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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS OF  
THE MARITIME LAW ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES**

Held at the offices of  
Montgomery Barnett Brown Read Hammond & Mintz, New Orleans  
on  
March 27, 2001

The meeting was called to order by President William R. Dorsey, III, at 9:00 a.m. In addition to President Dorsey, the following officers were present:

Raymond P. Hayden, First Vice President  
Thomas S. Rue, Second Vice President  
Lizabeth L. Burrell, Secretary  
Patrick J. Bonner, Treasurer  
Winston E. Rice, Membership Secretary  
Howard M. McCormack, Immediate Past President

The following Board members were present:

James W. Bartlett, III	Jean E. Knudsen
Geoffrey F. Birkhead	George J. Koelzer
James K. Carroll	Robert B. Parrish
Vincent M. DeOrchis	Mary Elisa Reeves
John B. Gooch, Jr.	Alan van Praag
Bruce A. King	James F. Whitehead, III

President Dorsey thanked Mr. Gooch for his firm's hospitality in providing the Board with a meeting place and arrangements in connection with the meeting.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Secretary Lizabeth L. Burrell of New York reported that the Proceedings for the Fall 2000 General Meeting have been distributed to the membership. Secretary Burrell noted that our website library is functioning well because the Proceedings appeared on the Association's website before the published version was in the membership's hands.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the November 2, 2000 meeting of the Board of Directors were unanimously approved and accepted. The minutes of the August and November 2000 Board meetings were published in the Proceedings of the Fall 2000 General Meeting.



After the November 2, 2000 meeting of the Board, the Board duly approved by poll five resolutions.

The first resolution authorized a statement on behalf of the Association to the Docket Management Facility of the U.S. Department of Transportation commenting on Docket Number USCG 2000-8079, "Setting the Environmental Agenda for the Coast Guard." At the November 2, 2000 Board meeting, Alfred J. Kuffler of Philadelphia, Chair of the Environmental Crimes Subcommittee, Dennis L. Bryant, Chair of the Committee on Navigation, Coast Guard and Government Regulation, and Matthew A. Marion, Chair of the Committee on Marine Ecology, were asked to draft a statement setting forth the Association's views on government policy in connection with pollution incidents. In particular, the draft statement was to communicate that the current government policy of criminalizing acts in connection with pollution incidents actually works against the public interest in protecting the environment, propose that only acts taken with criminal intent be subject to criminal sanctions, and urge the government to adopt as its most important priority policies which encourage effective responses to spills. Such a statement was to be drafted and approved by the relevant Committees, and then reviewed by the Board.

The Board approved the resulting statement, which provided comments replying to questions concerning the Coast Guard's agenda for oil pollution prevention, preparedness and response in the 21<sup>st</sup> century posed by the Coast Guard in its Notice of Public Meeting, 65 Fed. Reg. 62408 of October 18, 2000. The Association's statement again notes the conflict between criminal and civil issues in oil spill cases and the deleterious effect such conflict can have in achieving the common goal of minimizing the physical consequences of spills. The statement encourages that priority be given to safety and response by eliminating strict liability environmental crimes. A copy of this statement is appended to the original of these minutes.

A second resolution duly passed by the Board authorized President Dorsey to cast the Association's vote in favor of the new Constitution and Procedure for Suspension and Expulsion of the Comité Maritime International and to exercise his discretion, after consultation with our delegation, in connection with any amendments that may be raised at the CMI's February 2001 plenary meeting in Singapore.

The third resolution duly approved by the Board gave President Dorsey and his designees power to act in accordance with positions taken previously by the Association on issues of marine insurance in connection with the meetings at the CMI conference concerning harmonization of such laws:



**WHEREAS**, a plenary session and an Assembly of the Comité Maritime International will be held at the CMI Conference at Singapore in February 2001; and

**WHEREAS**, National Associations may be asked to express their views on various issues pertaining to the issue of harmonisation of Marine Insurance Law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board wishes to authorize its President, or his designee, to express such views insofar as they are not inconsistent with previously stated positions of the Association or that, in his opinion, necessitate Board or Association approval.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Board of Directors of The Maritime Law Association of the United States, authorizes its President, or his designee, to express such views as may be appropriate concerning issues on the harmonisation of Marine Insurance Law that arise during the CMI Conference in Singapore, provided, however, he, or his designee, may express no views that are inconsistent with positions previously taken by this Association or that, in his view necessitate the approval of this Board or the Association.

