MEMORANDUM

TO:                        
FROM: Select Committee
SUBJECT: 2020 Virtual Annual Meeting of the American Bar Association and Meeting of the House of Delegates
DATE: September 3, 2020

REPORT ON THE ABA VIRTUAL ANNUAL MEETING

The 143rd and first ever Virtual Annual Meeting of the American Bar Association (the “ABA” or the “Association”) was held August 3-4, 2020. A wide variety of programs were sponsored by committees, sections, divisions, forums and affiliated organizations. The House of Delegates met virtually for one and a half days. The Meeting of the Membership was held, and the Nominating Committee also met virtually.

The Nominating Committee hosted a Candidates Forum on Saturday, August 1, 2020. The candidate for President-Elect for the 2021-2022 term, Deborah Enix-Ross of New York, seeking nomination at the 2021 Midyear Meeting, gave remarks to the Nominating Committee and to the members of the Association.

THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES


A historical recording of the invocation and brief remarks were given by recently departed Congressman John Lewis. The Chair of the House Committee on Credentials and Admissions, Eileen M. Letts of Illinois, welcomed the new members of the House and moved that the electronic roster be approved as the permanent roster for this meeting of the House. The motion was approved.

Christina Plum of Wisconsin, Chair of the Committee on Rules and Calendar, provided a report on the Final and Consent Calendars for the House. She stated that all supplemental materials for the House were sent electronically and posted on the House’s webpage. She moved to adopt the final and consent calendars and also to approve the list of individuals who sought privileges of the floor. Ms. Plum also proposed a special rule which provided that if no salmon slips were filed in opposition to a resolution, the number of speakers on such resolutions would be limited to no more than three speakers. All motions were approved. Ms. Plum noted that the deadline for submission of Resolutions with Reports for the 2021 Midyear Meeting is Wednesday, November 18, 2020, while the deadline for Informational Reports is Friday, December 4, 2020.
Ms. Plum reminded the House of the treatment of Reports 400A and 400B regarding the archiving of policies.

Ms. Plum noted that in an effort to streamline ceremonial activities in the House, while continuing to respect and acknowledge deceased members of the House, the practice for memorials during the meeting of the House will be to acknowledge photos and observe a moment of silence for former members of the House.

Secretary Mary L. Smith of Illinois moved that the proposed Summary of Action for the House for the 2020 Austin Midyear Meeting be adopted as the official record of the House. The motion was approved. Secretary Smith moved that the House adopt the recommendations for the continuation of certain special committees and commissions (Report 177A). The motion was approved. Secretary Smith noted the submission of Report No. 177, the Board of Governors Informational Report.

Deceased members of the House were named and remembered by a moment of silence.

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

Statement by the Chair of the House of Delegates

William R. Bay of Missouri, Chair of the House of Delegates, welcomed the delegates to the House and thanked the ABA Media Relations & Strategic Communications for informing ABA members, the legal community, and the general public about developments in the House.

Before moving forward with his remarks, Chair Bay conducted several test votes to ensure the proper functioning of the voting tool. In his statement to the House, Chair Bay discussed the procedure for addressing the business of the House and reminded members that the House Rules of Procedure could be found on page 47 of the Association’s Constitution and Bylaws. He recognized and thanked members of the various House Committees. Chair Bay also recognized the Committee on Rules and Calendar, chaired by Christina Plum of Wisconsin, which also includes members Roula Allouch of Kentucky, Aurora Austriaco of Illinois, William D. Johnston of Delaware, and Tommy D. Preston, Jr. of South Carolina.

Statement by the ABA President

President Judy Perry Martinez expressed her appreciation and love for her husband and their children, as well as her colleagues at Simon, Peragine, Smith & Redfarne LLP. She also noted that ABA work is not possible without the dedication of our staff, led by Jack Rives.
We miss gathering in person, but far worse are the economic and health setbacks, pain and suffering that many have experienced as a result of COVID-19. Our organizations and institutions cannot do what needs to be done without the support and involvement of each and every one of us. In the words of the ABA’s recent report on women lawyers of color, we must ensure that nobody gets left out or gets left behind as they pursue a career of service in the law. Only our dedication to a truly diverse and inclusive legal profession will enable us to achieve equal justice and liberty for all.

The ABA’s Coordinating Group on Practice Forward is harnessing experts from across the Association and beyond to address emerging practice needs of lawyers across practice settings. Many of our members are struggling in their practices and they, along with law students and law graduates, are owed our support and assistance as we all move through and beyond these difficult times.

We must pledge that another day will not go by without raising our voices to ensure that the legal system is more just than it was the day before. It is our responsibility to fight injustice, especially injustice caused by laws and practices that are racist or unjust in words or effect. It is our responsibility to fight injustice when police inflict disproportionate force against Black men and women. When the rule of law and human rights are threatened, whether domestically or on the other side of the globe, when leaders stoke hate and fear and their targets suffer, when peaceful protesters are met with violence, when government leaders abuse their power, act illegally or do what may be technically legal yet not what our country stands for, it is our responsibility to defend what our democracy is all about.

We lawyers need to give full throated support to the rule of law and serve as coworkers, volunteers, poll watchers, and community champions of the right for all to vote freely and fairly. In 1866, Francis Ellen Watkins Harper said “We are all bound up together in one great bundle of humanity” at the National Women’s Rights Convention in New York City. And society, she continued, “cannot trample on the weakest and feeblest of its members without receiving the curse in its own soul.” These themes ring true for the soul of America today. The soul of America will be freed of its curse because of what the ABA and lawyers across America stand for.

We believe in dignity. We believe that every person in our country is afforded constitutional rights. We do what we do because justice matters. And our children’s children will be told the truth of our time, that it was the lawyers who held tight to the principal that we are all created equal, endowed with certain inalienable rights, and that among these are life, liberty and pursuit of happiness.

Statement by the Executive Director

Chair Bay reminded delegates that they received a link to the report of Executive Director Jack L. Rives of Illinois and that they should take the opportunity to view it.

Executive Director Rives talked about how the Association and profession must adapt. The changes we thought would occur over the next five to ten years are happening now, forcing dramatic changes over a short period of time. Executive Director Rives talked about the
Executive Director Rives is optimistic because the Association was prepared. The Association had business continuity plans in place and transitioned to a virtual workplace relatively seamlessly. All of a sudden, what we thought would be ABA next, has become ABA now. By the time stay-at-home orders were issued, the Association had already implemented its continuity and work from home plans.

