REPORT ON THE ABA MIDYEAR MEETING

The 76th Midyear Meeting of the American Bar Association (the “ABA” or the “Association”) was held February 10, 2014, at the Hyatt Regency Chicago Hotel, in Chicago, Illinois. Wide varieties of programs were sponsored by committees, sections, divisions, and affiliated organizations. The House of Delegates met for one day. The Nominating Committee also met.

The Nominating Committee sponsored a “Meet the Candidates” Forum on Sunday, February 9, 2014. Linda A. Klein of Georgia, candidate for President-Elect, seeking nomination at the 2015 Midyear Meeting, gave a speech to the Nominating Committee and to the members of the Association present.

THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES

The House of Delegates of the American Bar Association (the “House”) met on Monday, February 10, 2014. Robert M. Carlson of Montana presided as Chair of the House. The Chicago Fire Department Honor Guard presented the colors. The invocation for the House was delivered by Maury B. Poscover of Missouri. The Chair of the House Committee on Credentials and Admissions, Reginald M. Turner, Jr. of Michigan, welcomed the new members of the House and moved that the signed roster be approved as the permanent roster for this meeting of the House. The motion was approved.

Chair Carlson welcomed new members of the House and recognized all those lawyers who had served in the House of Delegates for more than 25 years.

Deceased members of the House were named and remembered by a moment of silence. Chair Carlson recognized Alice E. Richmond of Massachusetts to speak in honor of John “Jack” Curtin, Jr. of Massachusetts, former ABA President.

Hilarie Bass of Florida, Chair of the Committee on Rules and Calendar, provided a report on the Final Calendar for the House. She moved to adopt the final calendar and approve Mark Leopold who sought privileges of the floor to speak regarding Resolution 102A. Both motions were approved. Ms. Bass noted that the deadline for submission
of Resolutions with Reports for the 2014 Annual Meeting is Tuesday, May 6, 2014, while the deadline for Informational Reports is Friday, June 6, 2014. She also referred to the consent calendar, noting the deadline for removing an item from the consent calendar. Ms. Bass also reminded the House of the process for removing items from Report 400 regarding the archiving of policies and that 32 policies were identified as appropriate for archiving. Later that day, Ms. Bass moved the items remaining on the consent calendar. The motion was approved.

For more details of the House meeting, see the following two-part report of the House session. The first part of the report provides a synopsis of the speeches and reports made to the House. The second part provides a summary of the action on the resolutions presented to the House.

I. SPEECHES AND REPORTS MADE TO THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Naturalization Ceremony

Robert M. Carlson, Chair of the House, informed the Delegates that instead of the traditional welcome from one of the Chicago area leaders, the House would be welcomed by a group of people who were becoming United States citizens today and that the House would have the privilege of being the first to welcome them as new citizens of the United States. He advised the Delegates that it was appropriate to have such a ceremony in the House because the ABA, through policy set by the House, has taken the lead over the years on issues related to immigration. It was also timely because immigration is one of ABA President Silkenat’s initiatives.

Chair Carlson noted that immigration is an issue that touches us all and that the history of this country has been a celebration of welcoming immigrants to join us in this continuing experiment of democracy, freedom and the rule of law. He stated that the people becoming citizens are about to take a major step in their lives – the culmination to years of sacrifice, hard work, commitment and dedication to the civic principles that form the basis for this country.

Chair Carlson welcomed and thanked the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services for its partnership in arranging for a Naturalization Ceremony at the commencement of the House’s proceedings. Twenty four individuals from nineteen countries became United States citizens in the presence of the House. Rose Cavazos of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services served as master of ceremonies. Gladys Lugo, Courtroom Deputy of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois opened a special court session for purposes of the ceremony. District Judge Marvin E. Aspen presided over the Court session. Nicole S. Flores, Associate Counsel for U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, moved for admission of the applicant for citizenship. The motion was granted by the Court. Judge Aspen then noted the role lawyers have played in protecting and advancing the rights of citizens. Judge Aspen then administered the oath of citizenship and declared each of them citizens of the United States. The House welcomed the new citizens with a standing ovation. Chair Carlson led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Court was then adjourned. The new citizens were welcomed by a video message from United States President Barack Obama. ABA President James Silkenat then addressed the House in
keynote remarks. President Silkenat took special note of the unique and vital role immigrants have played in America’s life. He identified fairness and due process as hallmarks of America and observed that it was particularly apt that the ceremony was witnessed by lawyers and judges from across America. Each new citizen was then presented with a citizenship certificate by Judge Aspen and congratulated by Lori A. Pietropoli, District Director for U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, President Silkenat and Chair Carlson. Ms. Cavazos thanked the participants and concluded the ceremony.