The fourth resolution duly approved by the Board gave the authority necessary for the Association to participate in the matters of transport law arising at the Singapore plenary of the CMI:

**WHEREAS**, a plenary session and an Assembly of the Comité Maritime International will be held at Singapore in February 2001 and will address the CMI's ongoing work on issues of Transport Law; and

**WHEREAS**, The Maritime Law Association of the United States wishes to urge the CMI to prepare an instrument as close as possible to the proposed new COGSA that was approved by the Association in May 1996; and

**WHEREAS**, the Association wishes the instrument to track as closely as possible United States case law for those issues not covered by the proposed new COGSA; and

**WHEREAS**, the Association wishes to give its President and his designees sufficient discretion to negotiate an instrument that comes as close as possible to achieving these goals;



**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Board of Directors of The Maritime Law Association of the United States authorizes its President, with the advice of the U.S. Delegates to the CMI International Sub-Committee on Transport Law, to use his discretion to advance the goal of achieving an instrument that:

- (a) is consonant with, and does not vary in any significant material way from, the proposed new COGSA; and
- (b) is consonant with, and does not vary in any significant material way from, United States law on those subjects not covered by the proposed new COGSA.

The President is further authorized to delegate this authority to such U.S. Delegates to the CMI International Sub-Committee on Transport Law as he deems necessary or appropriate.

The fifth resolution duly approved by the Board also concerned the CMI plenary session in Singapore:

**WHEREAS**, a plenary session and an Assembly of the Comité Maritime International will be held at the CMI Conference at Singapore in February 2001; and

**WHEREAS**, National Associations will be asked to vote in favor of recommending to the CMI that it endorse the Draft Model National Law on Acts of Piracy and Maritime Violence submitted by the Joint International Working Group; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board wishes to authorize its President to vote on behalf of this Association, in favor of recommending to the CMI that it endorse said Draft Model Law, and also to authorize him to indicate what reservations or suggested changes, if any, are part of such favorable vote;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Board of Directors of The Maritime Law Association of the United States authorizes its President, on behalf of this Association, at any CMI plenary session or Assembly held in Singapore, to vote in favor of recommending that the CMI endorse said Draft Model Law, and the President is further authorized, in connection with such favorable vote, to state any reservations or suggested changes



to said Draft Model Law that the President in his discretion, with the advice of those members of the Association present at said Conference, deems necessary or appropriate.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Secretary's report was unanimously approved and accepted.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Patrick J. Bonner of New York presented the Treasurer's Report for the three months ending on October 31, 2000. Treasurer Bonner reported on the cash on hand and investments as of the date of the meeting, both of which reflected the cost of our participation in international activities, and on the substantial expenditures anticipated in the coming year.

Treasurer Bonner also noted that dues payments were being received earlier this year because the bills were sent out earlier, and that members who remain in arrears have been dropped from the membership. We must continue to exercise a policy of fiscal caution in view of other Association projects and activities that will require expenditures over the next two years, but expect to be able to participate fully in all current areas of endeavor.

Treasurer Bonner also reported that the Association lost money on the Fall 2000 dinner dance due to low attendance. This result is consistent with our recent experiences with the New York Fall dinners.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board passed a resolution authorizing the opening of a checking account at the Bank of America for the expenditures of the Committee on Planning and Arrangements for the Fall 2001 General Meeting in San Diego and all other resolutions incident to opening such an account. A copy of the banking resolutions are appended to the original of this report.

Treasurer Bonner also reported on the filing of the Association's tax returns.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Treasurer's report was unanimously approved and accepted.

### **MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Membership Secretary Winston E. Rice of New Orleans presented thirty applicants for Associate Lawyer membership. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the candidates for Associate Lawyer membership were unanimously elected.



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The Board approved Chancellor John J. Costonis of Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center as a new Academic member.

