

REPORTS OF THE SECTIONS

LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAW SECTION

Mark K. Flynn, chair

The Local Government Law Section of the Virginia State Bar concentrated during the 2004–2005 fiscal year on producing journals that address issues facing local government attorneys.

New issues that were addressed in the *Journal* include the *Cochran v. Fairfax County Board of Zoning Appeals* decision of the Supreme Court of Virginia, in which the Court restated the existing law on the standards for granting a variance by a board of zoning appeals. The *Journal* addressed the opinion and the political fallout in the following session of the General Assembly. Changes in the Fair Labor Standards Act on exempt employees as applied to government employees was another topic.

The newsletter included an article on the major rewrite of the law on rental inspection programs. Those programs are operated by local governments to ensure that apartments and rental houses are safe. The article addressed the new law and its implementation by local governments. Another article cut through the layers of the state budget process to make it comprehensible.

The board of governors adopted a new masthead, thanks to the good work of our editor, Susan W. Custer. The members of the board for the year were Mark K. Flynn, chair; Kevin J. Cosgrove, vice-chair; Barbara M. Rose, secretary; and Harwell M. “Sam” Darby Jr., Phyllis A. Errico, Joseph L. Howard Jr., Michael H. Long, Sandra J. McNinch, Rhysa G. South and Gregory J. Haley.

