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2:57 p.m.

The Portland Regency Hotel
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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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Lillian R. BeVier, Vice Chairman
Jonann C. Chiles
Thomas A. Fuentes (by telephone)
Herbert S. Garten
David Hall
Michael D. McKay
Thomas R. Meites
Bernice Phillips
Sarah M. Singleton
Helaine M. Barnett, ex officio

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Thomas Coogan, Assistant Inspector General for
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Guy Lescault, Program Counsel III, Office of Program
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Don Saunders, National Legal Aid and Defenders
Association (NLADA)

Linda Perle, Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP)

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 (2:57 p.m.)

3 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: I will call to order a
4 meeting of the board of directors of the Legal Services
5 Corporation for October 27, 2007, pursuant to notice
6 published in the Federal Register.

7 The first item of business is the approval of
8 the agenda. If I hear no objection, we'll consider the
9 objection approved. Is that satisfactory to the board?

10 (A chorus of ayes.)

11 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: All right. Let's take a
12 shot at seeing if we can approve all these minutes, items
13 2 through 6, if we can approve all those as a group. I
14 would entertain a motion to that effect. And then I
15 would perhaps have to read into the record what we're
16 actually approving.

17 Is there any objection to that process with
18 respect to the minutes?

19 M O T I O N

20 MS. BeVIER: I move approval of all the minutes
21 in items 2 through 6.

1 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: All right. Is there a
2 second?

3 MS. SINGLETON: Do we have all of them?

4 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: I don't know. That's a
5 good question.

6 MS. SINGLETON: I'm sorry. I didn't mean to be
7 so technical. Forget it. I withdraw my question.

8 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Sarah, this has been one
9 of your better meetings.

10 MS. BeVIER: Perhaps we should read them out
11 loud into the record.

12 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Well, before I do that, I
13 need to make sure they're in the book.

14 MS. BeVIER: I'm not sure they all are. We
15 have two.

16 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Do we have two of them?

17 MS. SINGLETON: That's what I had, two of them.

18 MS. BeVIER: Well, they're scattered. We also
19 got some extra ones, didn't we?

20 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: But we already dealt with
21 those, I think.

22 MS. SINGLETON: The ones we dealt with are not

1 in this list, Frank. So they're separate, other minutes.

2 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: But did we not already
3 deal with those?

4 MR. HALL: Yes. Those were closed minutes,
5 minutes from a closed session.

6 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Okay. All right. Let me
7 modify my suggestion to --

8 MS. SINGLETON: Oh, yes. Maybe -- just help me
9 out. We did one thing in closed session. We approved
10 the IG Search Committee minutes. Then we came out in
11 open session and immediately approved some other minutes.
12 I thought they were --

13 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: It was the same minutes.

14 MS. SINGLETON: It was? Okay. Then I don't
15 believe we've approved the executive session minutes that
16 are mentioned here on this agenda page.

17 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: All right. I think,
18 however, what we have in the book, upon looking at the
19 actual minutes that are in the book -- and whoever said
20 that we don't have them all is correct.

21 So let me entertain a motion to approve the
22 minutes of the open session of the board of July 27, 2007

1 and September 11, 2007, which are in the book.

2 M O T I O N

3 MR. MCKAY: So move.

4 MS. BEVIER: I withdraw my motion, by the way.

5 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: All right. Thank you.

6 Thank you. I'm sorry to have led you down that path.

7 MR. MEITES: Second.

8 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: All right. Any

9 discussion?

10 (No response.)

11 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Those in favor of the

12 motion, please say aye.

13 (A chorus of ayes.)

14 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Opposed, nay.

15 (No response.)

16 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: The ayes have it and

17 those minutes are approved.

18 The next item is the chairman's report, and it

19 is mercifully brief. Both Helaine and I attended the

20 SCLAID meeting during the course of the American Bar

21 meeting in San Francisco, and to the extent there's any

22 detail about that, I will leave that to Helaine.

1 The other thing that I have been involved in,
2 along with other members of the board, has been the work
3 of the IG Search Committee, which as you heard earlier,
4 has involved two formal meetings prior to the activities
5 today, and a lot of exchange of messages and resumes and
6 things of that sort.

7 But that completes the chairman's report. I
8 would then move to members' reports. We'll start over
9 here with Lillian BeVier. Any report?

10 MS. BeVIER: No.

11 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Herb?

12 MR. GARTEN: Yes. I'm going to take the
13 liberty of reporting to the board on the status of the
14 proposed ABA Day in D.C., the joint award between our
15 organization and the ABA. We've had a series of
16 telephonic meetings. I also met on the one day I
17 attended the SCLAID meeting in L.A. And we've come up
18 with a problem on the ABA side.

19 The procedures that they have to go through was
20 evident in the fact that we went ahead on our own in
21 establishing the Howard Dana Award last night, and gave
22 the ABA the option once they went through all the hoops

1 and got approval of the ABA board of governors to join
2 with us, as they finally did, and it was a joint award.

3 The likelihood of them getting approval of the
4 ABA board of directors to have a joint presentation, an
5 ABA Day in Washington at the next April meeting of ABA
6 Day in Washington is remote, based upon most recent
7 conversations, where they've run into a snag with a
8 question as to whether the ABA is authorized to have this
9 award in conjunction with ABA Day in Washington, for
10 various technical reasons.

11 So we have proposed the following. We'll go
12 ahead with an ABA Day in Washington -- excuse me, a
13 National Pro Bono Day in D.C. that would follow the
14 intent, as expressed by the board and as expressed by the
15 people involved with me, staff and Helaine. And I'll
16 read you basically what the intent is.

17 "The board of directors of the Legal Services
18 Corporation has initiated a renewed focus on private
19 attorney involvement with LSC-funded programs. In support
20 of the LSC board-adopted action plan in support of
21 private attorney option, the ABA Standing Committee on
22 Pro Bono and Public Service proposes to join with LSC in

1 facilitating an annual National Pro Bono Celebration."

2 We had used the word "day." Their committee
3 had come up with the word "celebration." We had
4 indicated to them that it was important that we use the
5 word "national."