A few of the core essential staff members talked about how they protected everything from the Association’s servers to the plants that staff had left in their offices. The Association deployed laptops and VPNs to staff who were now working remotely. IT was fielding 200-250 inquiries a day at their peak, and were able to provide support to ensure that Association operations continued with minimal interruptions.

Executive Director Rives’ report also talked about how the Association responded to the necessary cancellation of numerous ABA meetings, and the expertise they developed on *force majeure* clauses. Despite hundreds of meetings cancelled or rescheduled, no cancellation fees were incurred. This has resulted in a savings of over $5,300,000. Meetings and Travel is now using the information and knowledge gained to inform the contracts they craft and enter relating to future meetings.

Executive Director Rives talked about the value proposition and the move to a sensible dues structure. There are now only five price points for membership, as well as quite a few new and added benefits of membership. The CLE marketplace has more than 600 courses available to members for free.

This experience has shown that we are able to rise to the challenge. The Board of Governors met via Zoom and had a very productive meeting. When the pandemic closed Congressional offices, ABA Day shifted to an all-online “ABA Day Digital.” A lot of those meetings took place via Zoom, Microsoft Teams, or Google Hangouts. Over 15,000 people engaged in the event through Twitter.

The Antitrust Section pivoted to a virtual meeting. It usually has 3400 attendees, but in a virtual context, it attracted 19,000 attendees. It is viewed as an investment in the Section and the Association. The commitment from the staff and volunteer leaders ensures we show the world what we have in terms of advocating for the rule of law and member benefits.

To date, we have achieved 95% of our target for total dues paying members and 232% of our goal for new dues paying members. Dues revenue is at 92% of the target. Of the lawyer members, almost all now pay dues. We now deliver value to those dues paying members in order to achieve the goals of our association – serve our members, improve our profession, eliminate bias and enhance diversity, and promote the rule of law here and overseas.

**SCOPE Nominating Committee**

W. Andrew Gowder, Jr., Chair of the Committee on Scope and Correlation of Work (“SCOPE”), nominated Amy Lin Meyerson of Connecticut to serve on the Committee for a five-
year term, beginning at the conclusion of the 2020 Annual Meeting. The motion was approved. Later that day, the House elected Ms. Meyerson to serve on SCOPE.

**Passing of the President’s Gavel and Statement by President-Elect**

ABA President Judy Perry Martinez introduced President-Elect Trish Refo. President-Elect Refo may be best known for her service as Past Chair of the Section of Litigation. However, she has led many ABA efforts, including ABA Day and the Standing Committee on Membership. President Martinez passed the gavel with warmth and hope to President-Elect Refo.

The Honorable Mary Schroeder of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit administered the oath of office to President-Elect Refo. The oath was administered in front of the home built by Justice Sandra Day O’Connor and where she lived when she was appointed as the first woman justice of the United States Supreme Court.

President Refo explained that we meet at a moment of great challenge for our nation. The pandemic has upended our communities and our lives and we are suffering an unimaginable loss of life. We grieve for the family and loved ones of those whom we have lost.

We are facing and will continue to face a tsunami of legal issues that arise from this pandemic. At the same time, the cries for racial equity and an end to systemic racism reverberate on our streets and in our souls. As stewards of the American judicial system, we have to own the shortcomings throughout that system that disadvantage Black Americans and create barriers to them. We also have to own the barriers in our own profession that still exist and make it vastly harder for Black lawyers to thrive and for Black women lawyers in particular.

We are the largest voluntary association of lawyers in the world, and we have work to do. We will continue our work to lead the legal profession and the justice system through this pandemic. To say that it has been a time of change for our profession is a huge understatement.

President Refo has been practicing from home for the last five months. With all of this change and disruption comes real opportunity, and that is where we are focused. The Practice Forward initiative is harnessing the power of the Association and its entities to help America’s lawyers navigate this new environment and thrive. Chaired by Bill Bay and Laura Farber, it is coordinating our work across the Association to respond to changes in the practice of law.

At the same time, the ABA will continue our commitment to addressing the staggering legal needs arising out of this pandemic. Jim Sandman has agreed to Chair the Task Force on Legal Needs Arising Out of the Pandemic will be focused on these efforts.

We will also intensify our work on racial equity and anti-racism. Our Center for Diversity and Inclusion will continue to lead and partner on critical efforts to eliminate racism, bias, and discrimination in all its forms and to enhance diversity, equity, and inclusion in our Association, in the profession, and in our justice system. President Refo has asked each entity within the Association to move racial equity and anti-racism to the top of their agendas for the
coming year and new initiatives will be announced soon.

As we advance the cause of justice, we will also watch regulatory changes in several states intended to improve access to justice. There are differing views on these experiments, and so we are going to help study the actual results. The ABA will work with the academy and the regulators to agree on measures and metrics that will tell us whether and how these innovations are bridging the access to justice gap.

We stand for a judiciary that is fair, impartial, and independent of every administration. We stand for the equal treatment of every person by the police and our justice system. We stand for the rule of law in which citizens and the government are held to account and where the laws are administered fairly and without regard to privilege. And we stand for free and fair elections where eligible citizens get to vote without impediments and have their votes counted. We will stand for all of these values at home and around the world. If President Refo can help anywhere in the world to advance the rule of law and the cause of justice, she will be there. She will stand anywhere for the values we believe in.

President Refo closed by recognizing President Martinez for her leadership, grace, untiring dedication, and laser-focused vision. We are better as individuals and as an Association for her amazing leadership. President Refo thanked her husband, Don, her son, Andrew, and her family and friends for their love, support, and example of dedication to duty. President Refo also recognized her colleagues at Snell and Wilmer and the firm chair, as well as the late John Bouma, whose example of professionalism, service to the bar and to the community will always be her north star.

Statement by the Treasurer

ABA Treasurer Michelle A. Behnke of Wisconsin covered three items: the year to date results, the trends she’s seen, and the FY 2021 budget.

