Palmer orchestrated the 100% co-sponsorship of the YLD's programming as a way of integrating young lawyers into other areas of the ABA, and a way to publicize the impressive programming the Division has to offer.

Craig Cannon, Disaster Legal Services Coordinator. Mr. Goldstein noted the substantial amounts of time and energy Mr. Cannon dedicated to coordinating the provision of disaster.

Griselda Vega, Summit Coordinator. Diversity Mr. Goldstein described his vision for the Division to serve actively as the national voice of young lawyers and the series of Summits (Young Lawyers Summit, Young Bar Leader Summit, Diversity Summit) that went onward. He noted that her work on the task of creating these new programs for the purpose of emphasizing the Division's role as the national voice for young lawyers.

Daniel McKenna, Public Service Coordinator. Mr. Goldstein noted that the ABA is known as the home of excellence in public service. He noted how important Mr. McKenna's role was in forming relationships with affiliate leaders around the country and ensuring that the public service project is spread nationwide. Mr. McKenna served as the liaison for the Division with the Wills for Heroes Foundation, soliciting requests for implementation of the program. Mr. Goldstein noted that Mr. McKenna came from a position of anonymity to the Young Lawyers Division and stepped in to create a remarkably successful program.

Presentation of the ABA YLD Child Advocacy Award

ABA YLD Past Chair, Christina Plum. Ms. Plum noted the Division's pride in its service to the community. Thirty years ago, the ABA asked the Division to be the sponsoring entity for the Center for Children in the Law, foster care, child placement issues, abuse issues, and adoption issues. In connection with that work, the Division created the Child Advocacy Award in 1990 to acknowledge the work of Division workers

Judge Frank Sullivan appeared to present Steve Hiltz, from Nevada, as the winner of the Child Advocacy Award. Mr. Hiltz has worked for over thirty years representing the children of Clark County. He has served on many bar committees and organizations to address issues in the law applicable to the youth. Mr. Hiltz is a graduate of New York University and St. John's Law School in New York. In addition to serving in the Legal Aid Society of New York for fourteen years, he came west to Las Vegas to serve as the Directing Attorney of the Children. Mr. Hiltz represents abused and neglected children to shepherd them through the legal process, in addition to supervising a staff of seventeen child advocates. Judge Sullivan noted Mr. Hiltz passion for helping to improve the legal representation of youth. Judge Sullivan noted that he was honored to accepted the award on Mr. Hiltz's behalf.

Julia Bahner appeared to present Gloria Bruzzano, member of the National Conferences Team from New York City, as the winner of the Child Advocacy Award. Ms. Bahner noted Ms. Bruzzano's commitment to child advocacy. Ms. Bahner noted many of the glowing recommendations received on Ms. Bruzzano's behalf in support of her receipt of this award. The recommendations acknowledged her passion for and commitment to child advocacy, domestic violence, and other important issues. Ms. Bruzzano served as the Division's representative to the Center for Children in the Law and in many other capacities in helping the division address legal issues for children and victims of domestic violence. Ms. Bahner expressed excitement in recognizing Ms. Bruzzano with this award in her hometown, among her friends and family. Ms. Bruzzano received the award with a great deal of gratitude and emotion, thanking her friends, family, and her significant other. Ms. Bruzzano encouraged all of the members of the Division to volunteer on a pro bono case, through mentoring programs, or to make monetary donations in support of Child Advocacy organizations. She acknowledged many of her current and former clients and the impact they have had in Ms. Bruzzano's life and career.

Presentation by H. Thomas Wells, Jr., ABA President-Elect and Former Chair of the House of Delegates

H. Thomas Wells, Jr., ABA President-Elect and Former Chair of the House of Delegates, appeared. He acknowledged the inspiration to be found. He acknowledged his children, Trey Wells and Lynlee Wells Palmer, and his pride in their work on behalf of the Division and in the Assembly. He described his three primary areas of focus for the coming year. P-E Wells described his desire to see the entire ABA focus on Access to Justice. P-E Wells noted the ABA's commitment to access to justice and the new website being unveiled at www.abavoteinfo.org to assist lawyers in ensuring the rights of voters are upheld in the upcoming elections.

P-E Wells described his commitment to diversity in the legal profession. He noted the need for the profession to address diversity in the profession, continuing the work begun by current President, Mr. William H. Neukom, in asking ABA entities to coordinate their efforts in ensuring an emphasis on diversity in the legal profession. Mr. Wells announced his plan to convene a National Diversity Summit, of the state and local bar organizations and ABA entities to participate in a conversation about how lawyers can emphasize the importance of diversity in their profession and encourage additional diverse members of society to consider joining the profession.

P-E Wells also noted his desire to emphasize a fair and independent judiciary. In speaking with state and local affiliates nationwide, Mr. Wells has heard of a number of threats to judicial independence, from selection issues to the lack of adequate funding by state legislatures. In May the ABA will convene a national summit on fair and independent state courts. He described his plan to involve not only lawyers and judges, but also other members of the public who are impacted by the independence and impartiality of the courts.

Presentation by Stephen N. Zack, ABA Day in Washington

Stephen N. Zack appeared to give a presentation on the success of recently concluded ABA Days, especially the increase in funding for Legal Services Corporation. He made a specially effort to note the obligation of the ABA in continuing to emphasize the importance of funding for Legal Services Corporation. Without access, he noted, there can be a segment of society who cannot access the legal system. Mr. Zack then went on to describe the importance of basic legal and civics education of American high school students. He noted the fact that basic civics courses are not required elements of the high school curriculum in many of the

school systems throughout the country and the need to educate our children and our citizens about the rule of law here, before anywhere else.