Membership Secretary Rice also reported, with regret, the death of the following members:

George Marshall Bates of New York  
James B. Kemp, Jr. of New Orleans  
Carl F.E. Kimling of Stamford  
Donald J. Volpi, Jr. of New Orleans  
W. Ross Warren of League City

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board resolved that in order to be considered for approval at a May board meeting, applications for Proctor and nonlawyer membership must be submitted by April 15, and in order to be considered at a Fall board meeting, such applications must be submitted by September 15.

Membership Secretary Rice also reported that a new directory will be published in the Fall of 2001.

After the November 2, 2000 Board meeting, the Association had 3,307 members. As of March 27, 2001, after the changes approved by the Board at its meeting, the total membership was 3,338.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Membership Secretary's Report was unanimously approved and accepted.

The list of all the successful candidates for membership and Mr. Rice's written report are appended to the original of these minutes.

## **INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES**

### **Comité Maritime International**

President Dorsey's report on the CMI Plenary and Assembly that took place in Singapore in February 2001 appears in his March 2001 Winter/Spring 2001 Newsletter (MLA Document number 755) and provides a comprehensive description of the events of this conference.

President Dorsey reported that at the CMI Assembly meeting on February 16, Patrick Griggs was elected as President for a second term; Frank Wiswall was elected for a second term as Vice President; Alexander Von Zeigler was elected to



another four-year term as Secretary General; Karl-Johan Gombrii of Norway was elected for a first term as Vice President; Thomas Reme of Germany, Johanne Gauthier of Canada and Professor Feng Li Qi of China were elected to the Executive Council; and Professor Hisashi Tanikawa was elected an Honorary Vice President. Association members Michael Sturley, Vincent DeOrchis and Lawrence Bowles were elected Titulary members.

The Board heard reports on the various topics treated at the plenary conference, as follows.

*International Sub-Committee on Transport Law*

Board member Vincent M. DeOrchis reported on activities of the International Sub-Committee on Transport Law at the Singapore meeting, which he attended together with Past President Chester D. Hooper, who chaired the Association's delegation on this subject, George F. Chandler, III, and Professor Michael Sturley (the Sub-Committee's Rapporteur), who provided a summary report on this part of the conference.

There appears to be a consensus that a regime for transport law should provide some type of door-to-door coverage, but at the same time, there is concern over the post-delivery period and interaction with the CMR provisions which govern road and rail transport in Europe. There are indications of consensus on fault-based liability but without more specificity on what kind of fault might be the basis for liability. There also appeared to be support for eliminating the defenses of errors in navigation and management. There is some support for "performing carrier" liability, but these provisions need to be refined, and limited to the performing and contracting carriers. Delay damages also seem to find general support, but with time limits. The consensus on burden of proof appeared to be that it should remain as it is under the Hague-Visby Rules.

It had been expected that an outline instrument would be available by this coming summer and then distributed to the national associations for comment, but it may not be possible to hold the necessary meetings in time to meet that schedule.

*Harmonization of Marine Insurance*

The Association's delegation on this extraordinarily multifaceted topic was very ably chaired by Past President Graydon Staring. A resolution by the Conference endorsed the current study by the CMI International Working Group on the National Laws of Marine Insurance as an exercise worth carrying on and directed the IWG to continue to seek to identify and evaluate areas of difference in national laws in which harmonization may be feasible and desirable.



Model Piracy Laws

The Conference considered the draft of a Model Piracy Law submitted by the Joint International Working Group composed of representatives of the CMI, BIMCO, ICS, Interpol, IUMI and other organizations. Professor Samuel Menefee was the group's rapporteur, and George Gabel chaired the Association's delegation on this subject.

Board member James F. Whitehead, III, one of the Association's delegates to the piracy meetings, reported on the severity of the increasing problem of piracy and the CMI's efforts to assist through development of model national laws providing a legal framework to combat this problem.

Because of the number of organizations that had been involved in the drafting, it had been hoped that no substantive amendments would be proposed at this meeting, but several national associations proposed changes to the draft. For example, the U.S. delegation was concerned that a provision might result in forfeitures by innocent ship or cargo owners, or their mortgagees, whose property was used in acts of piracy or maritime violence. These and other suggestions for improvement will be taken into consideration and a draft will be submitted to the IMO and national maritime law associations for further comment. It is anticipated that the new draft will be available in the fall of this year.