Revenue was down significantly. Expenses were managed down significantly. Despite that management, we are running a deficit. Consolidated revenue through May was $135 million. That was almost $30 million less than budget. Much of it is attributable to lower dues revenue, meeting fees, advertising, and royalties. Grants were also affected by the pandemic.

Shifting to expenses, actual expenses were almost $24 million below budget. All reporting lines saw favorability. The favorability actually came from things like lower meeting and travel expenses, lower compensation, fringe benefits, and lower advertising and marketing expenses. On a consolidated basis through May 2020, we’re showing a deficit of a little more than $6 million. Investment activity also shows a loss of $5.8 million. We have used $12.6 million to support our operations and the value proposition. Our assets stand at $282 million, most of which is long term investments. Total liabilities are $158 million. Notably, our pension liability only gets revalued once a year as of August 31, and that liability is likely to increase given the decrease in interest rates that we’ve been seeing.

Turning to the trends, Treasurer Behnke noted that non-dues revenue has not followed a trend over the last four years. Since a good portion of our non-dues revenue comes from
discretionary spending such as advertising, travel and meeting, we expect to see some softness in our non-dues revenue in the coming year. Growing revenue, especially non-dues revenue, is the only way we can get off of the expense reduction treadmill that we’ve been on lately. Treasurer Behnke encourages members to think about how to increase non-dues revenue.

Next, the general operation expense has gone down by $18 million since 2017. A good deal of that has come from reduction in staff, but some of it has come from relocating staff or shifting staff to grants and sections. Because people and space are the largest part of our operations, any further reductions will require consideration of what we do, where we do it, and how we do it. Now is an excellent time to do that strategy work.

Finally, the FY 2021 budget has a balanced budget as to general operations at $78.5 million. The sections line is not yet balanced because sections still have a bit more time to complete their budgeting work. Treasurer Behnke took a moment to recognize those sections who considered whether they could give back some or all of the general operations funding they would otherwise receive to support their operations. Collectively, the sections agreed to give back almost $1.7 million. While we are presenting a balanced budget for general operations, we are also mindful of the pandemic and that we don’t know the full effects on our operations and our members. We are preparing to pivot as we learn more.

In closing, Treasurer Behnke thanked members of the Financial Services Team, Treasurer-Elect Kevin Shepherd, and CFO Bill Phelan. Treasurer Behnke has strived to provide good information to the Association’s decision-makers and to engage in discussions about important financial policies so that we could ensure that there are always sufficient funds to support the Association’s mission. She reported that it was an honor and privilege to serve as the Association’s Treasurer.

Election of Officers and Members of the Board of Governors

On behalf of the Nominating Committee, Justice Adrienne Nelson of Oregon, Chair of the Steering Committee of the Nominating Committee, reported on the nominations for officers of the Association and members of the Board of Governors. The House of Delegates elected the following persons for the terms noted:

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

President-Elect for 2020-2021 Term
Reginald M. Turner, Jr. of Michigan

Secretary for 2020-2023
Pauline A. Weaver of California

Chair, House of Delegates for 2020-2022
Barbara J. Howard of Ohio

Treasurer for 2020-2023
Kevin Shepherd of Maryland

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS (2020-2023 Term)

District Members
District 1: Russell F. Hilliard of New Hampshire
District 2: Kevin J. Curtin of Massachusetts
District 4: John C. Cruden of the District of Columbia
District 6: Honorable Pamila J. Brown of Maryland
District 12: Linda S. Parks of Kansas
District 19: Andrew M. Schpak of Oregon

Section Members-at-Large

Criminal Justice Section
Lucian E. Dervan of Tennessee

Section of Environment, Energy and Resources
Sheila Slocum Hollis of the District of Columbia

Litigation Section
Koji F. Fukumura of California

Young Lawyers Division
Shayda Z. Le of Oregon

Goal III Minority Member-at-Large
Marvin S. C. Dang of Hawaii

Goal III Woman Member-at-Large
Vickie Yates Brown Glisson of Kentucky

Law Student
Johnnie Nguyen of Colorado

It was noted that the Association’s Constitution provides that the President-Elect automatically becomes the President at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting and Patricia Lee Refo of Arizona will assume that office.

Remarks by President-Elect Nominee

Incoming President-Elect Reginald M. Turner of Michigan thanked the Nominating Committee and members of the House of Delegates for this opportunity to serve our Association. President-Elect Turner thanked Immediate Past President Martinez and President Refo for including him in their planning and for their wisdom and due diligence in leading the ABA. Past-President Dennis Archer was President-Elect Turner’s mentor and encouraged President-Elect Turner to join the ABA when he was still in law school.
President-Elect Turner compared the stress of the COVID pandemic and social unrest to the 1967 Detroit riots stoked by police brutality. President-Elect Turner’s father worked 24 hour shifts as a Detroit police officer for what felt like an eternity. After the riot, the police department created a Citizens Complaint Bureau and President-Elect Turner’s father was promoted to detective in that unit. A short time later, Father William Cunningham, a Catholic priest, teamed up with a Detroit housewife and mother to found Focus Hope. Its mission was to recognize the dignity and beauty of every person and pledge intelligent and practical action to build metropolitan Detroit community, where all people may live in freedom, harmony, trust and affection. President-Elect Turner’s family was paired with suburban family in a cultural exchange program, designed to take away some of the barriers that led to the riot. When President-Elect Turner was a few years older, he told his father he wanted to be a police officer like him. His father smiled and told him that he wanted him to be a lawyer like his friend Eliot Hall, who was a pioneer in the corporate legal community in Detroit.

We expect lawyers to practice law with integrity, civility, and concern for both paying and pro bono clients. The ABA is our collective effort to fulfill that hope. Those entrusted with bar leadership must endeavor to be truly representative.

We serve in an era of proliferation of lawyer organizations and available CLE content on the internet from many new providers. The ABA has responded with our member value initiative to build a more engaged, supportive, and financially stable Association.

President-Elect Turner observed that our members want us to address public policy issues central to the administration of justice. The ABA seeks to increase understanding of and respect for the rule of law, the legal process, and the role of the legal profession at home and around the world. We work for just laws, human rights, a fair and efficient legal system, and meaningful access to justice for all. Our members want sound fiscal management, cost efficient services, strong support for diversity and inclusion programs, and access to justice initiatives.