6 "The recently adopted action plan provides the
7 opportunity for LSC and the ABA to undertake a
8 coordinated effort at a national level to showcase the
9 incredible contributions that pro bono lawyers make to
10 our nation, to our system of justice, to our commitments,
11 and most of all to the clients they serve."

12 And then it goes on. And our intent, both the
13 pro bono committee and your committee, have intended to -
14 - Julie Strandlie, who was present. We're all excited
15 about doing it in conjunction with ABA Day in Washington.

16 MR. FUENTES: Microphone, please.

17 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Herb, get a little closer
18 to that mike.

19 MR. GARTEN: In conjunction with ABA Day in
20 D.C. because the forum there consists of over 300 bar
21 leaders, presidents, executive directors, coming from all
22 over the country and prepared to spend a day and a half

1 on visiting their responsive congressional delegations.

2 This would be the eleventh year that they've
3 had this particular celebration, we'll call it. I've
4 been to all of them. And it's very, very effective. And
5 we have in Maryland, for example, a delegation of about
6 six or seven calling on our delegation. And of course
7 it's much smaller than Texas or some other states.

8 And the purpose of it is to enlighten them as
9 to what LSC is doing and the importance of supporting
10 LSC. John Constance pointed out to me how important the
11 ABA and NLADA has been just in recent weeks in getting
12 this positive vote on this amendment. And they are the
13 principal organizations that have supported us through
14 the years, and continue to do so.

15 But unfortunately, for technical reasons, which
16 I can understand, it doesn't appear that they can do it
17 during the ABA Day in Washington. But we've offered them
18 the same option that we offered them with the Howard Dana
19 Award.

20 We'll proceed in doing it in conjunction with
21 our annual meeting, the awards. And it has been
22 suggested that it be two awards, one to an individual --

1 both LSC-funded programs -- and one to one of the
2 organizations that we fund. Do it in conjunction with
3 our annual meeting, and also promote the idea of a
4 National Pro Bono Day.

5 The chair of the pro bono committee of the ABA
6 is working on it very diligently, and hopes that he'll be
7 able to join with us. They in turn would make two awards
8 also at the same time. There was great concern on the
9 ABA pro bono committee's part that their trademark, ABA
10 Pro Bono Publico Award, that they give each year at their
11 annual meeting, that this award be distinguished from it.
12 And that's the reason why we're going to call it the
13 National Award.

14 So we're at the point of moving ahead with
15 being part of our annual meeting at headquarters, hoping
16 that the ABA one way or the other will be in a position
17 to join us, just as they did last night.

18 I'll entertain any questions or suggestions
19 that anybody might have.

20 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any questions for Herb?
21 Sarah?

22 MS. SINGLETON: Do you contemplate we would

1 have the flexibility to do what we did last night, which
2 is not to give it at our annual meeting but to give it in
3 conjunction with a program visit?

4 MR. GARTEN: The discussion with the ABA has
5 been a national visit. We've really made it a condition
6 that it be given in Washington, D.C. And I think that if
7 we went elsewhere in the country to do this, I don't know
8 what the reaction would be.

9 But right now we're waiting -- we're telling
10 them we're moving ahead, and hopefully they'll be in a
11 position to do what they did with the Howard Dana Award.
12 They have an inventory, incidentally, of organizations
13 and individuals who they had to pass in the last two or
14 three years, so that they have an inventory, if they get
15 an okay to join with us, they will have organizations
16 and/or individuals that they would honor at the same time
17 that we did.

18 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Okay. Thank you, Herb.
19 Sarah, do you have a report?

20 MS. SINGLETON: No.

21 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: David?

22 MR. HALL: Yes. On behalf of the board, I

1 attended the celebration for the Center for Legal Aid
2 Education in Boston, which formerly was called Legal Aid
3 University. This is an organization that is committed to
4 providing training to legal services lawyers, both online
5 and in person.

6 It was quite a celebration and drew individuals
7 from across the country. The center is trying to enhance
8 its mission and to provide more training to legal
9 services lawyers around the country, and was certainly
10 thankful to have an LSC representative there. They were
11 also thankful of a personal contribution from our
12 chairman to their fund. And I think it's an organization
13 that we should try to work more closely with in the
14 future.

15 In addition to that, the Boston Bar Association
16 and the Mass. Bar Association -- the Massachusetts Bar
17 Association -- has created a commission to follow up on
18 the ABA's work of developing a civil Gideon rule within
19 Massachusetts.

20 As you know, the ABA passed a resolution over a
21 year ago encouraging various jurisdictions to consider
22 making civil legal needs a mandatory right under certain

1 conditions. And so both bar associations, on the local
2 and state level in Massachusetts, is trying to build on
3 that.

4 I was invited to be a part of the task force
5 that has been set up. And there also was an inaugural
6 seminar to try to begin to explore how that idea will
7 take place in Massachusetts.

8 So those are two events in which I represented
9 the board since our last meeting.

10 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any questions for David?
11 Thank you very much.

12 MR. MEITES: David?

13 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Yes, sir?

14 MR. MEITES: Tell me a little more about this
15 center. Is it affiliated with one of the local law
16 schools? And how is it funded?

17 MR. HALL: It is independent of any of the --
18 it's an independent entity. It does have an affiliation
19 with Seattle University and does some of its programming
20 out there. It's funded in part through the courses that
21 they offer, are paid courses. So legal services entities
22 do pay to get their training.

1 They have been able to get some corporate
2 individual support. But it is not presently affiliated
3 with any of the law schools in Boston, though there are
4 certainly those types of conversations going on.

5 MR. MEITES: Thank you.

6 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Okay. Bernice, any
7 report?

8 MS. PHILLIPS: I completed an interview with
9 NLADA. And of course I forgot to bring the article. I
10 will bring it next time so you can view it. I also will
11 be attending their national conference, hopefully to meet
12 with the clients and to also speak with them. So I will
13 report on that at our next board meeting.

14 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Thank you very much.