General Average

Immediate Past President Howard M. McCormack reported on the discussions about whether or not the CMI should consider revisions to the York-Antwerp rules proposed by the International Union of Marine Insurers. The Association's position remains that the CMI need not consider these issues at this time in view of the full discussion of these ideas at the 1994 conference in Sydney and the lack of any developments in the maritime trade since that time affecting these matters so as to require a review. At the plenary session, however, a resolution was adopted asking the group to continue its work of considering what, if any, revisions to the York-Antwerp Rules were required. The Association dissented from this resolution. A joint working group will be formed for the work prescribed by the resolution.

UNESCO Convention on Underwater Cultural Heritage

John Kimball, who chairs the Association's Study Group on this subject, has been appointed the rapporteur of the International Working Group on the UNESCO Draft Convention. A resolution was approved at the plenary requesting the Chairman of this IWG to monitor the Draft Convention's progress, to seek to avoid



conflict between the Draft and existing international salvage law and to explore the possibility of promoting a draft protocol to the Salvage Convention such as that proposed by the late Geoffrey Brice. The resolution also asked the Executive Council to appoint an International Subcommittee to go forward with this work.

Implementation and Interpretation of Conventions

A resolution was adopted approving a draft report on the implementation of the 1976 LLMC Convention and recommending that the International Working Group continue to develop possible measures to promote uniform implementation and interpretation of international conventions.

Offshore Mobile Craft

There was an informal meeting of the International Subcommittee. Our Association has urged that the CMI to leave off this work as it does not appear to be necessary, but others involved in this subject consider that the CMI should prepare for the possibility that such a convention might be useful in the future and noted that it continued to be an item on the agenda of the IMO Legal Committee.

Constitution

President Dorsey reported that the Conference and Assembly approved the new constitution, which allows the CMI to have the juridical personality required to be lawfully domiciled in Belgium.

**OECD Workshop on Transport Law**

President Dorsey reported that on very short notice, Past President Chester D. Hooper agreed to accompany the U.S. State Department delegate to the OECD workshop on Transport Law held in Paris on January 25 and 26, 2001. The workshop centered on a paper advocating strict liability, high limits, delay damages and consequential damages. The consensus of the workshop that it would be wasteful to go forward with still another draft of an international liability regime while the CMI Sub-Committee on Transport Law was engaged in the same work, and to support the CMI effort.

**International Maritime Organization**

IMO Diplomatic Conference on Convention on Bunker Pollution

A diplomatic conference on the Bunker Pollution Convention was held from March 19 through 23, 2001. The Draft Convention establishes liability for bunker



spills from nontank vessels; imposes joint and several liability on shipowners; and requires the registered owner to maintain insurance in a prescribed form, with a right of direct action against the insurer. The threshold for tonnage subject to the terms of the Convention was still a debated issue before the March meeting.

While there had not been time before the Board meeting to get a formal report on the results of this conference, it was learned that in view of the lack of responder immunity in the Convention, a resolution was passed recommending that States which adopt the Convention also adopt a law on responder immunity.

#### *Protocol to the Athens Convention*

It is anticipated that the Draft Protocol to the Athens Convention on Liability Relating to Carriage of Passengers and their Luggage by Sea will be completed at the IMO Legal Committee meeting during the week of October 8, 2001. President Dorsey will attend this meeting.

Proposals have been drafted that would: (1) make it clear that a carrier's, as opposed to an insurer's, liability was not subject to a "cap"; (2) impose strict liability with a per capita damages cap for death or personal injury incurred in connection with an "operational incident," such as shipwreck, collision, stranding, explosion, fire or a defect in the ship; (3) reverse the burden of proof and impose liability based on negligence for damages resulting from operational incidents that exceed the strict liability per capita limit and for damages resulting from all other causes. Recent ferry accidents may encourage progress on the protocol because without an international regime, there is a possibility that conflicting national legislation may be enacted in response to these incidents.