President-Elect Turner will strive to fulfill the expectations of President-Elect and President. He will strive to listen and learn from ABA members in our sections, divisions, and entities in an effort to understand how we can collectively and collegially fulfill the ABA’s mission to serve equally our members, our profession, and the public by defending liberty and delivering justice as the national representative for the legal profession.

Remarks by Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation

John G. Levi, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Legal Services Corporation (LSC), thanked the ABA, President Martinez, and President-Elect Re fo for their past and ongoing support of LSC. The LSC is grateful for the work of SCLAID, the Standing committee on Pro Bono, the Center for Pro Bono, and the Governmental Affairs Office.

Mr. Levi recognized the ABA’s seamless transition to a virtual version of ABA Day, and the fact that it was a testament to the Association’s resourcefulness and commitment to the cause of equal justice.
LSC’s grantees are facing surging demand. Low income Americans face eviction filings and foreclosures, file for unemployment insurance, seek help accessing health care, and try to obtain protective orders to respond to spikes in domestic, elder, and child abuse. In a recent survey, Kentucky legal aid reported a 3000% increase in unemployment claims over last year. Southeast Louisiana has seen a 670% increase in requests for legal help with unemployment cases. Shelby County, Tennessee resumed hearings last month with 9,000 pending eviction cases, about a third more than this time last year.

Indeed, last year, in the midst of a robust economy, 42% of the legal problems presented received no service of any kind, and only 27% were served fully. As LSC’s grantees try to cope with a huge increase in demand, they are also facing sharp funding cuts from states sources and decreased income from IOLTA accounts.

As grateful as LSC is for the $50 million that Congress awarded for COVID-related services during the recently enacted CARES Act, it is nowhere near adequate to address the needs in good times, let alone what LSC’s grantees now face. In fact, LSC’s current funding is actually half of what in today’s dollars would have been the $880 million appropriated just two years after LSC’s founding in the 1970s.

This year, LSC will be requesting an appropriation for 2022 that is substantially higher than has ever been requested before. LSC’s grantees need that funding. We are at an all-hands on deck juncture if we are to preserve the integrity of the criminal justice system and public’s confidence. As officers of the court and leaders of the profession, it is our duty to lead these efforts.

Mr. Levi closed by citing Congressman John Lewis, who asked “if not us, then who? If not now, then when?”

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.

[10A] On behalf of the New York City Bar Association, Sheila Boston of New York moved Resolution 10A urging the United States to take all necessary and proper actions within its power to end the ongoing armed conflict in the Northwest and Southwest regions of Cameroon. Doris Toyou, who received privileges of the floor, spoke in favor of the resolution. Victoria Safran, who received privileges of the floor, also spoke in favor of the resolution. The resolution was adopted.

[10B] On behalf of the Virgin Islands Bar Association, Tom Bolt of the Board of Governors moved Resolution 10B supporting an interpretation of the Equal Protection Clause of the Fifth Amendment which would guarantee that all Americans residing in all United States territories who are otherwise eligible to receive federal benefits under the SSI program are entitled to receive them. The resolution was adopted.
On behalf of the Virgin Islands Bar Association, Anthony Ciolli of the Virgin Islands moved Resolution 10C reaffirming prior ABA policy supporting an amendment to the United States Constitution to provide for participation of citizens in American territories to vote in national elections. The resolution was adopted as revised.

On behalf of the Virgin Islands Bar Association, Anthony Ciolli of the Virgin Islands moved Resolution 10D urging federal, state, territorial and tribal governments, bar associations, and/or Commercial Lenders to develop and implement programs to assist law students, recent graduates, and young lawyers experiencing financial hardship due to postponed bar exams and/or deferred employment or unemployment during the COVID-19 pandemic. Michaela Posner of California spoke in favor of the resolution. Christopher Jennison of Maryland spoke in favor of the resolution. The resolution was adopted.

On behalf of the Massachusetts Bar Association, Steven Richman of New Jersey moved Resolution 10E urging support for pending U.S. legislation to address violations of governing instruments for Hong Kong and Rule of Law. Past President Michael Greco spoke in favor of the resolution. The resolution was adopted.

On behalf of the Massachusetts Bar Association, Alice Richmond of Massachusetts moved Resolution 10F urging the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to maintain the Student and Exchange Visitor Program’s temporary exemption for continuing, incoming, and future nonimmigrant student visa holders taking any combination of in-person, hybrid, and online classes for the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic. Michael Burke of Washington D.C. spoke in favor of the resolution. Joan Howland of Minnesota spoke in favor of the resolution. The resolution was adopted.

On behalf of the Virgin Islands Bar Association, Patricia Salkin of New York moved Resolution 10G urging that the highest court or bar admissions authority in each jurisdiction cancel the in-person bar examinations currently scheduled for September 9-10, 2020, and September 30-October 1, 2020, and not administer any other in-person bar examination until and unless public health authorities determine that the examination can be administered in a manner that ensures the health and safety of bar applicants, proctors, and other staff. Hulett Askew of Georgia moved to postpone the resolution indefinitely. Anthony Ciolli of the Virgin Islands spoke in opposition to the motion to postpone indefinitely. Darin Scheer of Wyoming spoke in favor of the motion to postpone indefinitely. Dan Rodriguez of Illinois spoke in opposition to the motion to postpone indefinitely. Mike Byowitz of New York spoke in opposition to the motion to postpone indefinitely. The motion to postpone indefinitely failed. Hulett Askew of Georgia spoke in opposition to the resolution. Deborah Merritt, who received privileges of the floor, spoke in favor of the resolution. Darin Scheer of Wyoming spoke in opposition to the resolution. Michaela Posner of California spoke in favor of the resolution. Tanesha Hackett of Mississippi spoke in favor of the resolution. The resolution was adopted.

On behalf of the King County Bar Association, James Sandman of Washington D.C. moved Resolution 10K urging federal, state, local, territorial, and tribal governments to address the COVID-19 eviction and housing crisis and its collateral harm by (1) providing rental assistance to rental property owners where tenants are facing COVID-19 economic hardship,
and (2) precluding in tenant screening practices the use of nonpayment of rent or eviction records that occur during a particular jurisdiction’s COVID-19 pandemic state of emergency or in the 90 days immediately following the lifting of such emergency. John McKay of Washington, who received privileges of the floor, spoke in favor of the resolution. Orlando Lucero of New Mexico spoke in favor of the resolution. The resolution was adopted.