After the naturalization ceremony, Chair Carlson cataloged the nationalities of those seeking citizenship and thanked them for allowing the House to join in the ceremony. He thanked Judge Marvin Aspen and his staff and Rose Cavazos and her staff at U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services for their assistance and participation in the ceremony.

Statement by the Chair of the House

Robert M. Carlson of Montana, Chair of the House, welcomed those present to the 76th Midyear Meeting of the House of Delegates. He thanked the ABA Communications and Media Relations Division for continuing to inform ABA members, the legal community and the general public about developments in the House of Delegates. He recognized and thanked members of the various House Committees. He recognized the Committee on Rules and Calendar and reminded members where they could find the House Rules of Procedure. He introduced the Tellers Committee and reviewed procedures for speaking. He announced that key speeches and debates would be publicized and that the House Committee on Technology and Communications would be reporting on the proceedings of the House via Twitter @ABAhod.

Chair Carlson announced that an election for one member of the Committee on Scope and Correlation of Work would occur at the 2014 Annual Meeting. The position would be for a five-year term. He encouraged those interested in the position to contact members of the Scope Nominating Committee and submit an application by March 14, 2014. Chair Carlson also announced that President-Elect William Hubbard of South Carolina would be seeking nominations for appointments through February 28, 2014.

Chair Carlson reminded Delegates of the ABA Legal Opportunity Scholarship Fund and encouraged them to consider donating to this fund which to date has provided scholarships to 200 minority law students from around the country. He encouraged Delegates also to contribute to the Fund for Justice and Education (FJE) and that they encourage their constituents to contribute as well.

Chair Carlson voiced his support for Law Day 2014 and announced that its theme would be “American Democracy and the Rule of Law: Why Every Vote Matters”; he then directed the Delegates to review materials distributed to them at their tables.

Chair Carlson informed the Delegates that complimentary copies of the Judges’ Journal were placed at each Delegate’s seat and commended the articles in the journal to them.
Chair Carlson highlighted the upcoming ABA celebration of the 800th anniversary of the sealing of the Magna Carta to be held in June, 2015 and announced that pre-registration for the event is open.

Chair Carlson advised the Delegates that the ABA Commission on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) has published a Best Practices Guide on Promoting LGBT Diversity and Inclusion and that copies of the guide were available on the publication table in the House.

Statement by the Secretary

Hon. Cara Lee T. Neville of Minnesota, Secretary of the Association, moved approval of the House of Delegates Summary of Action from the 2013 Annual Meeting, which was approved by the House. Judge Neville then listed those House members who had died since the 2013 Annual Meeting, who were honored with a moment of silence. On behalf of the Board of Governors, Secretary Neville presented and referred to the House Report Nos. 177, 177A and 177B, the Board’s Informational, Transmittal and Legislative Priorities reports.

Statement by the ABA President

In his remarks to the House, President James R. Silkenat of New York, thanked the Delegates for braving the cold and coming to Chicago. He then touched on three major sets of issues.

He discussed the Association’s efforts in resolving America’s “access to justice paradox:” the unmet legal needs of America’s poor and middle classes and the shrinking job opportunities that young lawyers face today. He detailed the efforts the ABA’s Legal Access Job Corps has undertaken to address this paradox in low income and rural areas in order to alleviate the pressure to deliver more legal services to those underserved. He cataloged positive steps in Iowa, New York, South Dakota, Utah, Nebraska, Vermont and California. President Silkenat was careful to note that these efforts were designed to complement and not undercut traditional pro bono legal services.

President Silkenat went on to note the Association’s commitment to address inequalities and irregularities involving voting rights and linked these efforts to the theme for ABA Law Day. He encouraged the House to undertake steps in support of Law Day 2014: American Democracy and the Rule of Law: Why Every Vote Matters.

