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SUBJECT: 2008 Midyear Meeting of the American Bar Association and Meeting of the House of Delegates

DATE: February 29, 2008

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REPORT ON THE ABA MIDYEAR MEETING

The 69th Midyear Meeting of the American Bar Association (the “ABA”) was held February 6-11, 2008, at the Hyatt Regency Century Plaza Hotel, in Los Angeles, California. Wide varieties of programs were sponsored by committees, sections, divisions, and affiliated organizations. The House of Delegates met for a one-day session. The Nominating Committee also met.

The Nominating Committee sponsored a “Meet the Candidates” Forum on Sunday, February 10, 2008. Stephen N. Zack, candidate for President-Elect seeking nomination at the 2009 Midyear Meeting, gave a speech to the Nominating Committee and to the members of the Association present.

THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES


The Los Angeles Navy and Marine Corp Center presented the colors. The invocation for the House was delivered by Armando Lasa-Ferrer of Puerto Rico. William C. Trotter III of Mississippi sang the Star-Spangled Banner. The Chair of the House Committee on Credentials and Admissions, Palmer Gene Vance II of Kentucky, welcomed the new members of the House and moved that the signed roster be approved as the permanent roster for the 2008 Midyear Meeting of the House. The motion was approved.

Linda A. Klein of Georgia, Chair of the Committee on Rules and Calendar, provided a report on the Final Calendar for the House, including recently filed reports. She moved to consider the late filed report, adopt special rules for consideration of Report 200, adopt the final calendar and approve the list of individuals who sought privileges of the floor. All four motions were approved. Ms. Klein noted that the deadline for submission of Reports with Recommendations for the 2008 Annual Meeting is May 7, 2008, while the deadline for Informational Reports is June 6, 2008. She also referred to the consent calendar, noting the deadline for removing an item from the consent calendar.
Deceased members of the House were named by the Secretary of the Association, Armando Lasa-Ferrer of Puerto Rico, and were remembered by a moment of silence. Richard J. Podell of Wisconsin offered remarks about Daniel W. Hildebrand of Wisconsin. Dwight L. Smith of Oklahoma remembered Sharon L. Corbitt and her husband, James C. Lang, of Oklahoma, both of whom recently died in a house fire.

Later in the day, Linda A. Klein moved the adoption of the items remaining on the consent calendar. The motion was approved.

In addition, Alan O. Olson of Iowa, Chair of the House’s Technology and Communications Committee, provided an update on the House of Delegates website and encouraged members to use the on-line directory of House members and the House discussion board.

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 recommendations presented to the House.

I. SPEECHES AND REPORTS MADE TO THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Statement by the Chair of the House

Laurel G. Bellows of Illinois, Chair of the House, welcomed new members to the House. Chair Bellows recognized the efforts of the members of the Rules and Calendar Committee and the Tellers who make the House operations possible and productive. Chair Bellows encouraged all House members to participate in the debates.

Chair Bellows encouraged members of the House to continue to support the program efforts of the Fund for Justice and Education. She also asked members to consider making a donation to the ABA Legal Opportunity Scholarship Fund, which provides twenty law school scholarships annually. She recognized Past President William G. Paul of Oklahoma, who led the effort to establish the scholarships in 1999.

Chair Bellows encouraged members of the House to continue to promote ABA policies passed in the House by becoming active members of the ABA Grassroots Action Team and by participating in ABA Day in Washington, scheduled for April 16-17, 2008, in Washington, D.C.

Chair Bellows reminded House members about the on-line directory of House members. She also asked delegates to provide input regarding the House by completing a survey created by the Select Committee.

Chair Bellows announced that at the 2008 Annual Meeting, the House will elect two members to the Committee on Scope and Correlation of Work. One position will be a five-year term and the other position will be a four-year term to fill a vacant position. She encouraged those interested in the positions to contact members of the Scope Nominating Committee by March 17, 2008.
Noting that the appointments process for President-Elect H. Thomas Wells, Jr. of Alabama is currently underway, Chair Bellows encouraged those interested in a presidential appointment to apply on-line by March 1, 2008.

Finally, Chair Bellows recognized several members of the House whose children now also serve as delegates in the House.