[10I] On behalf of the California Lawyers Association, Emilio Varanini of California moved Resolution 10I urging federal, state, local, territorial and tribal governments to enact legislation to prohibit lynching, conspiracies to lynch, attempts to lynch, or solicitations to lynch a person, no matter the form or manner in which the lynching may take place or is proposed to take place, on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, or the presence or appearance of mental or physical disability and imposes criminal and civil sanctions. Stephen Saltzburg of Washington D.C. spoke in favor of the resolution. Laura Farber of California spoke in favor of the resolution. The resolution was adopted.

[11-1] Association Member Edward Haskins Jacobs of the Virgin Islands presented and Secretary Mary L. Smith of Illinois moved Report 11-1 amending §1.2 of the Constitution to include the following language as one of the purposes of the Association: “to defend the right to life of all innocent human beings, including all those conceived but not yet born.” Mr. Jacobs of the Virgin Islands spoke in favor of the resolution. Michael Reed, Chair of the Standing Committee on Constitution and Bylaws, reported that the Committee reviewed the resolution and found that it was inconsistent with §1.2 of the ABA Constitution. Mark Schickman of California moved to postpone the resolution indefinitely. Richard Leefe of Louisiana spoke in opposition to the motion to postpone indefinitely. Mr. Jacob spoke in opposition to the motion to postpone indefinitely. Alice Richmond of Massachusetts spoke in favor of the motion to postpone indefinitely. The resolution was postponed indefinitely.

[11-2] Aastha Madaan of California withdrew Resolution 11-2 amending §6.8 to include the South Asian Bar Association of North America (“SABA”) as an affiliated organization of the American Bar Association (ABA) and be represented in the ABA House of Delegates accordingly. The motion was withdrawn.

[11-3] The House approved by consent Resolution 11-3 amending §31.7 to change the name of the Standing Committee on Legal Aid and Indigent Defendants to the Standing Committee on Legal Aid and Indigent Defense and amend its jurisdictional statement.

[11-4] The House approved by consent Resolution 11-4 amending §44.2(b) of the House Rules of Procedure of the House of Delegates to provide a presenter five minutes to present a resolution when the Chair of the House of Delegates invokes the rules of limited debate.

[11-5] Robert M. Carlson of Montana moved Resolution 11-5 amending §§45.1 and 45.2 of the Rules of Procedure of the House of Delegates to add the requirement that a resolution must advance one or more of the ABA’s Four Goals. Kevin Curtin of Massachusetts moved to postpone the resolution indefinitely. Deborah Enix-Ross of New York spoke in opposition to the motion to postpone indefinitely. Mark Agrast of Washington D.C. spoke in favor of the motion to postpone indefinitely. Treasurer Michele Behnke spoke in opposition to the motion to postpone indefinitely. The motion to postpone indefinitely failed. Estelle Rogers of California
spoke in opposition to the resolution. Nate Alder of Utah spoke in favor of the resolution. Stephen Saltzburg of Washington D.C. spoke in opposition to the resolution. The resolution was not adopted.

[100A] The House approved by consent Report 100A urging all employers in the legal profession to implement, maintain, and encourage the use of paid family leave policies for the birth, adoption, or foster placement of a child.

[100B] The House approved by consent Report 100B supporting the interpretation that “race”, as included in antidiscrimination statutes, be not limited to the color of one’s skin, but rather, includes other physical and cultural characteristics associated with race; urges federal, state, local, territorial, and tribal governments to enact legislation banning race discrimination on the basis of texture, style, or appearance of a person’s hair; encourages all federal, state, tribal, territorial, and local court systems, in conjunction with state, territorial, tribal and local bar association, to carefully review their discrimination policies and provide implicit bias training to eradicate discrimination on the basis of texture, style, or appearance of a person’s hair; and supports enactment of the Creating a Respectful and Open World for Natural Hair Act of 2019 (S. 3167, H.R. 5309, 116th Congress) or similar legislation that advances antidiscrimination on the basis of the texture, style, or appearance of a person’s hair.

[101] The House approved by consent Report 101 adopting the American Bar Association Election Administration Guidelines and Commentary, dated August 2020, supplanting all earlier versions; recommends that all election officials ensure the integrity of the election process through the adoption, use, and enforcement of the Guidelines; and urges that federal, state, local, territorial, and tribal governments provide state, local, territorial, and tribal election authorities with adequate funding to implement the Guidelines and Commentary.

[102A] On behalf of the International Law Section, Gabrielle Buckley of Illinois moved Resolution 102A urging federal, state, territorial and tribal governments to enact and enforce legislation that prohibits and penalizes the possession, sale, and trade of shark fins; urges that all nations enact laws that prohibit and penalize the possession, sale, and trade of shark fins; and encourages all international, regional, national, and state bar associations, and international organizations, to promote policies and laws that prohibit and penalize the possession, sale, and trade of shark fins. Holly Polglase of Massachusetts spoke in favor of the resolution. The resolution was adopted.

[102B] On behalf of the International Law Section, Steven Richman of New Jersey moved Resolution 102B urging all nations, including the United States, to become a party to and implement the 2019 Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Judgments in Civil or Commercial Matters. The resolution was adopted.

[102C] On behalf of the International Law Section, Michael Burke of Washington D.C. moved Resolution 102C urging the United States, other nations, and the United Nations to facilitate and promote neutral and inclusive dialogues between the government of Cameroon and separatist leaders; urges adequate funding by the United States and other nations for the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs' Humanitarian Response Plan; urges the United States, other nations, and the United Nations to urge the government
The resolution was adopted.

[103] On behalf of the Commission on Disability Rights, Denise Avant of Illinois moved Resolution 103 urging federal, state, local, territorial, and tribal governments to adopt and enforce legislation and educational policy that 1) prohibits school personnel from using seclusion, mechanical, and chemical restraints on preschool elementary and secondary students, 2) prohibits school personnel from using physical restraint unless the student’s behavior poses an imminent danger of serious physical injury to self or others, 3) prohibits the use of restraints in a face-down position or any other position that is likely to impair a student’s ability to breathe, in situations where physical restraint is used, and 4) requires professional development and ongoing training in positive behavior interventions and trauma-informed care. Leslie Margolis, who received privileges of the floor, spoke in favor of the resolution. Robert Dinerstein, who received privileges of the floor, spoke in favor of the resolution. The resolution was adopted.