President Silkenat next addressed the issue of gun violence and lamented the lack of effective action undertaken by Congress in the wake of the Newtown disaster. After noting that this record was unacceptable, President Silkenat insisted that the Association play a key role in developing a national conversation on gun violence so that lawyers can help educate and inform the public and the Congress on this extremely important issue.
Statement by the Treasurer

The Treasurer, Lucian T. Pera of Tennessee, addressed the House and supplemented his electronically transmitted report to the Delegates.

He stated that the finances of the ABA are sound and pointed out several important areas of financial improvement during the last fiscal year. He noted the Association’s $39.4 million net asset increase during FY2013 largely due to strong performance by investments and a decrease in pension liability. He also noted the ABA’s low debt levels.

Mr. Pera nonetheless noted that, while the ABA’s balance sheet is strong, it still faces significant operational financial issues. Specifically, he outlined that a deficit of approximately $28.3 million over the next three years is projected if programming and operations were kept at roughly existing levels.

Mr. Pera reported that the FY2013 audit has been completed by our auditors, Grant Thornton, and the Association received a clean, unqualified opinion. Only one change to the financial reports concerning depreciation expense on the ABA’s prior lease in Washington, D.C. was needed.

With regard to FY2013 results, Mr. Pera remarked that the ABA enjoyed approximately $206 million in revenue for FY 2013. Income exceeded budget and expenses were modestly under budget. He also noted a continuing decline in dues revenue as well a modest increase in non-dues revenue.

As to the ABA’s cash position, Mr. Pera noted that the annual “cash crunch” caused a combination of short-term borrowing and liquidation of investments in FY2013, but, although authorized, the need to use that authority may be avoided in FY2014.

The Association’s investments have grown by approximately $23.3 million to $305.8 million in the first quarter of FY2014. This represents an 8.2% increase.

Mr. Pera noted with approval that the ABA’s unfunded pension liability dropped by approximately $17.5 million as the end of FY2013, chiefly because of a recent rise in interest rates.

Finally, Mr. Pera praised former Chief Financial Officer Larry Gill and congratulated him for his promotion to Chief Revenue Officer and Deputy Executive Director. Mr. Pera also congratulated Comptroller Jerry Kiska, who has been promoted to Deputy Chief Financial Officer. Finally, Mr. Pera introduced the Association’s new Chief Financial Officer, William “Bill” Phelan, and commended him for his initial work for the Association.

Statement by the Executive Director

Jack L. Rives of Illinois, Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer of the American Bar Association, addressed the House. He reflected on the challenges presented by declining dues revenue. Mr. Rives advised that reducing expenses has been a major management priority for the past several years. He highlighted millions of
dollars of savings that have been achieved through large and small cost-cutting measures and efficiencies, including a new review process for the use of consultants that saved almost $2 million in FY2013, its first year of use.

Mr. Rives updated the House on ABA Action! progress since the 2013 Annual Meeting. He recently completed a staff reorganization to work ABAction! issues more effectively. He stressed that ABAction! initiatives permeate all areas of staff work for the Association.

One of the ABA Action! focal points involves law student recruitment. Mr. Rives noted that the ABA now has representatives at 182 law schools, an increase of 30 schools over the past year. There has been an increase of 38% in law student membership over last year, and despite a decrease of 11% in first year class size since the prior year, the ABA achieved a 25% increase in market share penetration among first year law students.

Mr. Rives highlighted some superb publication successes, including an increase of over 20% in ABA Journal advertising revenue year over year, to almost $1 million for the first four months of this fiscal year.

ABA Advantage has improved with an expanded program of affinity relationships for Association members. Mr. Rives singled out the Ricoh and Mercedes Benz programs as leading the way for increased non-dues revenue for the Association.

Mr. Rives observed that the ABA Academy will provide offerings in core practice areas through the “ABA Essentials” program and “Minding Your Business,” which focuses on the business of law. Mr. Rives stated that more than one-third of sections and divisions are now collaborating on CLE through the ABA Academy.

Mr. Rives concluded by noting that he and the entire ABA Staff are eager to take on the challenges facing the Association, and that they will work with members and volunteer leaders to seize the opportunities and secure our future.