15 MR. FUENTES: Microphone, please.

16 MS. PHILLIPS: Are you talking to me?

17 MR. FUENTES: Please.

18 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Did you miss Bernice's
19 report, Tom?

20 MR. FUENTES: I just heard her start of it and
21 then it went out.

22 MS. PHILLIPS: Okay. Let me just say it again.

1 I completed an interview with NLADA, and I forgot the
2 article. But I'll bring it the next time. Therefore,
3 the members can look at it.

4 Also, I will be attending the national
5 conference to meet and speak with the client population.
6 And I'll give the report at our next board meeting.

7 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Thank you, Bernice.
8 Jonann?

9 MS. CHILES. The board of the Center for
10 Arkansas Legal Services in Little Rock has invited me to
11 come and speak at their board meeting. I'll be doing
12 that this week, and I'm very much looking forward to it.

13 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Tom?

14 MR. MEITES: Nothing to report.

15 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Mike McKay?

16 MR. MCKAY: Nothing, thanks.

17 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: All right. Then we'll
18 move to the president's report. Helaine, are you ready?

19 MS. BARNETT: I am, Mr. Chairman. I have
20 distributed to members of the board my full president's
21 report. I distributed copies of my president's report to
22 all members of the board, and I ask, Mr. Reporter, that

1 it be included as part of the full record. So I will
2 just talk about some of the highlights that I'd like to
3 share with you.

4 On the GAO review of our grants management, we
5 had an exit interview on October 1st and we've been told
6 we'll be getting the draft report next week. We get 30
7 days to respond. We of course will share a draft of our
8 response as well as the draft report with the board. So
9 we expect it will not be public till some time the end of
10 November.

11 Our grant proposals for all service areas have
12 been received that are in competition this year. We had
13 only one multiple applicant. It was for the statewide
14 program in Alabama. The new applicant, however, did not
15 meet even the minimal standards of our RFP. I expect
16 that the funding recommendations will be given to me for
17 my review in late November.

18 With regard to our case service report handbook
19 revision, I would just share with you that we have been
20 embarking on an ambitious in-person training schedule.
21 We have done 14 to date. We have seven more to do before
22 the end of the year. We have created a formal process to

1 answer questions as to its applicability. It goes into
2 effect, as you may recall, January 1 of '08.

3 We had a very exciting strategic technology
4 planning conference at LSC September 6 and 7. The
5 attendees included technology experts from private law
6 firms, from foundations, the IOLTA community, academia,
7 the courts, and of course some of our LSC-funded
8 programs. We had John Tull as our facilitator.

9 We are working on the follow-up, which will be
10 two things. One is we are preparing a chart of
11 technologies that exist today that we think programs
12 should either have in place or have access to as part of
13 a state justice system. And we will be sharing that with
14 all our grantees before the end of the year.

15 And in addition, we have an in-house committee
16 working on the development of our strategic vision and
17 our strategic plan in conformity with strategic
18 directions that the board adopted for '06 through '10.

19 We made our TIG grants. We made 38 grants
20 totaling more than \$2.4 million. Approximately 60
21 percent went to pro se assistance, but I thought I'd
22 share with you that a significant amount of funding went

1 to increase access to filing the earned income tax credit
2 applications. And we have funded a national 800 number
3 to facilitate that.

4 With regard to disaster assistance, we were
5 asked by FEMA to participate in settlement negotiations
6 involving one of our grantees, Texas Rural Legal
7 Assistance. As a result of that settlement, although it
8 hasn't been finally approved yet, it looks as if all LSC-
9 funded staff will have access to disaster centers and
10 that there will be a new contract negotiated between FEMA
11 and the Young Lawyers Division of the ABA.

12 I thought I would just bring you up to date on
13 disaster matters, what we know so far with regard to the
14 California fires. And of course, Tom, I welcome any
15 input or information you can share with us in this regard
16 as well.

17 We have been in contact with the programs in
18 California that may have been affected by the wildfires -
19 - San Diego, LAFLA, Neighborhood Legal Services, Inland
20 Counties, Orange County, and California Indian. Most
21 report no damage to their structures, but the air quality
22 has been very bad in some areas, so some offices have

1 closed temporarily. A few staff were evacuated from
2 their homes, but all are safe and no damage has been
3 reported.

4 The most affected areas are San Diego and the
5 California Indian, which is a statewide program. Several
6 of the Indian services reported significant loss of
7 housing because of the fires. Sixty-five houses burned
8 in one reservation, 40 on another have been destroyed.
9 All are partially evacuated. Some have been all or
10 partially evacuated while the extent of the damage is not
11 known, and over 17,000 acres of land have burned and
12 another 9,000 have been burned. It has also affected the
13 agricultural lands, which have been seriously impacted,
14 which may have impact on farm workers.

15 It will be several days before we get the full
16 report. We have -- there is a conference call scheduled
17 for this Monday. The California programs in the
18 unaffected areas and other programs from around the
19 country have reached out to the affected California
20 programs. And as I say, we will be participating in that
21 conference call on Monday. And on Tuesday, we will have
22 our regular disaster conference call where several

1 disaster advocates are planning to do brief presentations
2 as well.

3 So I don't know, Tom. Is there any updates
4 that you have that you would like to share with us?

5 MR. FUENTES: Thank you very much. Nothing
6 just but a personal comment, and that is from where I sit
7 at my home in the moment, we can still smell the smoke.
8 We can see the fire and the flame. And while it has not
9 affected our own immediate neighborhood, neighbors very
10 close by have been affected. And I think that's the case
11 for all Southern Californians.

12 MS. BARNETT: Thank you. Just very briefly, we
13 are still planning our conference on Native American
14 service delivery issues and funding issues as part of the
15 pre-conference of the NLADA annual meeting in Tucson on
16 Wednesday, November 7. And we're delighted that Sarah
17 Singleton will be joining us at that conference.

18 Three events I attended that I would just
19 quickly highlight for you. One was the Mid-America
20 Administrator Financial Offices meeting. Those are the
21 financial offices -- the controllers, the administrative
22 personnel from our programs. Seventeen programs were

1 represented from 11 states. And I think it's the first
2 time that an LSC president has ever met with them, and I
3 was delighted to do so. While I was in Detroit, I did
4 visit our program there as well, and visited the new
5 building into which they will be moving on November 1st.