[104B] The House approved by consent Report 104B adopting certain clarifying revisions to Standard 4.06(C) Written Examination of the Standing Committee on Specialization’s Standards for the Accreditation of Specialty Certification Programs for Lawyers, dated August 2020.

[105] On behalf of the Commission on Law and Aging, Louraine Arkfield of Arizona moved Resolution 105 urging Congress to create and fund a Guardianship Court Improvement Program for adult guardianship (following the model of the State Court Improvement Program for child welfare agencies created in 1993) to support state court efforts to improve the legal process in the adult guardianship system, improve outcomes for adults subject to or potentially subject to guardianship, increase the use of less restrictive options than guardianship, and enhance collaboration among courts, the legal system, and the aging and disability networks. Robert Dinerstein, who received privileges of the floor, spoke in favor of the resolution. The resolution was adopted.

[106A] The House approved by consent Report 106A urging criminal justice stakeholders to consider using a restorative justice response to crime as one effective alternative, or adjunct to, a criminal adjudicatory process, in appropriate cases; urges federal, state, local, territorial and tribal governments to develop grant and funding streams to enable criminal justice
stakeholders and community partner organizations to develop, maintain, and assess the effectiveness of restorative justice programs in a data-driven manner; and urges the National Institute of Justice to prioritize and make publicly available an evaluation of restorative justice practices nationwide.


[107] On behalf of the Standing Committee on Ethics and Professional Responsibility, Barbara Gillers of New York moved Resolution 107 amending Model Rule 1.8(e) by adding a narrow exception to the Rule that will increase access to justice for the most vulnerable clients. Robert Grey of Virginia spoke in favor of the resolution. Stephen Saltzburg of Washington D.C. spoke in favor of the resolution. The resolution was adopted as revised.

[108A] The House approved by consent Report 108A urging Congress to enact legislation authorizing one or more principal officers, who are appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate, to review decisions of the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) determining the patentability of any claim reviewed by the PTAB before such decisions become final decisions of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), and that the legislation should also restore Title 5 removal protections for Administrative Patent Judges (APJs) of the PTAB.

[108B] The House approved by consent Report 108B supporting, in principle, a transparent administrative process or processes to remove trademark registrations from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's Principal or Supplemental Register.


[109B] The House approved by consent Report 109B concurring in the action of the Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar in making amendments dated August 2020 to Rule 2 of the *ABA Standards and Rules of Procedure for Approval of Law Schools*, authorizing the Council to act quickly to address an emergency impacting multiple law schools—either regionally or nationally, by providing temporary relief from a rule or the requirements of a standard to allow law schools to respond to the emergency.


The House approved by consent Report 110 urging Congress and the Administration to require the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to remove regulatory barriers to full accreditation of Tribal Veterans Service Officers (TVSOs); provide sufficient federal funding for establishing and operating TVSOs where a tribal community is economically disadvantaged; and urges that when the Department of Veterans Affairs promulgates rules and regulations governing agent accreditation or the administration of programs, benefits, treatment, and services for veterans on Tribal land, the proposals be culturally competent, acknowledge the status of federally-recognized tribes as domestic dependent sovereigns, and be consistent with prevailing laws of sovereignty.

On behalf of the Section of Litigation Dennis Drasco of New Jersey moved Resolution 111A adopting the “Best Practices for Third-Party Litigation Funding” dated August 2020. Jeffrey Greenbaum of New Jersey spoke in favor of the resolution. Steven Richman of New Jersey also spoke in favor of the resolution. The resolution was adopted.

On behalf of the Section of Litigation Eileen Letts of Illinois moved Resolution 111B urging all federal, state, tribal, local, and territorial governments to adopt policies and contractual provisions that: 1) prohibit conducting strip searches of children and youth, except in exceptional circumstances, 2) require that, if the child or youth must be strip-searched, the search is conducted in a manner that respects the sexual orientation and gender identity of the child or youth and is the least intrusive manner possible, 3) prohibit body cavity searches of children and youth; and encourages court systems, lawyers, law schools, and bar associations to promote awareness of the harmful effects of strip searches and body cavity searches of children and youth, including trauma and re-victimization. The resolution was adopted as revised.

The House approved by consent Report 112 granting approval to 1 paralegal education program, grants reapproval to 10 programs, withdraws the approval of 4 programs at the request of the institutions, and extends the term of approval to 48 programs.

The House approved by consent Report 113A urging Congress to re-authorize and fully fund the Violence Against Women Act and similar legislation: 1) Preserves the protections approved in the 2013 reauthorization of VAWA, and continues to respond to emerging challenges and to the concerns from the field of expert professionals, 2) Improves services, minimizes bias, and prioritizes safety, autonomy, and support for all victims of gender-based violence, with a particular emphasis on the self-defined needs of marginalized and underserved groups, 3) Enhances judicial, legal, and law enforcement tools that respond to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking in a trauma-informed way, 4) Strengthens the healthcare system’s comprehensive and trauma-informed response to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, 5) Provides economic and housing opportunities and protections for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, including non-discrimination protections, and 6) Implements evidence-
based prevention and educational programs that encourage healthy relationships and teach how to respond to attitudes and behaviors contributing to sexual and domestic violence.

[113B] On behalf of the Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence Mark Schickman of California moved Resolution 113B urging federal, state, local, territorial, and tribal governments to enact legislation and policies to require all health care providers to obtain specific informed patient consent in advance for all medically unnecessary pelvic examinations. Wendy Mariner of Massachusetts spoke in favor of the resolution. The resolution was adopted as revised.

[113C] On behalf of the Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence Mark Schickman of California moved Resolution 113C adopting the eight principles and accompanying commentary set forth in the U.S. Department of Justice December 15, 2015 guidance titled Identifying and Preventing Gender Bias in Law Enforcement Response to Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence; and urges all federal, state, territorial, local and tribal law enforcement agencies in the United States to: (1) adopt those same principles; (2) provide periodic training to all law enforcement agency personnel to promote compliance with those principles; and (3) engage in regular review of compliance efforts and make any necessary adjustments to improve compliance. The resolution was adopted.