**Statement by the Secretary**

Armando Lasa-Ferrer of Puerto Rico, Secretary of the Association, moved approval of the House of Delegates Summary of Action from the 2007 Annual Meeting, which was approved by the House. On behalf of the Board of Governors, Secretary Lasa-Ferrer presented and referred the House to Report Nos. 177, 177A, and 177B, the Board’s Informational and Transmittal Reports to the House.

**Statement by the ABA President**

In his remarks to the House, President William H. Neukom of Washington, welcomed the delegates to the 141st meeting of the House of Delegates. He recognized the House’s important role in the creation of policy that reflects the sentiments of the United States legal profession, such as the adoption of resolutions supporting law school debt relief, and the provision of habeas corpus, due process and effective counsel for detainees. He highlighted numerous ABA programs that promote the rule of law in the United States and abroad, noting the partnerships between the ABA and state and local bar leaders.

Mr. Neukom mentioned several important events that occurred since August 2007. First, in November, Pakistan’s President Pervez Musharraf announced a state of emergency, suspended the constitution and insisted that all judges take an oath of loyalty to him. Those who refused to take the oath, as well as many protestors, were arrested or placed under house arrest. The ABA condemned that action. Over 700 lawyers demonstrated in Washington, D.C., in support of the Pakistani judges and 13,000 ABA members signed a petition asking President Musharraf to restore the constitution, reinstate the judges and release the protestors. The ABA will continue to try to assist the judges and lawyers in Pakistan.

Second, the ABA is part of a broad coalition seeking passage of legislation that would increase salaries for federal judges, who have not received a merit pay increase since 1992. Mr. Neukom said that to attract and retain the best federal judges, it is imperative that judges have a reasonable compensation scheme that reflects the demanding and important work that judges perform.

Third, the ABA is leading efforts to pass legislation at the federal level that will clarify and reinforce the guarantees of the attorney-client privilege. Finally, the ABA is focusing on goals-based management and will be presenting a new long-range plan to the House in August, the draft of which is being provided to members of the House at this meeting.

President Neukom highlighted several upcoming events for 2008. Two summits are scheduled for 2008: a Goal IX Diversity summit, and a legal education summit that will bring together law school deans, law firm managing partners and general counsel to talk
about legal education and coordination with practitioners. The ABA will once again be lobbying on ABA Day in Washington in April. The top two lobbying priorities are protecting the attorney-client privilege and increasing funding for the Legal Services Corporation (LSC), which is currently budgeted for $311 million. In 1981, the appropriation for LSC was $321 million – that translates to $732 million in today’s dollars, which is $321 million less than the current appropriation.

Law Day will celebrate its 50th anniversary on May 1, 2008. An event focusing on separation of powers is being planned to celebrate this anniversary. In addition, state and local bar associations are being encouraged to set up multi-disciplinary roundtable meetings to discuss and design programs relating to access to justice, merit selection of judges, civics in the classroom, and other programs.

Finally, President Neukom updated the House on the ABA’s World Justice Project, which features eleven co-sponsors and has already raised $6 million of the $8 million it plans to raise by Spring 2008 to promote its projects. These projects include a scholars program that is creating Nobel-quality work; multi-disciplinary meetings on five continents that have recognized the importance of the rule of law; a rule of law index that will be applied in five countries this year; and an international World Justice Forum in Vienna in July 2008 with attendees from many disciplines and countries. It is anticipated that the World Justice Program will emerge as a stand-alone enterprise in 2009.

Statement by the Treasurer

The Treasurer, Wm. T. Robinson III of Kentucky, referred members of the House of Delegates to his written report. He reported that the ABA is in sound financial shape. Mr. Robinson said that the ABA has now achieved its goal of maintaining a permanent reserve of fifty percent of annual general revenue expenditures. He said the ABA has also changed the way it looks at investment income, such that it now calculates the average return over several years to predict revenue. This has made revenue predictions more reliable. Treasurer Robinson reported that improved efficiency and planning have created a $5 million surplus in dues and should allow us to avoid increasing dues for at least one year beyond the normal three-year dues cycle. He said that even a forecast of lower dues revenue than was budgeted for 2008 should not be problematic, as the ABA has created a cost-cutting plan that can be implemented as soon as necessary.