Remarks on the Task Force on the Future of Legal Education

Justice Randall T. Shepard, Chair of the Task Force on the Future of Legal Education made a presentation to the House that summarized that group’s January 2014 report. The Task Force concentrated its focus on rising tuition costs and the use of scholarships. Over the past several years, financial aid approaches have changed significantly such that a need-based system has been largely abandoned in favor of aid chiefly based upon an applicant’s GPA and LSAT score. This phenomenon has the effect of making a law school seem more competitive, and, in turn, raises its position in national polls.

The Task Force also found that only 56% of recent law school graduates achieve full-time employment as an attorney within twelve months of graduation. Over the last five years, applicants to law schools have declined by roughly 50% from approximately 100,000 to approximately 50,000 per year.
The Task Force has called upon a re-engineering of the financial aid regime to help a broader range of applicants absorb the costs of a law school education.

The Task Force also recommended adjustment of the accreditation system to widen the potential audience of applicants by eliminating some requirements which have the effect of increasing costs without conferring commensurate benefits.

Dean Jay Conison, the Reporter of the Task Force, encouraged feedback as well as commitments to discuss and implement the report of the Task Force.

**Remarks on the “State of the State Courts”**

The Honorable Michael G. Heavican, President of the Conference of Chief Justices ("CCJ"), advised the House on the status of the state court systems in the face of budgetary pressures and the ever-increasing incidence of self-representation. Chief Justice Heavican noted that state courts handle over 100 million cases a year which is in excess of 95% of the litigation in the United States. He urged transparency and adequate financing to insure that this mammoth caseload is efficiently adjudicated. He praised coordination between the Bench and the Bar, such as the successful effort in South Dakota’s rejection of the “Jail for Judges” proposal. Chief Justice Heavican singled out steps by Past Presidents Stephen N. Zack and Wm. T. Robinson III to facilitate improvements in the administration of justice as helpful examples of how the Bench and Bar can work together. Joint meetings are slated between ABA entities and the CCJ in Louisville, Philadelphia and St. Louis.

Chief Justice Heavican noted that not all courts have recovered from the recent Great Recession and the budget challenges. He then announced that a new joint committee of lawyers, chief justices and business leaders has been formed to speed the processing of civil case loads with new models based on the various state courts’ best practices.

Chief Justice Heavican concluded by encouraging future collaboration between the CCJ and the ABA.

**Report of the Nominating Committee**

The Nominating Committee met on Sunday, February 9, 2014. On behalf of the committee, Beverly J. Quail of Colorado, Chair of the Steering Committee of the Nominating Committee, reported on the following nominations for the terms indicated:

**Members of the Board of Governors for the 2014-2017 Term**

**District Members**

**District 1:** Wendell G. Large of Maine

**District 2:** Alice A. Bruno of Connecticut

**District 4:** Herbert B. Dixon, Jr. of the District of Columbia

**District 6:** David F. Bienvenu of Louisiana

**District 12:** Harry Truman Moore of Arkansas
Section Members-at-Large

Section of Intellectual Property Law
Donald R. Dunner of the District of Columbia

Section of Litigation
William R. Bay of Missouri

Minority Member-at-Large
Ruthe C. Ashley of California

Woman Member-at-Large
Pamela A. Bresnahan of Maryland

Young Lawyer Member-at-Large
Min K. Cho of Florida

Officers of the Association

Chair of the House of Delegates for 2014-2016 term
Patricia Lee Refo of Arizona

President-Elect for 2014-2015
Paulette Brown of New Jersey

Remarks by President-Elect Nominee

In her remarks to the House, Paulette Brown of New Jersey, President-Elect Nominee, thanked the Nominating Committee for its support of her nomination. She also singled out her law firm, Edwards Wildman Palmer, for its support for her candidacy and its commitment to full-firm ABA membership.

Ms. Brown thanked the Law Student Division and the Young Lawyers Division for their support. She also made special mention of the more seasoned lawyers and their help.

Ms. Brown noted that the Association can build on its success and do even better through collaboration, working together, widening our net of inclusiveness and having diversity of opinion and thought.

Ms. Brown committed to continuing the important initiatives of President Silkenat and President-Elect Hubbard regarding legal education and the lack of sufficient employment opportunities for graduating law students.