[114] On behalf of the Center for Human Rights, Neal Sonnett of Florida moved Resolution 114 urging all national governments to observe, respect, and protect the independence of the International Criminal Court; and condemns threats by governments to the International Criminal Court and its officers and personnel in the performance of their duties. Ambassador Stephen Rapp, who received privileges of the floor, spoke in favor of the resolution. Past President Michael Greco spoke in favor of the resolution. The resolution was adopted.

[115] On behalf of the Commission on Youth at Risk, Christina Plum of Wisconsin moved Resolution 115 recognizing that effective reforms of legal systems that affect the fundamental rights of children and youth cannot be accomplished without active participation by individuals who experienced those systems as children and youth; encourages attorneys, judges, advocates, legislators, bar associations, and law schools to promote effective, ongoing, and authentic engagement in legal system reform and advocacy efforts by individuals who have experienced those systems as children and youth and to remove barriers to that engagement; urges law schools, bar associations, law firms, and other professional organizations to create pathways for individuals with lived experience in legal systems that affect children and youth to pursue and succeed in legal and advocacy careers, both within youth-serving systems and more broadly in the legal profession; and calls on organizations focused on improving legal systems that affect children and youth to incorporate individuals who experienced those systems as children into leadership positions. Dafna Gozani, who received privileges of the floor, spoke in favor of the resolution. Lily Colby, who received privileges of the floor, also spoke in favor of the resolution. The resolution was adopted.

[116A] On behalf of the Section of Civil Rights and Social Justice, Mark Schickman of California moved Resolution 116A urging federal, state, local, territorial, and Tribal governments to enact legislation that requires: 1) law enforcement agencies to keep records of instances in which lethal force is used, 2) the appointment of a fully independent special prosecutor whenever a person’s death occurs in the custody of or during an encounter with a police officer or other law
enforcement officer, and 3) a showing of objective reasonable necessity to establish a defense in criminal cases involving lethal force use by a police or other law enforcement officer. Past President Robert Grey of Virginia spoke in favor of the resolution. Lillian Moy of New York also spoke in favor of the resolution. The resolution was adopted as revised.

[116B] On behalf of the Section of Civil Rights and Social Justice, Estelle Rogers of California moved Resolution 116B urging federal, state, local, territorial, and tribal governments to: 1) adopt and enforce fair lending laws and other federal, state and local laws targeting unfair or deceptive acts or practices, 2) adopt laws and policies that promote the adoption of an enhanced non-discrimination compliance system for a vehicle loan, 3) adopt legislation requiring the timely notice and disclosure of pricing of add-on products by dealers on each vehicle through reasonable means; urges Congress to amend the Equal Credit Opportunity Act to require documentation and collection of the applicant’s race, gender or national origin for non-mortgage credit transactions, specifically for vehicle transactions; and encourages state, local, territorial and tribal bar associations to offer educational programming and materials to lawyers and consumers to help them understand and navigate purchases and financing of vehicles. James Pierson, who received privileges of the floor, spoke in favor of the resolution. Barbara Mayden of Tennessee spoke in favor of the resolution. The resolution was adopted as revised.

[116C] On behalf of the Section of Civil Rights and Social Justice, Mark Schickman of California moved Resolution 116C opposing federal, state, local, territorial and tribal legislation, regulation, and agency policy that discriminates against transgender and non-binary people on the basis of gender identity and/or that imposes barriers to obtaining or providing medically necessary care to affirm an individual’s gender identity. Bobbi Bittker, who received privileges of the floor, spoke in favor of the resolution. Mark Agrast of Washington D.C. also spoke in favor of the resolution. The resolution was adopted.

[116D] The House approved by consent Report 116D Urges federal, state, local, territorial, and tribal legislatures to enact legislation, and correctional and detention facilities for both adults and minors to enact policies requiring that all incarcerated persons are provided with: 1) soap, paper towels, hand sanitizer, and facial tissues in sufficient quantities to prevent the transmission of infectious disease; 2) personal protective equipment including personal sanitizing products and face masks that are effective in preventing existing and emerging infections in sufficient quantities to prevent the transmission of infectious disease; and 3) sufficient facilities for hand washing, including unrestricted access to clean water and working sinks.

[116E] On behalf of the Section of Civil Rights and Social Justice, Estelle Rogers of California moved Resolution 116E urging federal, state, local, territorial and tribal governments to: 1) enact and enforce legislation directing law enforcement officials and election officials to establish a protocol where pretrial detainees, who are eligible to register to vote or vote in the jurisdiction in which they are detained are given the opportunity to register to vote and cast ballots in their respective federal, state, and local elections; and 2) promulgate and enforce regulations that facilitate the participation of such pretrial detainees in all federal, state, local, and special elections, including the ability to register to vote, obtain a ballot, and have that ballot delivered to the appropriate elections office. Harold Pope of Michigan spoke in favor of
Erica Cervantes, who received privileges of the floor, spoke in favor of the resolution. The resolution was adopted.

On behalf of the Section of Civil Rights and Social Justice, Estelle Rogers of California withdrew Resolution 116F urging the United States Department of Defense to declare that: (a) HIV status alone has no impact on service members’ ability to fully execute their duties and is not a determinant of fitness for duty; and (b) HIV is not a medical condition that should disqualify a person from enlistment, appointment, commissioning, deployment or retention in the U.S. military. The resolution was withdrawn.

On behalf of the Section of Civil Rights and Social Justice, Mark Schickman of California moved Resolution 116G urging that, in all states, territories and tribes, the highest courts or legislative bodies charged with the administration of justice, admission to the bar, or regulation of the legal profession, require that lawyers, judges, commissioners, referees, probation officers, and court personnel whose job requires interacting with the public receive periodic training regarding implicit biases that addresses, at minimum: sex, race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, ethnic group identification, age, disability, medical condition, genetic information, marital status, sexual orientation, gender expression and gender identity; and urges that, in all states, territories, and tribes, the highest courts or legislative bodies, or agencies and boards that license and regulate the medical profession or social service professions, require that medical professionals and social service professionals who work with the public receive periodic training regarding the implicit biases previously noted. Lillian Moy of New York spoke in favor of the resolution. Andrew Gowder of South Carolina spoke in favor of the resolution. The resolution was adopted as revised.