Treasurer Robinson thanked the Board of Governors and its committees for their hard work on the finances of the organization. He also recognized Executive Director Hank White, Acting Chief Financial Officer Kay Geary, and Treasurer-Elect Alice Richmond.

Statement by the Executive Director

Henry F. White, Jr. of Illinois, Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer of the ABA, provided an update on five internal priorities he recommended to the Board of Governors in August 2007. First, over 100 staff persons participated in the development of internal and external communications plans to improve internal communications and enhance the image of the ABA for members and the general public. Second, planning functions have been consolidated with the creation of the Planning, Policy and Governance Group, enabling those with planning expertise and historical knowledge to guide the development of strategic, long-term and near-term plans. Third, the ABA has been
determining which areas of non-dues revenue generation will bring the best results in the shortest period of time. The conclusion is that the ABA will focus initially on publishing, affinity programs, continuing legal education and grants, with publishing being the primary focus. Revenue has increased fourteen percent for the first quarter year over year. Fourth, new strategies have been implemented to ensure human resources transactions are transparent and that all staff are aware of present policies. Finally, membership is addressed at every opportunity. Slightly less than one-third of all U.S. lawyers are ABA members.

To increase membership, Executive Director White said he emphasizes two points when others ask him why they should be ABA members. First, there is no competition between the ABA and state and local bar associations. Rather, we are collaborators. We serve as the national champion of issues that have a significant impact on the state and local levels. Second, to those who suggest the ABA should not involve itself in international affairs, he explains that the ABA has been asked on numerous occasions to continue its international involvement in order to provide stability by promoting the rule of law. In closing, Mr. White recognized that the ABA provides camaraderie, networking, leadership skill development, a forum for debate and other opportunities that make the ABA a welcoming place for all lawyers. He suggested that the ABA’s appeal for membership must be personal and compelling, and that we as individual ABA members have a role to play in recruiting new members.

Report of the Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee met on Sunday, February 10, 2008. On behalf of the committee, Thomas R. Curtin of New Jersey, Chair of the Steering Committee of the Nominating Committee, reported on the following nominations for the terms indicated:

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

President-Elect (2008-09)
Carolyn B. Lamm of the District of Columbia

Chair of the House of Delegates (2008-2010)
William C. Hubbard of South Carolina

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS (2008-2011)

District Members
District 1: Stephen L. Tober of New Hampshire
District 2: W. Anthony Jenkins of Michigan
District 4: Robert N. Weiner of the District of Columbia
District 6: Howard H. Vogel of Tennessee
District 12: Craig A. Orraj of New Mexico
**Section Members-at-Large**

General Practice, Solo and Small Firm Division

Lee S. Kolczun of Ohio

Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section

Mitchell A. Orpett of Illinois

**Minority Member-at-Large**

Richard A. Soden of Massachusetts

**Woman Member-at-Large**

Lauren Stiller Rikleen of Massachusetts

**Young Lawyer Member-at-Large**

Jonathan W. Wolfe of New Jersey

**Remarks by President-Elect Nominee**

President-Elect Nominee Carolyn B. Lamm of Washington, D.C., addressed the House. She expressed appreciation at being selected as the President-Elect Nominee. Ms. Lamm emphasized that attorneys must work together, asserting that no firm, solo practitioner, judge, institution or constitution can fight for itself. She said that like Atticus Finch from “To Kill a Mockingbird,” we must fight the good fight, as keepers of the Constitution and the rule of law. She asserted that uniting and supporting lawyers is one of the primary roles of the American Bar Association.

President-Elect Nominee Lamm recognized fellow candidates James R. Silkenat of New York and Paul T. Moxley of Utah and thanked them for addressing important issues such as membership. Ms. Lamm said ABA membership must be increased, and ABA membership must reflect the diversity of the profession and the population. She emphasized that ABA dues must be affordable to ensure diversity, including participation by young lawyers and solo practitioners.