It is the Association's understanding that the U.S. government's objection to the Athens Convention was the low limitation limit, an objection which might be overcome by the current draft protocol's provision for unlimited liability for the carrier itself. Accordingly, President Dorsey has asked Ann Miller, Chair of the Committee on Cruise Ships, to attempt to discover the position of the members of industry on the current draft protocol, even though carriers whose cruises originate or end in a U.S. port are not subject to the Athens Convention. Ms. Miller reported that to date, there does not appear to be any response within the industry to the terms of the draft protocol.

#### **UNESCO Convention on Underwater Cultural Heritage**

The next meeting of the joint group of experts considering the UNESCO Draft Convention will start on March 27, 2001 and continue for two weeks. There is an effort to finish the draft instrument in time to send it to UNESCO in the Fall of 2001, and after UNESCO review, on to a diplomatic conference.



While there appeared to have been some progress at earlier meetings, or at least an exchange of ideas, the Chairman of this group has now circulated a "single negotiating text" which appears to be a step backward in terms of the Association's issues of concern. It is expected that at the next meeting, the U.S. delegation will suggest a return to the former drafts, which incorporated alternative positions.

The single negotiating text is objectionable to the Association because the proposed draft does away with the law of salvage and gives too broad a definition of "cultural heritage." The Association continues its contact with the U.S. State Department delegation to support proposed changes to the current draft to harmonize it with existing international law.

## **COMMITTEE AND STUDY GROUP REPORTS**

### **Carriage of Goods**

Vincent DeOrchis reported on the comments reported by Bob Mottley in *American Shipper* by Senator Hutchinson, which indicated that she still believed that the proposed new COGSA should be introduced in Congress, but that in view of her move to the Aviation Committee, she would no longer maintain her former level of involvement in activities supporting the proposed new COGSA bill.

### **Practice and Procedure**

At the August 5, 2000 Board meeting, the Board was advised by Board member James W. Bartlett, III, Chair of the Committee, that an amendment had been proposed to the Local Admiralty Rules for the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey that would increase the security deposit for seizure of vessels more than 65 feet in length to \$10,000. The Board then authorized President Dorsey to send a letter to the Clerk of the Court noting that the security deposit in every district should reflect the reasonably anticipated costs to be incurred by the Marshal and recommending that the proposed amendment not be adopted because it might discourage legitimate claimants from exercising their admiralty rights. President Dorsey reported on November 2, 2000 that the Court had withdrawn the proposal and would seek further commentary from the bar on the proposed amendment. Andrew Goldstein, Vice Chair of the Committee, and Chair of the Subcommittee on Local Admiralty Rules, has continued to work with the Court. A current proposal addresses the concerns of the Marshal's office about higher costs in situations in which a substitute custodian is not appointed by providing for a supplementary deposit when the ship remains in the marshals' custody beyond a certain period; if the supplementary deposit is not made, the ship will be released.



The Committee is making a survey of the security deposits required in the maritime district courts. Responses have been received from thirty-one districts and a formal report will be made at the May meeting. So far, there does not appear to be any uniformity in the level of security required by the various districts.

Mr. Bartlett reported that the parties' subsequent settlement rendered moot the decision of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit in *Anastasoff v. United States*, 223 F.3d 898 (8th Cir. 2000), which involved the issue of the constitutionality of that Court's policy concerning the use of unpublished decisions. The issue was specifically stated to "remain an open question" in that Circuit.

Possible amendments to the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act are being monitored by Mr. Bartlett and Professor David Bederman, who is in the Working Group of the International Litigation Committee of the Section on International Law and Practice of the American Bar Association and closely involved in this project.

### **Young Lawyers**

The Committee is moving forward with its project of indexing the Association's documents, with the intention of making these materials available on the website for research.

### **Special Committee on Planning and Arrangements for the Fall 2003 General Meetings**

A contract has been signed with the Southampton Princess for our meeting in Bermuda from October 28 through November 1, 2003. The format for this meeting will adopt an abbreviated schedule, with Committee meetings starting on Thursday, the General Meeting on Saturday morning and concluding with a dinner on Saturday night.