On behalf of the Section of Civil Rights and Social Justice, Jamie Hawk of Washington moved Resolution 116H urging federal, state, local, territorial, and tribal governments to: 1) repeal laws that disenfranchise persons based upon criminal conviction, 2) restore voting rights to those currently and formerly incarcerated, including those on probation, parole, or any other community-based correctional program, 3) assure that no person convicted of crime is disenfranchised because of nonpayment of a fine, court costs, restitution or other financial obligations imposed as a result of a criminal conviction; and amends the Criminal Justice Standards on Collateral Sanctions and Discretionary Disqualification of Convicted Persons (3d Edition, 2004). Andrew Gowder of South Carolina spoke in favor of the resolution. The resolution was adopted.

On behalf of the Standing Committee on Legal Aid and Indigent Defendants, Theodore Howard of Washington D.C. moved Resolution 117 urging federal, state, local, territorial, and tribal governments to: 1) use a considered and measured approach in adopting and utilizing virtual or remote court proceedings established as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic; 2) form appropriate committees to establish or review the use of virtual or remote court proceedings and make recommendations for procedures, revisions of procedures and best practices; 3) ensure that virtual or remote court proceedings guarantee equal access and meet standards of fundamental fairness and due process; 4) provide advance notice of proceedings and ensure full and meaningful public access to virtual proceedings, while also protecting the privacy of those proceedings legally exempted from public access; 5) reintroduce in-person court options as soon as safely feasible as determined by public health officials, and 6) study the impacts of
virtual or remote court procedures and take steps to halt, alter, or revise virtual or remote court procedures if such study suggests prejudicial effect or disparate impact on case outcomes. Richard Bien of Missouri moved to amend the resolution to address potential separation of powers issues, clarify its scope, and the idea of an expiration date. Stephen Saltzburg spoke in opposition to the motion to amend. Linda Murnane of Ohio spoke in favor of the motion to amend. Cynthia Orr of Texas spoke in opposition to the motion to amend. The motion to amend passed. The resolution was adopted as revised and amended.

[300A] On behalf of the Cybersecurity Legal Task Force, Lucy Thompson of Washington D.C. moved Resolution 300A recommending that Congress, state and local governments, election officials, and private sector entities address the spread of disinformation that interferes with voting and other core electoral processes and to protect democratic institutions in the U.S. Suzanne Spaulding of Virginia, who received privileges of the floor, spoke in favor of the resolution. Judith Miller of Maryland spoke in favor of the resolution. The resolution was adopted.

[300B] On behalf of the Cybersecurity Legal Task Force, Lucy Thompson of Washington D.C. moved Resolution 300B urging federal, state, local, territorial, and tribal governments and private sector entities to promote digital literacy, civic education, and public awareness to build societal resilience to domestic and foreign malign disinformation operations. Suzanne Spaulding of Virginia, who received privileges of the floor, spoke in favor of the resolution. Judith Miller of Maryland spoke in favor of the resolution. The resolution was adopted.

[301A] On behalf of the Section of Civil Rights and Social Justice, Estelle Rogers of California moved Resolution 301A urging federal, state, local, territorial, and tribal governments to enact legislation to curtail the defense of qualified immunity in civil actions brought against law enforcement officers. Paul Wolfson of Washington D.C., who received privileges of the floor, spoke in favor of the resolution. Neal Sonnett of Florida spoke in favor of the resolution. Judith Miller of Maryland spoke in favor of the resolution. The resolution was adopted.

[301B] On behalf of the Section of Civil Rights and Social Justice, Mark Schickman of California moved Resolution 301B urging the American Bar Association to, consistent with its demonstrated values, propose Juneteenth be recognized as a national, paid legal holiday. Deborah Enix-Ross of New York spoke in favor of the resolution. Incoming President-Elect Reginald Turner of Michigan spoke in favor of the resolution. The resolution was adopted.

[301C] On behalf of the Section of Civil Rights and Social Justice, Estelle Rogers of California moved Resolution 302 urging the federal government to desist from the use of force by federal agents to suppress lawful First Amendment activity, opposes the targeted use of force against journalists, legal observers, and others, denounces the deployment of unidentified federal officers or officers using unmarked vehicles to suppress lawful First Amendment activity and to remove individuals from city streets, and calls upon the United States Department of Justice and Department of Homeland Security to cease and publicly renounce such tactics, and to investigate their use. Stephen Saltzburg of Washington D.C. spoke in favor of the resolution. Oregon Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum spoke in favor of the resolution. The resolution was adopted.
[400A] The House approved by consent Resolution 400A recommending that certain Association policies that pertain to public issues and are 10 years old or older be archived.

[400B] The House approved by consent Resolution 400B recommending Recommends that certain Association policies that pertain to public issues that were adopted in 2000 which were previously considered for archiving but retained be archived.

Closing Business

Chair Bay recognized Aurora Austriaco of Illinois, who moved the Host Resolution. The resolution was approved.

Chair Bay Final Remarks and Passing of the Gavel

Chair Bay briefly reflected on his time as Chair of the House of Delegates. He recognized his fellow officers and discussed all of the positive changes made within the Association and within the profession in the last two years. Chair Bay came into the position pledging to listen and is proud of the work that the House of Delegates has done to listen to members of the Association and of the profession. Chair Bay recognized the Technology and Communications Committee, the Resolution and Impact Committee, the Select Committee, the Drafting Committee, and the Steering Committee of the Nominating Committee for their leadership in implementing changes to improve how we operate. Chair Bay recognized the Rules and Calendar Committee for all their work, and Christina Plum of Wisconsin in particular. Chair Bay then passed the gavel to incoming Chair Barb Howard of Ohio.

Chair Barbara J. Howard recognized Marty Balogh, who is retiring after 42 years working for the Association. Chair Howard also thanked President Martinez for her leadership during the pandemic and social unrest. Chair Howard also recognized Chair Bay for his leadership during the first virtual meeting of the House of Delegates.

At the conclusion of the meeting of the House of Delegates on Tuesday, August 4, 2020, Chair Howard recognized Christina Plum of Wisconsin, who then moved the House adjourn sine die. The motion was approved.