**II. RECOMMENDATIONS VOTED ON BY THE HOUSE**

A brief summary of the action taken on recommendations brought before the House follows. The recommendations are categorized by topic areas and the number of the recommendation is noted in brackets.
ARMED FORCES LAW

[108] On behalf of the Section of Litigation, Patricia L. Refo of Arizona moved Report 108 urging Congress to enact legislation, like the Veterans Advocacy Act of 2007, which promotes the provision of legal services to veterans and members of the Armed Forces to assist them in obtaining the full range of health care, benefits and services to which they are lawfully entitled. Robert L. Weinberg of the District of Columbia, Gregory L. Ulrich of Michigan and Dale C. Doerhoff of Missouri spoke in favor of the recommendation. The recommendation was approved.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS REPORT WITH RECOMMENDATION AMENDING ILLINOIS ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

[177C] On behalf of the Board of Governors, Secretary Armando Lasa-Ferrer of Puerto Rico moved Report 177C amending the ABA’s Illinois Articles of Incorporation. The recommendation was approved.

BUSINESS LAW

[10C] On behalf of the Ohio State Bar Association, Kathleen B. Burke of Ohio moved Report 10C supporting the retention of the 10-day time limit in Rule 8002 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure for filing a notice of appeal from a judgment, order or decree in a bankruptcy case and opposing any proposed amendments to Rule 8002 that would lengthen the time for filing a notice of appeal. Michael H. Reed of Pennsylvania spoke in favor of the recommendation. The recommendation was approved.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

[102B] On behalf of the Section of Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice, Thomas M. Susman of the District of Columbia moved Revised Report 102B urging national, federal, state, tribal, territorial and local bar associations, in cooperation with state and local pro bono, lawyer referral, and legal aid programs, to establish programs for representation of victims of identity theft who need assistance in recovery from the crime. Nina Marino of California spoke in favor of the recommendation. The recommendation was approved as revised.

[105A] On behalf of the Criminal Justice Section, Nina Marino of California moved Report 105A urging federal, state, local, tribal and territorial governments and their prosecutors to vigorously prosecute cases of elder abuse, neglect and financial exploitation by the creation of special elder abuse units within the prosecutor’s office or by the designation of a specially trained prosecutor to handle elder abuse cases. David M. English of Missouri spoke in favor of the recommendation. The recommendation was approved.

[105B] On behalf of the Criminal Justice Section, Stephen A. Saltzburg of the District of Columbia moved Report 105B amending Rule 3.8 of the ABA Model Rules of Professional Conduct to identify prosecutors’ obligations when they know of new evidence establishing a reasonable likelihood that a convicted defendant did not commit the offense of which he was convicted. The recommendation was approved.
CRIMINAL JUSTICE (cont.)

[105C] On behalf of the Criminal Justice Section, Nina Marino of California moved Report 105C urging federal, state, tribal, local and territorial governments to authorize and implement sentencing laws and rules of procedure that both protect public safety and give mitigating consideration to youthful offenders. The recommendation was approved.

[105D] On behalf of the Criminal Justice Section, Stephen A. Saltzburg of the District of Columbia moved Revised Report 105D adopting the black letter ABA Criminal Justice Standards on Prosecutorial Investigations, dated February 2008 to supplement the ABA Criminal Justice Standards on the Prosecution Function. The recommendation was approved as revised.

ELECTION LAW

[102A] On behalf of the Section of Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice, Thomas M. Susman of the District of Columbia moved Revised Report 102A urging each state to assign the redistricting process for congressional and legislative districts to an independent commission, leaving to each state the precise manner of configuring such commission and the specific redistricting criteria to be applied. Mr. Susman also moved to amend the recommendation. The amendment was approved. W. Scott Welch III of Mississippi spoke in opposition to the recommendation. Robert L. Weinberg of the District of Columbia spoke in favor of the recommendation. The recommendation was approved as revised.

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

[101] On behalf of the Standing Committee on Environmental Law, R. Kinnan Golemon of Texas moved Revised Report 101 urging federal, state, territorial and tribal governments, when considering and approving legislation, regulations and policies, to preserve and enhance the benefits that people derive from ecosystems, with due regard for economic, human and social impacts. Lee A. DeHihns III of Georgia spoke in favor of the recommendation. The recommendation was approved as revised.