6 Secondly, in furtherance of our strategic
7 directions of working more closely with federal agencies,
8 we participated in a conference put on by the
9 Administration on Aging. We talked about what we are
10 doing. We talked about our private attorney initiative.
11 103 programs, LSC-funded, also get AOA funding.

12 And finally, we had our first Mountain States
13 Regional Project Directors meeting. We modeled it after
14 the Midwest Project Directors meeting and the Southeast
15 Project Directors meeting. It involved eight states, six
16 of which are statewide programs that have major rural
17 areas. It was a very successful day and a half
18 conference in Salt Lake City, and I suspect it will
19 become an annual event.

20 So that concludes my highlights. If there are
21 any questions to any part of the report, I'd be happy to
22 answer them.

1 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Thank you, Helaine. Any
2 questions for Helaine?

3 (No response.)

4 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: All right. Let's move to
5 the acting Inspector General's report. Dutch, are you
6 ready?

7 MR. MERRYMAN: I am, sir. I will be brief.

8 in addition to the audit investigative work
9 that we are continuing to complete, we will be discussing
10 the results with management shortly of our field work to
11 get their input before we start the drafting process of
12 the reports. But we are prepared to start our discussion
13 with management on two of these projects.

14 We are nearing completion with our own look at
15 internal controls within the IG, which we will post on
16 the web when the report is done, making that public.

17 Also, we have been faced with personnel
18 shortages due to personal events as well as family
19 events. And really, Tom Coogan and I are the only two
20 senior executives in the OIG left full-time right now,
21 but we think we'll be able to meet all the requirements
22 and deadlines.

1 I would like to indicate that I did meet with a
2 staff member from Representative Sanchez's staff, who
3 wanted to be briefed on IG work and asked some questions.
4 We've met with him twice over the last two months, mainly
5 because I was unable to answer a couple of his questions
6 and I did need to wait for counsel to help me with that.
7 And so I thought those discussions went well.

8 I will be sending out a letter to the board and
9 to stakeholders and to management to ask and solicit any
10 input that people may want to suggest for our work plan,
11 our calendar year work plan starting in January. I also
12 would like to start switching that to a fiscal year so we
13 can get a measurement system in place that matches the
14 budget cycle. It just seems out of kilter to me.

15 We have been invited to be a panel member at
16 the NLADA conference. The panel is entitled, "ABA
17 Standard and Board Responsibility for Financial Integrity
18 and Viability." Tom Coogan will be that panel member for
19 us.

20 We are working on -- we do have litigation in
21 progress that we are working on, and that is taking
22 considerable time. But we are meeting all the deadlines

1 and working with in-house counsel and also with our
2 outside counsel.

3 I'll keep it that short.

4 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any questions for Dutch?

5 (No response.)

6 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Okay, Dutch. Thank you
7 very much.

8 The next item is to consider and act on the
9 report of the Committee on the Provision for the Delivery
10 of Legal Services.

11 MR. HALL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

12 The committee does not have any action items.

13 I would like to give a brief summary of some of the
14 reports we heard. We first heard from staff, Karen
15 Sarjeant, about some previous items that we had decided
16 on as a board and as a committee, first on the Private
17 Attorney Involvement Action Plan.

18 Karen gave us an update. There are 45 programs
19 that have now passed resolutions supporting the
20 resolution that we adopted as a board. Pine Tree has not
21 only adopted it, but also all of the legal aid providers
22 in the state have adopted the resolution of encouraging

1 more pro bono involvement.

2 She also indicated that there are other aspects
3 of the plan that they were moving forward on. The
4 program letter should be ready soon and out. There are
5 presentations that will be made at NLADA, and there are
6 other efforts under the plan that are being worked on.
7 So that was a good update.

8 We also had a report from Karen on the
9 leadership and mentoring project. There is an evaluation
10 of that pilot project that is in the draft state that we
11 should hopefully be getting a final report on by our next
12 meeting. The preliminary assessment is that, you know,
13 that will be a very positive evaluation.

14 And one of the issues that we talked about in
15 the committee is what is the role of the local programs
16 or the regional programs to continue this effort, and
17 what is the responsibility, if any, on the national
18 effort to continue to work at these sorts of issues. So
19 we will be getting -- we will receive a more final
20 evaluation of that pilot project in the future.

21 Our main topic, as you know, the Provisions
22 Committee has been examining the whole issue of

1 recruitment and retention. And as we have traveled
2 around the country, we are trying to get perspectives
3 from different programs about how they are tackling this
4 issue and what sort of programs or projects they have
5 that facilitates that.

6 Pine Tree provided us with quite a rich display
7 of information on this topic from three different
8 perspectives.

9 We first heard about the Frank Coffin
10 Fellowship program from two lawyers, Charles Miller, the
11 managing partner of Bernstein Shur, and William Plouffe,
12 a partner at Drummond, Woodsum & McMahon. Both described
13 how this program worked.

14 It is clearly an example of recruitment in the
15 sense that it is bringing lawyers into the legal services
16 world here in Cumberland County. But more importantly,
17 it's another example of how the private bar is supporting
18 providing legal services to the poor.

19 This effort is supported by 11 different firms
20 locally. They raised in 2007 \$125,000, contributions
21 ranging from \$1,000 to \$18,000 per firm. They are able
22 to hire two Coffin Fellows each year on a rotating basis.

1 And they ask the firms to provide a commitment of three
2 years so that they can always have some support. If a
3 firm is going to stop supporting it, they want that type
4 of notice.

5 They shared about how this came about. And
6 it's mainly through a judge, Judge Coffin, encouraging
7 the local bar to get more involved and to contribute
8 more. And they, being inspired by the Skadden Arps
9 fellowship program, decided to model something here.

10 And it has been in existence for a few years,
11 and is something that it's clear that the private bar is
12 very proud of. And it is certainly something, with the
13 prestige of the firms, that attracts lawyers that do this
14 work who might ordinarily not do it. So it was a good
15 example of how private firm involvement can enhance the
16 number of lawyers who are doing this of work.

