President Karen A. Gould called the General Session of the Sixty-Ninth Annual Meeting of the Virginia State Bar to order at 9:15 a.m. on June 16, 2007, at the Cavalier Hotel, Virginia Beach. She introduced Howard W. Martin Jr. the incoming president, who had been sworn in by Supreme Court of Virginia Chief Justice Leroy R. Hassell Sr. the previous evening. Mr. Martin reported on the actions of the council at its meeting on June 14.

Introduction of President-elect Capsalis
Mr. Martin introduced Manuel A. Capsalis of Arlington, incoming president-elect. Mr. Capsalis made brief remarks. On motion made, seconded, and unanimously approved, Manuel A. Capsalis was formally elected as president-elect for the 2007-2008 bar year.

Tradition of Excellence Award
James C. Roberts of Richmond received the General Practice Section Tradition of Excellence Award. Charles E. Adams, chair of the General Practice Section, made introductory remarks. The award is given each year by the General Practice Section to a lawyer who exemplifies outstanding professional and public service.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 a.m.