[109] On behalf of the Section of Environment, Energy and Resources, Lee A. DeHihns III of Georgia moved Revised Report 109 urging the United States government to take a leadership role in addressing the issue of climate change through legal, policy, financial and educational mechanisms and to engage in active international discussions to address climate change, and urging Congress to enact and the President to sign appropriate climate change legislation. Sheila Slocum Hollis of the District of Columbia and R. Kinnan Golemon of Texas spoke in favor of the recommendation. Tom Bolt of the Virgin Islands moved to amend the recommendation. The amendment was approved. The recommendation was approved as revised and amended.
FAMILY LAW


HEALTH LAW

[10A] On behalf of the New York State Bar Association, Kathryn Grant Madigan of New York moved Report 10A urging federal, state, territorial and local legislative bodies and governmental agencies to develop and assess innovative long-term care programs such as the “Compact for Long-term Care,” as a reasonable and fair solution to long-term care financing. Richard C. Macias of California moved to amend the recommendation. The amendment was approved. David M. English of Missouri and Richard L. Theis of Illinois spoke in favor of the recommendation. The recommendation was approved as amended.

IMMIGRATION

[111A] On behalf of the Commission on Immigration, Mark D. Agrast of the District of Columbia moved Report 111A supporting fee levels for immigration and naturalization benefits that are not so burdensome as to deter eligible applicants from filing and urging Congress and the executive branch to ensure that adequate funds are appropriated to enable U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services to implement these fee levels. John K. Uilkema of California spoke in favor of the recommendation. The recommendation was approved.

[111B] On behalf of the Commission on Immigration, Mark D. Agrast of the District of Columbia moved Revised Report 111B supporting the issuance of federal regulations that codify the Department of Homeland Security Immigration and Customs Enforcement National Detention Standards, and supporting improvement, periodic review, and increased oversight of detention standards implementation in order to ensure that detained non-citizens and their families are treated humanely and have meaningful access to counsel and to the legal process. Robert E. Jucaem of New York, Richard Pena of Texas, and Stephen A. Saltzburg of the District of Columbia spoke in support of the recommendation. Tom Bolt of the Virgin Islands moved to amend the recommendation. The amendment was approved. The recommendation was approved as revised and amended.

INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

[106] On behalf of the Section of Individual Rights and Responsibilities, C. Elisia Frazier of Florida moved Revised Report 106 encouraging efforts to increase public understanding of the Establishment Clause and the Free Exercise Clause (the “Religion Clauses”) of the U.S. Constitution as they apply in the public elementary and secondary schools and encouraging bar associations to help school officials to better understand and apply the Religion Clauses. Mark I. Schickman of California spoke in favor of the recommendation. The recommendation was approved as revised.
JUDGES/COURTS


LAWYER ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

[112] On behalf of the Commission on Lawyer Assistance Programs, the Hon. Robert L. Childers of Tennessee moved Revised Report 112 adopting the Model Rule on Conditional Admission to Practice Law including the commentary, dated February 2008. Robert A. Stein of Minnesota, David S. Baker of Atlanta, Daniel W. Van Horn of Tennessee, Alice E. Richmond of Massachusetts, Michael S. Greco of Massachusetts, and James J. Alfini of Texas spoke in favor of the recommendation. James F. Williams of Washington, Mark A. Alcott of New York and Robert L. Ostertag of New York spoke in opposition to the recommendation. Mr. Ostertag moved to postpone indefinitely consideration of the recommendation. W. Scott Welch III of Mississippi and Dennis W. Archer of Michigan spoke in opposition to the motion to postpone indefinitely. The motion failed. John T. Berry of Florida, representing the National Organization of Bar Counsel (“NOBC”), advised the House that the NOBC takes no position on the recommendation. The recommendation was approved as revised.

LEGAL EDUCATION

[103] The House approved by consent Report 103A as submitted by the Standing Committee on Paralegals, granting approval, reapproval and the extension of the term of approval to several paralegal education programs.