17 We also had a presentation on the medical-legal
18 partnership. Lauren Smith, who is a pediatrician at the
19 Boston Medical Center, Ellen Lawton, who's the executive
20 director of the medical-legal partnership in Boston, and
21 also Sara Meerse, who works for Pine Tree in the KIDS
22 LEGAL project, described to us not only how this project

1 works, but also how it contributes to recruitment and
2 retention.

3 As you may understand, this project has been in
4 existence for 14 years. It's a way in which doctors
5 partner with legal services lawyers to try to broaden
6 their understanding of what are the problems contributing
7 to illnesses that children have.

8 And it has certainly come to their
9 understanding that some of the social, housing, economic
10 problems that children are encountering are contributing
11 to their health status; and by having a lawyer onsite
12 partnering with a medical professional, that it enhances
13 their ability to address those particular problems.

14 The project that Lauren and Ellen runs is on
15 one level a local project in Boston. But they have a
16 national structure that allows them to provide support to
17 80 other sites around the country.

18 In particular, as it relates to recruitment and
19 retention, and these comments relate to different
20 individuals so I won't attribute to all of them, but they
21 felt in general that this model of having medical
22 professionals and lawyers work together appealed to

1 students in a way that just traditional legal practice
2 does not; that it makes them feel less isolated. For
3 those who are interested in medical types of issues, it
4 gives them another way in which they can fulfill their
5 career aspirations.

6 In regards to the retention area, it was
7 indicated that for some individuals, it's very easy to
8 get burned out. But when you're doing work that requires
9 you to develop different types of skills, to be working
10 with other types of professionals, that that increases
11 the possibility that one would stay in this type of work.

12 Sara indicated herself that she doesn't think
13 that she would have first come to do this type of work if
14 it wasn't for this type of partnership; that she came as
15 a Skadden Fellow, but 11 years later she is convinced
16 that she has the best job in the world. And it is in
17 part due to this type of collaboration that she is
18 engaged in.

19 So from their perspective, this model not only
20 has tremendous potential nationally for trying to address
21 some of the problems that children face, but they feel
22 that it can be applied to other vulnerable groups as

1 well, and that it also contributes greatly to the
2 challenges around recruitment and retention.

3 The last presentation and the last type of
4 project relating to this topic, Nan Heald, the executive
5 director, Thomas Kelley, the litigation director, and
6 Chet Randall talked to us about their retention incentive
7 leave program that provides, in addition to the regular
8 vacation time that lawyers receive, some additional time
9 off that is dependent upon years of service, and how this
10 kind of mini-sabbatical provides lawyers with an
11 opportunity to rejuvenate, to reflect upon their career,
12 to often engage in other types of work. Chet Randall
13 indicated how he used some of that time to go and work in
14 the Gulf Coast after Hurricane Katrina, and also how he
15 used it to paint his house.

16 But more importantly, they were very convinced
17 that having this type of leave incentive program has
18 helped with recruitment because it's something else you
19 can offer people when you are negotiating with them. And
20 it has also helped with retention in the sense that it
21 prevents lawyers from burning out so quickly and giving
22 them an opportunity to rejuvenate themselves; and that

1 though there are challenges in making sure that when
2 lawyers utilize this time, that they are replaced and
3 that there's not a break in continuity with the service
4 to their clients, they felt that those down sides or
5 those challenges did not outweigh the benefits that came
6 from this type of project.

7 So those were three examples -- the fellowship
8 program, the medical-legal partnership, and the retention
9 incentive leave program -- that they in essence offered
10 up to us to consider as techniques or methods that can
11 help with recruitment and retention.

12 There was no public comment or any other
13 business to come before the Provisions Committee. So
14 that concludes our report.

15 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any questions of David?

16 (No response.)

17 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Thank you very much,
18 David.

19 The next item is to consider and act on the
20 report of the Finance Committee.

21 MR. MCKAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We had a
22 full and busy schedule, which we addressed on schedule.

1 The first substantive item addressed the fiscal
2 year 2007 budgetary adjustments. We also heard a
3 presentation on financial reports for the fiscal year
4 ending September 30, 2007. We received good written
5 presentations and an oral presentation from Mr.
6 Richardson and Mr. Jeffress. And in closed session, we
7 also heard from Mr. Fortuno.

8 The bottom line is that there are some changes
9 that need to be made within the OLA line, and mostly in
10 the consultant area. The adjustments were explained, the
11 sources of those funds and so forth.

12 We had some discussions in that area and came
13 up with approval for the consideration of the board today
14 Resolution No. 2007-013. And that was handed out to the
15 committee. Hopefully everyone still has a copy in front
16 of them. And attached to it, at least when it's finally
17 signed, is the spreadsheet that showed those numbers.

18 M O T I O N

19 MR. MCKAY: And so I do propose and move for
20 the board's consideration that resolution.

21 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: All right. Is there a
22 second to that motion?

1 MS. BeVIER: Second.

2 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any discussion?

3 MS. SINGLETON: What page is it on?

4 MR. MCKAY: It is -- I'm sorry. It's not a
5 page. It was a loose document that was handed out during
6 the meeting. It was prepared literally this weekend.

7 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: All right. Let's proceed
8 to a vote on the motion to adopt Resolution 2007-013.
9 All those in favor of the resolution, please say aye.

10 (A chorus of ayes.)

11 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Opposed, nay.

12 (No response.)

13 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: The ayes have it and the
14 resolution is adopted.

15 MR. MCKAY: Thank you. We then received a
16 staff report on the fiscal year 2008 appropriations
17 process from Mr. Constance. As we all know, it is quite
18 encouraging. We don't yet have a final vote, but the
19 numbers are looking very good and we're keeping our
20 fingers crossed.

21 We thank Mr. Constance not only for his report
22 today but for his e-mail reports quite quickly after

1 there's action on the Hill. And again, it is his sense
2 that we'll be getting a final vote fairly soon, in spite
3 of other rumors, and we hope that he is correct.

