

MINUTES OF THE 63RD ANNUAL MEETING

President Joseph A. Condo called the General Session of the 63rd Annual Meeting of the Virginia State Bar to order at 9 a.m. on June 16, 2001, at the Cavalier Hotel, Virginia Beach. He introduced Michael A. Glasser, the incoming president, who had been sworn in by Virginia Supreme Court Chief Justice Harry L. Carrico the previous evening.

Report of Council Actions

Mr. Glasser reported that council had taken the following actions at its meeting on June 14:

- Approved and recommended amendments to the Supreme Court Rules that would open district committee hearings to the public after a determination of probable cause, after they are set for a hearing and the respondent attorney has been notified.
- Adopted a resolution offering the bar's assistance to the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission in its study of the administration of capital punishment in Virginia.
- Approved and recommended amendments to the Supreme Court that would change from June 31 to October 31 the deadline for completing required MCLE course hours. Fifteen hours of CLE would be required during the transition period.
- Established a Senior Lawyers Conference consisting of all VSB members in good standing 55 years old or older. Council recommended that the Supreme Court adopt a rule that would make the conference chair an *ex officio* member of council.
- Adopted a resolution honoring the memory of past president E. Griffith Dodson, Jr. of Roanoke, who died May 8, 2001.
- Adopted the 2000–2001 budget, projecting revenues of \$8,444,120 and expenditures of \$8,741,177.

Introduction of President-elect DiMuro

Mr. Condo introduced Bernard J. DiMuro of Alexandria who won election in a spirited contest for president-elect. Mr. DiMuro graciously accepted the responsibility. He was gratified that council endorsed the concept of more openness in the disciplinary system because the public trust is important to the right of self-regulation. Lawyers must be confident in the fairness of the system as well. He said the bar has many positive programs and he looks forward to a good year.

Tradition of Excellence Award

Theodore L. Plunkett, Jr. of Roanoke received the General Practice Section Tradition of Excellence Award from Evan Farr, chair of the section. The award is given each year by the General Practice Section to a lawyer who exemplifies professional and public service.

Fifty Year Awards

Mr. Condo and Mr. Glasser presented fifty year certificates to all the honorees who were present for the occasion. They were each photographed as they received this special recognition.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.