[200] On behalf of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar, Sidney S. Eagles, Jr. of North Carolina withdrew Report 200 concurring in the action of the Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar in denying provisional approval to the Eugenio Maria de Hostos School of Law in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico.
RULE OF LAW

[10D] On behalf of the New York State Bar Association, Kathryn Grant Madigan of New York moved Revised Report 10D expressing support for and solidarity with the Pakistani bar and bench; and urging the immediate release of all detained judges and lawyers and calling upon the President of Pakistan to restore Pakistan’s constitution, to reinstate Pakistan’s Supreme Court justices and high court judges and to release all judges, lawyers and other people who were wrongly arrested during the state of emergency. Mark A. Alcott of New York, Karen J. Mathis of Colorado, Marc L. Sallus of California, and Robert L. Weinberg of the District of Columbia spoke in favor of the recommendation. The recommendation was approved as revised unanimously.

SPECIALIZATION

[104] The House approved by consent Report 104 as submitted by the Standing Committee on Specialization, reaccrediting the Legal Professional Liability Program of the American Board of Professional Liability Attorneys and the Medical Professional Liability Program of the American Board of Professional Liability Attorneys of Malverne, New York, and the Elder Law Program of the National Elder Law Foundation of Tucson, Arizona, as designated specialty certification programs for lawyers, and withdrawing accreditation of the Accounting Professional Liability program of the American Board of Professional Liability Attorneys of Malverne, New York.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

[100] On behalf of the Standing Committee on Substance Abuse, Edward H. Jurith of the District of Columbia, withdrew Report 100 urging state, territorial, and tribal legislative bodies and governmental agencies to adopt strategies that foster and encourage the prescribing of prescription medications for effective pain management and that reduce the incidence of prescription drug diversion and abuse, including the enactment of legislation to authorize and implement Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs.

UNIFORM ACTS

[110A] On behalf of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, Hon. Martha L. Walters of Oregon moved Report 110A approving the Uniform Rules Relating to the Discovery of Electronically Stored Information Act, promulgated by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws in 2007 as an appropriate Act for those States desiring to adopt the specific substantive law suggested therein. The Hon. David J. Waxse of Kansas and Robert A. Stein of Minnesota spoke in favor of the recommendation. The recommendation was approved.

UNIFORM ACTS (cont.)

[110C] The House approved by consent Report 110C as submitted by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, approving the Uniform Adult Guardianship and Protective Proceedings Jurisdiction Act, promulgated by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws in 2007 as an appropriate Act for those States desiring to adopt the specific substantive law suggested therein.

[110D] The House approved by consent Report 110D as submitted by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, approving the Uniform Interstate Depositions and Discovery Act, promulgated by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws in 2007 as an appropriate Act for those States desiring to adopt the specific substantive law suggested therein.

[110E] On behalf of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, Hon. Martha L. Walters of Oregon moved Report 110E approving the Uniform Limited Cooperative Association Act, promulgated by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws in 2007 as an appropriate Act for those States desiring to adopt the specific substantive law suggested therein. The recommendation was approved.

YOUTH AT RISK

[300] On behalf of the Commission on Youth at Risk, Laura V. Farber of California moved Revised Report 300 urging the federal government, states, territories and tribes to revise laws, court rules, policies and prosecutorial practices related to “dual jurisdiction” youth (defined as those with juvenile “dependency” cases that aid victims of child abuse or neglect, who are also charged with acts of delinquency). Miriam A. Krinsky of California and Karen J. Mathis of Colorado spoke in favor of the recommendation. The recommendation was approved as revised.

CLOSING BUSINESS

At the conclusion of the meeting of the House on Monday, February 11, Chair Bellows thanked numerous people for their assistance with the House meeting, including the Committee on Rules and Calendar and the ABA staff who support the House.

Chair Bellows called upon James R. Silkenat of New York and the New York delegation for a report on the 2008 Annual Meeting that will take place in New York City. Chair Bellows also recognized Mr. Silkenat for his myriad contributions to the ABA.

Chair Bellows thanked the numerous bar associations who served as hosts for the 2008 Midyear Meeting. A resolution was approved in appreciation of their efforts.

Finally, Chair Bellows recognized Linda A. Klein of Georgia, who moved that the House adjourn sine die.