4 We then considered a resolution, which is No.
5 2007-009. It's a temporary operating budget for fiscal
6 year 2008. And you'll find that at page 39. And we
7 heard from Mr. Richardson and Mr. Jeffress that the
8 numbers contained in the temporary operating budget,
9 which is before us now or will be shortly, is really a --
10 it is the lower of the House and Senate number, which is
11 the House number, plus the carryover, except for the
12 amount that would go to the grantees. And that's still
13 at the 2007 level. The summary is found at page 40, and
14 the total amount contained in the temporary operating
15 budget \$is 382,366,395.

16 M O T I O N

17 MR. MCKAY: So I move for consideration of the
18 board that resolution 2007-009.

19 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Is there a second to that
20 motion?

21 MS. BeVIER: Second.

22 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any discussion?

1 (No response.)

2 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: All right. Let's proceed
3 to a vote, then. All those in favor please say aye.

4 (A chorus of ayes.)

5 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Those opposed, nay.

6 MS. SINGLETON: No.

7 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: All right. One negative
8 vote. If you'd record that, Mr. Reporter. And the
9 resolution is adopted.

10 MR. MCKAY: Thank you. We then considered
11 Resolution 2007-010, which can be found at page 41. It's
12 a resolution authorizing basic field grants for fiscal
13 year 2008 upon the passage of the fiscal year 2008
14 appropriations bill.

15 In essence, it gives to management, the
16 chairman of this board, and the chairman of the Finance
17 Committee the authority to adjust the amount of money
18 that would go out as basic field grants based upon the
19 final appropriations amount that's approved by Congress
20 and signed by the President.

21 M O T I O N

22 MR. MCKAY: So I do move for the consideration

1 of the board that resolution.

2 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Is there a second?

3 MR. HALL: Second.

4 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any further discussion?

5 (No response.)

6 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Hearing none, let's
7 proceed to a vote. All those in favor of the resolution
8 please say aye.

9 (A chorus of ayes.)

10 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Opposed, nay.

11 (No response.)

12 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: The ayes have it and the
13 resolution is adopted.

14 MR. MCKAY: We then, at the request of one of
15 our committee members, asked that we put back on the
16 agenda Resolution No. 2007-008. And it is the budget
17 mark. And that can be found at page 43. It is the
18 budget mark that we approved at our September 17th
19 meeting. And management has begun to move on that. But
20 there was no discussion on the resolution at our meeting.

21 M O T I O N

22 MR. MCKAY: And so I do submit to the board for

1 its consideration and approval that resolution that was
2 approved by the committee on September 17th.

3 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Is there a second to that
4 motion?

5 MS. SINGLETON: Second.

6 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any further discussion?

7 (No response.)

8 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: All those in favor,
9 please say aye.

10 (A chorus of ayes.)

11 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Those opposed, nay.

12 (No response.)

13 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: The ayes have it and the
14 resolution is adopted.

15 MR. MCKAY: Tho. We then discussed -- or
16 received a staff report on financial statement standards.
17 And you'll recall that this is an issue that actually was
18 raised a couple times, most recently by GAO. Mr.
19 Richardson and Mr. Jeffress both wrote very good memos
20 for us to consider.

21 We became aware and understood that the GASB
22 standard, which is the one we currently use, provides

1 more information than the FASB standard, which is the
2 other approach we could employ. And we collectively
3 agreed as a committee that we should be more transparent
4 than less transparent, and that we will proceed with the
5 GASB standard.

6 And I don't believe this requires any board
7 action because we're simply encouraging the status quo,
8 but thought I'd let the board know that that's what we
9 did today.

10 The next issue we addressed was we began to
11 work on this question of audit committee functions and
12 whether or not we need to create a new audit committee or
13 assign or recommend that this board assign audit
14 committee functions to the Finance Committee.

15 And we began our discussion, and Mr. Fortuno
16 and Mr. Jeffress and Mr. Merryman collectively and
17 individually have presented to me and to the committee
18 and to the full board some very good materials to start
19 working on.

20 We began our discussion today. We asked for
21 more information, more focused on -- that would reflect
22 really what our role is, what we at LSC do and are. And

1 we look forward to a more detailed presentation or a more
2 focused presentation, appreciative of what we received so
3 far, but something that focuses more on LSC and our
4 particular needs. And we also look forward to a formal
5 report from Nancy Davis, our outside auditor, who is
6 scheduled to appear in front of the committee in January
7 of '08 at our annual meeting. No action is necessary on
8 that.

9 We then considered a proposed amendment to the
10 LSC Act regarding the compensation schedule of our
11 president and members of the board. And we received a
12 presentation from Mr. Jeffress and Mr. Constance. There
13 is a chart that begins at page 76 which shows the range
14 of payments for the highest ranking executives in
15 different entities, both governmental entities and quasi-
16 governmental entities.

17 We were gently reminded that the locality pay
18 element is something we need to keep in mind. WE WERE
19 also reminded that LSC executives, the president and
20 others, are not paid bonuses like other government
21 employees. And we were encouraged to wait until Congress
22 votes on the locality pay element before we visit this

1 issue again.

2 And we hope that there will be a vote by our
3 January meeting, and we will revisit the subject at that
4 point. But we're well on the way of getting a feel for
5 what is an important issue. We know it's an important
6 issue because our chair told us that the compensation
7 level for the IG is such that at least two well-qualified
8 applicants withdrew their application as soon as they
9 found out how much the compensation was. So it's
10 something we need to be aware of, and we are going to
11 continue to work on this.

12 We then received a staff report on the
13 selection of a new administrator for LSC's 403(b) savings
14 plan. We were informed, of course, and we well know
15 that's a savings plan in place, that there's a small LSC
16 match, and there's now approximately \$11 million that's
17 being managed by an administrator who, it appears, needs
18 to be replaced.