Report by Elizabeth Acee, Chair-Elect of the Young Lawyers Division

Elizabeth Acee gave a wonderful presentation to the Assembly. In her presentation, she emphasized the importance of the Division in facilitating public service and member service around the country. She noted the statistics about the current crisis of domestic violence in America. In partnering with the Commission on Domestic Violence, the Division plans to produce a video highlighting the roles young lawyers can play in addressing domestic violence in their community. In addition to the video, the joint project will involve onsite work at each of its conferences and will provide

In addition, the Division plans to hold another project focusing on mentorship. In addition to articles, tips, and other tools for young lawyers in finding mentorship, the project will feature a joint project with National Public Radio's StoryCorps. The partnership will include targeted recordings on mentorship, which will be permanently housed in the Library of Congress. The Division also plans to partner with two ABA YLD Fellows to provide career counseling and programming targeted at conference attendees to give them access to resources related to career decision-making.

Chair-Elect Acee also described the importance of continuing many existing initiatives and programs, including diversity issues, programming, and the 101 and 201 practice series.

She also noted the Division's plan to celebrate its 75th Anniversary throughout the year at its various conferences:

October 2-4, 2008
ABA YLD Fall Conference
San Diego, CA

February 12-14, 2009
ABA YLD Midyear Meeting
Boston, MA

May 14-16, 2009
ABA YLD Spring Conference
with the ABA Law Practice Management Section
New Orleans, LA

July 30 - August 1, 2009
ABA YLD Annual Meeting
Chicago, IL

Special Order of Business – Passing of the Gavel and Chair Goldstein's Closing Remarks and Passing of the Gavel

Chair Goldstein addressed the Assembly as Chair for the final time and noted that it has been his honor and privilege in serving the Division this year, a year when so many individuals contributed to remarkable programs and service. He thanked everyone in attendance, and those not in attendance, for their efforts in public an bar service as well as for their friendship and support in reaching this point.

Dick Bauerman from New Haven, CT (1952-53), Gibson Gale, Houston TX (1959-60), Reese Smith, Tampa FL (1961-62), Carolyn Lamm (1982-83), Barbara Mendel-Mayden from Nashville, TN (1985-86), Walter White, from London England (1989-90), Judy Perry-Martinez, from New Orleans, LA (1990-91), Mark Sessions from San Antonio, TX (1992-93), Christina Plum (2005-06), Jay Ray, from Dallas TX (2006-07), and Chair Goldstein all participated in passing the gavel to the new Chair of the American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division.

Chair Acee made a great effort to emphasize the important and new work that Mr. Goldstein and the Division did during the past year. From a nationally accepted and recognized service project, Wills For Heroes, to a number of service projects to the bar, to the Division and to the community.

Special Presentation from Carolyn Lamm, Past Chair, ABA YLD

Speaker Smith asked Carolyn Lamm, a Past Chair of the ABA YLD and the incoming Chair of the American Bar Association, to address the Assembly after her graciousness in coming to participate in the passing of the gavel. Ms. Lamm asked the Division to

assist with studying the membership of the Association, emphasizing the role of the Division within the larger ABA. She expressed excitement in serving as an advocate for the Division and welcomed the input and effort of the members of the Division.

Presentation on the Upcoming Fall Conference in San Diego, by Seth Levy of Los Angeles, CA (by way of New York, NY)

Mr. Seth Levy expressed his excitement in visiting San Diego to launching the public service project at the YLD Fall Conference. Terrific programming, taking a cue from anatomy of a trial series, would feature the anatomy of an appeal, basics of business law, ethics programming, and constitutional law update by Erwin Chemerinsky, focusing on working with judges in and out of the court. Affiliate programming would be created by the affiliate assistance team. In addition, the Fall Conference would feature a luncheon allowing general counsels from the San Diego area sports industry to share their wisdom. The conference would also feature Council Dinner at the San Diego Zoo. The Dinner Dance will be aboard the USS Midway. Mr. Levy gave a huge thank you to the host committee, led by Matt Butler, for their assistance to pull together a wonderful event.

Presentation by William H. Neukom, ABA President and Past Chair, ABA YLD

Mr. William H. Neukom, ABA President and Past Chair of the ABA YLD, brought the greetings from the rest of the Association. President Neukom thanked the Division for its efforts and programs during the past year. He noted that the Section Officers Conference awarded the Division its best prize for the Wills for Heroes program. He also noted the upcoming presentation to the House of Delegates of Resolution 121, a report by the Board's Long Term Planning Committee on the refocusing of the goals of the American Bar Association. Mr. Neukom previewed the report's four foci for the Association going forward (i) Serving the members of the Association, (ii) to improve the profession, (iii) encouraging diversity in the profession, and (iv) advancing the rule of law, and requested the Division's support of the initiative. Mr. Neukom concluded by giving an update on the World Justice Forum, held in July 2008 in Vienna, Austria, to address issues in the advancement of the rule of law all over the world. The conference has and will result in many tangible outcomes—not merely more words on the subject—by way of example: Town hall meetings in Sierra Leon, roundtables in South Africa, and programs addressing immigrant rights issues in Southeast Asia, among many other initiatives.

Closing Presentations, including Assembly Speaker's Closing Remarks and Passing of Gavel to Incoming Speaker Incoming Assembly Speaker's Remarks

Speaker Smith gave her warmest thanks to the Assembly for having her as Speaker and thanked the example of the past and current chairs. She expressed her excitement for continuing to see the Division evolve.

Adjournment

The Assembly was adjourned at 11:50 am, Eastern Time.