### **TITLE 46 RECODIFICATION**

The U.S. government is considering a major recodification of Title 46 of the United States Code, with the expressed intention of avoiding any modification of existing substantive law. The purpose of the recodification is to modernize language and organize the material. President Dorsey has asked Dennis Bryant, Chair of the Committee on Navigation, Coast Guard and Government Relations, to head an *Ad Hoc* Committee made up of Committee Chairs, including Harold Watson, Chair of the Committee on Maritime Legislation, and the Chairs of several substantive Committees affected by Title 46, to examine proposed revisions



for consistency with existing law and report further on the results of this examination. The Association expects to be able to comment on proposed revisions throughout the revision and recodification process.

### **ABA STUDY ON MULTIJURISDICTIONAL PRACTICE OF LAW**

President Dorsey reported that the American Bar Association has established a Commission to undertake a study of multijurisdictional practice. The MLA has been asked to assist in the study and to propose, where possible, various solutions to the problems frequently encountered in practices that by their nature have a wide geographic scope. President Dorsey has created an *Ad Hoc* Committee headed by Mr. Bartlett, as Chair of the Committee on Practice and Procedure, to develop positions on the questions posed by the ABA study. In view of the nature of maritime practice, and the recent litigation in this area, this study is of extreme importance to our members and will be carefully considered by the *Ad Hoc* Committee.

### **ALI REVISION OF UCC ARTICLE 7 FOR E-COMMERCE**

President Dorsey reported on an effort by the American Law Institute to redraft Article 7 of the Uniform Commercial Code to take account of the role of electronic documents in today's commercial world. Edward V. Cattell, Chair of the Association's Study Group on the Marine Insurance Project and a member of the ALI's committee undertaking the Article 7 revision, expressed interest in the CMI Rules on Electronic Commerce and will consult with George Chandler on these issues.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

President Dorsey introduced, and upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board made the following resolution honoring Dean Edward F. Sherman of Tulane Law School:

The Maritime Law Association of the United States expresses its appreciation to Edward F. Sherman for his distinguished service in the advancement of maritime law.

Edward F. Sherman has been Dean of the Tulane University School of Law since 1996 and is scheduled to retire from that position in June of this year. During his tenure as Dean, in addition to his many other duties, he has given unstintingly of his time and effort to the promotion and support of the maritime law program at the Tulane University School of Law, a program which is now recognized as the



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most advanced in the country. In addition, he has served as a member of the Planning Committee and energetically supported the programs of the Admiralty Law Institute, programs with which this Association has been involved since their inception. As a consequence, Dean Sherman has made valuable contributions to the field of maritime law and the education of numerous students and practitioners of maritime law. In so doing, he has maintained and strengthened the close relationship that this Association has with the Tulane University School of Law.

In consideration of the foregoing:

BE IT RESOLVED, that The Maritime Law Association of the United States expresses its sincere and profound appreciation for the work and contribution of Dean Edward F. Sherman to the field of maritime law, and we express our gratitude to our professional colleague and friend,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, upon the occasion of his retirement as Dean of the Tulane University School of Law, we express our best wishes to him in his continuing career as professor of law at the Tulane University School of Law, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be made a part of the permanent records of this Association.

/s/ William R. Dorsey  
President  
The Maritime Law Association  
of the United States

Dated this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2001

#### **CANADIAN MARITIME LAW ASSOCIATION 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

The CMLA will celebrate its fiftieth year with a meeting on June 15 and 16, 2001. The Association will host a reception and present a gift to the CMLA at their meeting, as that Association so graciously did at our Centennial.



### **AMICUS REQUESTS**

President Dorsey reported that the Supreme Court denied *certiorari* in *Mobil Mining v. Nixon*, on which the Association supported a grant of the petition for review of a salvage law issue.

Other cases on which the Association received requests were not deemed appropriate for *amicus* participation.

### **WEBSITE**

President Dorsey reported that more and more materials are available on the website's library and that the number of links will soon be expanded. Members should continue to advise President Dorsey of events which might be listed on the website calendar and links that might be appropriate.

### **JUDGE JOHN R. BROWN MOOT COURT COMPETITION**

Many Association members devoted great attention to their duties on brief judges in this respected competition. Oral argument will take place in Newport on April 6 and 7, 2001, and at their conclusion, the Association will give the Best Brief award.

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There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Lizabeth L. Burrell  
Secretary