19 We were reminded by members of the committee
20 that we have a fiduciary responsibility to take -- to
21 participate in the process of the selection of the new
22 administrator. It was agreed that the chair -- that I

1 would put together a procedure that I proposed to the
2 committee, and of course I'd copy the rest of the board,
3 that would set forth an interview process or procedure,
4 which would result in interviews by our committee of the
5 finalists, and thus fulfilling our responsibilities under
6 the law. And since there's a significant possibility
7 that the board itself will be meeting for other reasons
8 between now and our annual meeting, that perhaps we can
9 piggyback on that meeting to conduct those interviews.

10 We then considered and acted on Resolution
11 2007-011, which is at page 81 of the board book. It's an
12 increase in the maximum salary redirection amount for
13 FlexAmerica health care reimbursement fund. And this
14 resolution would increase the maximum amount that may be
15 redirected through the salary deduction from \$7,500 to
16 \$10,000 per year.

17 M O T I O N

18 MR. MCKAY: And so we had a discussion, and do
19 recommend to the board, and I move, the adoption of
20 Resolution 2007-011.

21 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Is there a second?

22 MS. SINGLETON: Second.

1 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any further discussion?

2 (No response.)

3 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: All those in favor,
4 please say aye.

5 (A chorus of ayes.)

6 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Those opposed, nay.

7 (No response.)

8 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: The ayes have it and the
9 resolution is adopted.

10 MR. MCKAY: We then had a fulsome discussion on
11 invitations to -- extending invitations to LSC meetings
12 both in January of next year and the Finance Committee
13 meeting in February -- September of next year, 2008. And
14 you'll find it beginning at page 83 in the board book, a
15 list of potential invitees.

16 We did have a fulsome discussion about the role
17 that those invitees would play. I think it's something
18 the committee will continue to work on as we look forward
19 to our September 2008 meeting and what role they will
20 play.

21 But we did decide and agree to extend an
22 invitation to our January 2008 meeting to those listed on

1 page 83 so at least they could come and listen to what we
2 do at the January meeting, and of course can participate
3 at the public comment section of any of the committee
4 meetings and the full board meeting. And the committee
5 will continue to work on this issue that has been raised,
6 and that is what role they should play at our September
7 2008 meeting when we gather to set a budget mark.

8 And that's what we did at our meeting today.

9 Thank you.

10 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Okay. Any further
11 questions for Mike?

12 (No response.)

13 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: The next item is consider
14 and act on the report of the Performance Reviews
15 Committee.

16 MR. MCKAY: The most skilled member --

17 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: I'm sorry. It's ops and
18 regs.

19 MR. MCKAY: The most skilled member of the
20 board in delegating delegated to me the responsibility --
21 the chore -- the privilege of reporting to the board the
22 Operations and Regulations Committee work today.

1 We considered the initiation of rulemaking to
2 adopt lesser sanctions. And after a presentation from
3 staff, it was decided that we would take a broader look
4 at investigations. Asked for a report where we'd get a
5 timeline of investigations, and have, as our chair
6 stated, a look at a day in the life of an investigation.

7 And so instead of looking at a particular
8 issue, that is, lesser sanctions, we're going to take a
9 step back and look at a broader issue of investigations;
10 and then, if it's appropriate, come back and look at this
11 issue. And so that's what we agreed to do.

12 We then received a report from Mr. Jeffress on
13 LSC's corporate compliance program initiative. He
14 reported to us that there's a committee; that they are
15 working on a code of ethics; that they're working on a
16 program that would assure the compliance of a code of
17 ethics; and that we will be looking forward to a more
18 detailed report at one of our meetings soon.

19 Mr. Jeffress also reported on the continuity of
20 operations plan, that is, what happens in the wake of a
21 disaster, how LSC would be able to function. And there's
22 another committee that's working on that, and we look

1 forward to a more detailed report on that subject as
2 well.

3 We briefly discussed the locality pay issue.
4 And as we heard in other discussions, it was agreed that
5 it would be best that we wait and see what Congress does
6 on this issue. But again, we're receiving encouraging
7 words on that subject.

8 And finally, we began a discussion -- we of
9 course received a very good OIG report on independent
10 public accountant audits. But we agreed that we'd
11 address this issue in a more detailed way at our January
12 meeting.

13 And that's the report from that committee.

14 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any questions for Mike?

15 (No response.)

16 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Thank you. Now I'll get
17 back in sequence here, Lillian. The next item is
18 consider and act on the report of the Performance Reviews
19 Committee.

20 MS. BeVIER: Mr. Chairman, the Performance
21 Reviews Committee does not have anything to bring for
22 board action. Essentially, what the committee did was

1 very briefly to establish the procedure that we intend to
2 follow for the review, the annual performance review, of
3 the president of the Corporation.

4 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any question for Lillian?

5 (No response.)

6 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Thank you very much.

7 The next item is consider and act on proposed
8 protocol for board member access to corporate records.
9 Do we have someone who's going to address that for us?

10 MS. SINGLETON: Well, I'm prepared to address
11 it if you want to do it today. I know you're approaching
12 your deadline. I don't believe there's anything pressing
13 about this.

14 MS. PHILLIPS: I just have a couple of concerns
15 here, but if you want to wait until next time, it's okay.

16 MS. SINGLETON: I mean, I'm ready to go, so
17 it's up to the pleasure of the board.

18 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: How much time would that
19 take today?

20 MS. SINGLETON: Well, we need to go over the
21 various comments that were made. And I would say ten
22 minutes. So it's going to push your end time.

1 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Yeah. I'm trying to
2 accommodate some people with respect to their travel
3 schedules.

4 MS. SINGLETON: Right.

5 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Let's defer that item,
6 please.

7 MS. SINGLETON: Okay. And if anybody's having
8 trouble getting any information they believe they need,
9 they should just contact you in the meantime?

10 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: They can speak up.

11 No. 16 on the agenda, consider and act on board
12 follow-up on recommendations to the board contained in
13 the report issued by the GAO on LSC governance. I'm not
14 aware of who might be addressing that item. Charles, is
15 that you?

16 MR. JEFFRESS: Charles Jeffress. Mr. Chairman,
17 the board asked that this be kept on the agenda. It is
18 the board's response to GAO, so management has not been
19 taking the lead on any of these items.