Ms. Brown acknowledged the honor bestowed upon her brought with it the added responsibility to do one’s very best. She emphasized that she believes in the ABA fundamentally and looked forward to working with all of the Delegates as she prepares to execute her plans as President.
II. RESOLUTIONS VOTED ON BY THE HOUSE

A brief summary of the action taken on resolutions brought before the House follows. The resolutions are categorized by topic areas and the number of the resolution is noted in brackets.

ARCHIVING

[400] The House approved on consent Revised Resolution 400 recommending that certain Association policies that pertain to public issues that were adopted through 1990 be archived. Hilarie Bass of Florida, noted that Resolution 400 was revised wherein Resolution 119 from August 1981 was reactivated and Item Nos. 259, 260, 262, 263 and 346 were removed from the list of policies to be archived and will remain active policies of the Association.

BUSINESS LAW

[102A] On behalf of the Section of Business Law, Maury B. Poscover of Missouri moved Resolution 102A urging governmental bodies to engage in actions designed to reduce unnecessary tension, expense and litigation, and to foster inter-court, inter and intra-agency, and inter-party cooperation and coordination in cases where parallel actions or proceedings arise under both (i) bankruptcy or insolvency law and (ii) asset forfeiture or analogous regulatory enforcement law. The resolution was approved.

[102B] On behalf of the Section of Business Law, William D. Johnston of Delaware moved Revised Resolution 102B adopting the black letter Model Principles of the ABA Model Business and Supplier Policies on Labor Trafficking and Child Labor, dated February 2014, and urging businesses to adopt and implement their own business and supplier policies on labor trafficking and child labor that are consistent with the Model Principles of the ABA Model. E. Christopher Johnson of Michigan, Laurel G. Bellows of Illinois and Jimmy Goodman of Oklahoma spoke in support of the resolution. The resolution was approved as revised. See video of remarks.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

[103A] On behalf of the Criminal Justice Section, Neal R. Sonnett of Florida moved Resolution 103A urging governments to ensure that juveniles are provided effective appellate representation and have access to appeals consistent with state statutes and/or state constitutional provisions. The resolution was approved.

[103B] On behalf of the Criminal Justice Section, Stephen A. Saltzburg of the District of Columbia moved Resolution 103B urging state governments to apply generally applicable administrative procedure acts’ notice-and-comment rule-making provisions to regulations governing correctional facilities and officers. The resolution was approved.
HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY

[107] On behalf of the Commission on Homelessness and Poverty, Antonia Fasanelli of Maryland moved Resolution 107 urging governments to promote the human right to adequate food and nutrition for all through increased funding, development and implementation of strategies to prevent infringement of that right. Robert L. Weinberg of the District of Columbia spoke in support of the resolution. The resolution was approved.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW

[108A] On behalf of the Section of Intellectual Property Law, Susan B. Montgomery of Massachusetts withdrew Resolution 108A opposing the proposed “Innovation Act” of the 113th Congress (H.R. 3309) or other similar legislation that would circumvent the judicial rulemaking process set forth in the Federal Rules Enabling Act (28 U.S.C. §§ 2071 – 2077). This Resolution was withdrawn because Congress acted earlier than anticipated so the section submitted its comments through blanket authority.

[108B] On behalf of the Section of Intellectual Property Law, Susan B. Montgomery of Massachusetts withdrew Resolution 108B opposing a mandatory award of attorney fees to the prevailing party in a civil action arising under the patent laws of the United States and supporting the discretionary authority of federal district courts to award attorney fees to the prevailing party in a patent case in circumstances that are less restrictive than those currently required by judicial precedent. This Resolution was withdrawn because Congress acted earlier than anticipated so the section submitted its comments through blanket authority. This Resolution was withdrawn because Congress acted earlier than anticipated so the section submitted its comments through blanket authority.

[108C] On behalf of the Section of Intellectual Property Law, Susan B. Montgomery of Massachusetts withdrew Resolution 108C supporting amendment of patent law to reduce the estoppel effect of an adverse ruling to a challenge to a patent in a Patent Office administrative proceeding and opposing changing the standard for construing claims in two types of Patent Office administrative proceedings. This Resolution was withdrawn because Congress acted earlier than anticipated so the section submitted its comments through blanket authority.