20 We put in your book another copy of the letter
21 that you all sent to GAO indicating what the board's
22 intent was. I'm not aware of any action that is

1 currently pending with respect to any of these. But in
2 terms of keeping it before you, the board's commitments
3 to GAO, we put that in the book and put it on the agenda
4 as you asked.

5 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: And I also think during
6 the day today, I think we heard about different
7 activities that are underway in connection with our
8 response to GAO in which we agree to undertake all their
9 recommendations.

10 MR. JEFFRESS: Yes, sir. We had responses on
11 the management, on the continuity of operations plan, on
12 the compliance plan, on the risk management. As you all
13 recall, we are awaiting the results of the second GAO
14 review before we have a response to that. And then of
15 course on our financial standards, we've made a decision
16 on that.

17 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: And also, we discussed in
18 some detail the notion of a separate audit committee.
19 And there will be some further follow-up. Or did you say
20 something about the audit committee and I just tuned out?

21 MR. JEFFRESS: No. That is in your area. And
22 you're right, the board is dealing with that.

1 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: All right. Fine. I
2 think that will do on that item. Thank you very much.

3 MR. HALL: Mr. Chairman?

4 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Yes, sir?

5 MR. HALL: I guess I'm wanting to be clear that
6 we as a board have some mechanism to follow up on these
7 items because we did at a previous meeting agree that we
8 would pursue some of these recommendations. The audit
9 one seems to be lodged in a committee, and therefore I'm
10 confident that it will continue to get action and thus
11 some resolution.

12 I'm not clear as to whether the other things
13 that we agreed to do is lodged in any committee or
14 individual so that we could ensure that it goes forward.
15 For example, the orientation of new board members, is
16 there someone or some committee that's responsible for
17 beginning to develop that orientation so that at some
18 point in the future we can say we moved on it; we got it
19 done; it's over?

20 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: I don't think it's lodged
21 in a particular committee. I will undertake between now
22 and our next meeting to make certain that each of these

1 items is lodged in a committee.

2 MR. MCKAY: And then if I might propose -- and
3 that was exactly my thought as well, that once it is
4 lodged in a certain committee, let's make sure it gets on
5 that committee's agenda in the same way this item is on
6 our agenda.

7 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Yes.

8 MR. MCKAY: And remains there until it's
9 resolved.

10 MS. SINGLETON: I like getting this letter in
11 our board book so that we can be reminded of what it was
12 we said we'd do.

13 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: So we can continue -- you
14 want that to continue to appear in the book?

15 MR. MCKAY: Yeah.

16 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: And also, we want this
17 item to continue to appear on the board's agenda as well.

18 MS. SINGLETON: Yes.

19 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: So we can be certain
20 we're tracking on compliance.

21 MS. SINGLETON: Until we've done them all.

22 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Right. All right. At

1 this point, we consider and act on other business. Is
2 there any other business? Yes?

3 M O T I O N

4 MS. PHILLIPS: I have other business. I was
5 looking at this search committee book, and to my
6 understanding, Ms. Pat Batie worked on this book. And it
7 looks like a lot of work. And I also understand that she
8 supported the committee, along with doing the board book,
9 also with doing her daily functions. And I would just
10 like to recognize her on the record for working hard and
11 going above and beyond the call of duty.

12 And on that note, I would also like to suggest
13 that maybe Helaine or Vic has something at the
14 Corporation that -- whatever way that you recognize your
15 employees. Is there such a thing?

16 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: We'll have to ask Vic to
17 comment. We do operate within a number of limitations.
18 I don't know what all we might be able to do.

19 MR. FORTUNO: There are ways in which we can
20 recognize exceptional performance, and actually, I think
21 use the notion of performing above and beyond their
22 responsibilities. There's even an award with that title.

1 But there are any number of ways, and I'll
2 certainly discuss that with President Barnett so that we
3 can come to some appropriate response to your suggestion.
4 Thank you. I appreciate hearing that.

5 MS. PHILLIPS: Thank you, Pat, again.

6 MS. SINGLETON: If the first part of Bernice's
7 statement concerning Pat and her work with the search
8 committee was in the form of a motion that the board
9 express its appreciation in public for the work that she
10 did, I want to second that because I worked very closely
11 with Pat trying to get materials together, e-mailing back
12 and forth, even to the extent that she was e-mailing me
13 when an interviewee was out in the hall. So she really
14 did work very hard, and I would second the motion that
15 the board publicly recognize that and thank her.

16 MS. PHILLIPS: Okay. Then it is a motion.

17 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Fine. All right. We'll
18 take it as a motion and a second. And I would -- is
19 there any further discussion on that?

20 (No response.)

21 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Let's proceed to a vote
22 on the motion. All those in favor, please say aye.

1 (A chorus of ayes.)

2 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Those opposed, nay.

3 (No response.)

4 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: And the resolution is
5 adopted. And Pat, we'll give you a round of applause.

6 (Applause.)

7 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Is there any public
8 comment at this point?

9 (No response.)

10 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Before we conclude the
11 meeting, I want to note for the record the board's
12 appreciation for the great visit we had to Pine Tree
13 Legal Assistance. And we especially express our
14 appreciation to Nan Heald, the executive director, and
15 Cesar Torres (sic), the chairman of the board of Pine
16 Tree.

17 We also appreciate the fine reception hosted by
18 T.D. Bank North Wealth Management Group at the McNearney
19 Center last night, an outstanding event.

20 And finally, I would express particular
21 appreciation to Judge Kermit Lipez of the United States
22 Court of Appeals for the 1st Circuit, who gave us such a

1 fine luncheon speech yesterday. I think he was warmly
2 received, and he's a delightful individual, and it was
3 great to have him at our meeting.

4 Any other business to come before the meeting?

5 (No response.)

6 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: I would entertain a
7 motion to adjourn.

8 M O T I O N

9 MR. HALL: So moved.

10 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: All right. We are
11 adjourned. Thank you very much.

12 (Whereupon, at 4:00 p.m., the board meeting was
13 adjourned.)

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