INTERNATIONAL LAW

[105] On behalf of the Section of International Law, Glenn P. Hendrix of Georgia withdrew Resolution 105 supporting modernization and simplification of the requirements and procedures related to verification of signatures in cross-border contexts. This Resolution was withdrawn in order to allow additional input from other ABA entities.

JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE

[106] On behalf of the Standing Committee on Judicial Independence, Peter Bennett of Maine moved Resolution 106 encouraging governments to adequately fund judicial
system security protocols and urging courts to create and review judicial system security protocols so that they may effectively communicate their needs to policymakers and appropriators. Dwight L. Smith of Oklahoma spoke in support of the resolution. The resolution was approved.

**LAW AND AGING**

[110] On behalf of the Senior Lawyers Division, Albert C. Harvey of Tennessee moved Resolution 110 urging Congress to enact the Improving Access to Medicare Coverage Act of 2013 (H.R. 1179) (S. 569), or similar legislation, that deems an individual receiving outpatient observation care services in a hospital to be an inpatient with respect to satisfying the three-day inpatient hospital stay requirement for Medicare coverage of a post-hospitalization stay in a skilled nursing facility. David M. English of Missouri spoke in support of the resolution. The resolution was approved.

**MEMBERSHIP DUES**

[177C] On behalf of the Board of Governors, Treasurer Lucian T. Pera of Tennessee moved Resolution 177C recommending that membership dues be increased effective with Fiscal Year 2014-2015 and further recommending that in each of the fiscal years 2016, 2017 and 2018, the dues levels of each of the categories affected shall be increased by an amount equal to the Cost of Living Increase, as the Board of Governors in its discretion may determine annually, subject to approval by the House. Joseph D. O’Connor of Indiana and Daniel W. Van Horn of Tennessee spoke in support of the resolution. The resolution was approved.

**MILITARY LAW**

[10A] On behalf of the Bar Association of San Francisco, Mark I. Schickman of California withdrew Resolution 10A urging Congress to enact legislation that creates and adequately funds alternative avenues of redress for victims of unwanted sexual contact in the military. The Resolution was withdrawn because of the passage of recently enacted federal legislation that had rendered portions of the Resolution moot.

**PARALEGAL EDUCATION**

[101] The House approved on consent Resolution 101 as submitted by the Standing Committee on Paralegals granting approval and re-approval to several paralegal education programs, withdrawing the approval of one program at the request of the institution, and extending the term of approval to several paralegal education programs.

**SPECIALIZATION**

[104] The House approved on consent Resolution 104 as submitted by the Standing Committee on Specialization reaccrediting the Criminal Trial Advocacy and Family Law Trial Advocacy programs of the National Board of Trial Advocacy as designated
specialty certification programs for lawyers for an additional five-year term, and extending the period of accreditation of the Child Welfare Law program of the National Association of Counsel for Children until August 2014.

UNIFORM ACTS

[100] The House approved on consent Resolution 100 as submitted by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws approving the Uniform Powers of Appointment Act, promulgated by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, as an appropriate Act for those states desiring to adopt the specific substantive law suggested herein.

YOUTH AT RISK

[109A] On behalf of the Commission on Youth at Risk, Vanessa P. Williams of Michigan moved Resolution 109A urging governments to enact and implement legislation and policies which prohibit youth from transitioning from foster care to a status of homelessness, or where a former foster youth will lack a permanent connection to a supportive adult. The resolution was approved.

[109B] On behalf of the Commission on Youth at Risk, Vanessa P. Williams of Michigan moved Revised Resolution 109B urging the development and adoption of trauma-informed, evidence-based approaches and practices on behalf of justice system-involved children and youth who have been exposed to violence, including victims of child abuse and neglect or other crimes and those subject to delinquency or status offense proceedings. The resolution was approved as revised.

Closing Business

At the conclusion of the meeting of the House and after various expressions of thanks and recognitions, the Massachusetts delegation was recognized to make a presentation to the Delegates regarding the 2014 Annual Meeting in Boston.

Alan Olson of Iowa moved a resolution in appreciation of the Chicago Bar Association and Special Advisors for their efforts in hosting the meeting. The motion was approved.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Chair Carlson thanked the Delegates for their attention during the deliberations of the House as well as for the courtesies extended to the House Committees and staff.

Chair Robert M. Carlson recognized Hilarie Bass of Florida who then moved that the House adjourn sine die. The motion was approved.