The regular January monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Bar Association of the District of Columbia was held in the office of the Association, 1044 Washington Building, on Friday, January 9, 1953.

Mr. William T. Hannan, the First Vice-President, presided and called the meeting to order at 3:14 p.m. Other members of the Board in attendance were Messrs. Skinker, Toomey, Craighill, Kendrick and Merrick.

Upon motion duly passed the reading of the minutes of the December meeting was dispensed with.

The Treasurer submitted a combined report for the months of November and December stating a balance on hand October 31, 1952, of $48,801.65, and a balance on hand as of December 31, 1952, of $58,758.40. The report was duly approved.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and passed, the Board voted to accept with regrets the resignations of Messrs. L. Clark Ewing, David G. Macdonald, Charleton Ogburn and Stephen M. Young. A letter of resignation received from Mr. John A.K. Donovan was referred to Mr. Hannan for further inquiry and report to the Board.

Mr. Merrick delivered the report of the Admissions Committee and the following applicants were duly elected to active membership in the Association:

John H. Bolgiano
William A. Ehrmantraut
Dudley Sargent Knox
H. Graham Morison
Jean R. Oakley

and the following to associate membership:

Norman H. Heller
Richard W. Horton
Bernard T. Levin
Charles H. Mayer

and a change in status from associate membership to active membership was approved for:

Edward Webster

Kitty Blair
Frank
Helen F. Humphrey
Acknowledgments of the expressions of sympathy extended by the Association were received from Mrs. Walter James Casey and the family of M. Edward Buckley, Jr.

Expressions of appreciation were received from the following:

- Mrs. Florence P. Macdonald, for the Christmas bonus received;
- Mr. Leonard P. Walsh, for receipt of a resolution of appreciation from the Association at the Annual Dinner;
- Former Chief Judge of the United States Court of Appeals, D. Lawrence Groner, for receipt of the floral centerpiece from the Annual Dinner; and, Attorney General-designate Herbert Brownell, Jr., for receipt of a message of congratulations from Mr. Preston C. King, Jr.

The Secretary read a letter dated December 30, 1952, received from Mr. Emery A. Brownell, Executive Director of the National Legal Aid Association expressing thanks to the Bar Association for the resolution voted at the December meeting of the Board of Directors.

The Secretary reported that pursuant to the direction of the Board he had communicated by telephone and letter with Mr. Turner L. Smith concerning his status as a member of the Association and read a letter dated January 5, 1953, received from Mr. Smith. The Board voted to defer action on this matter until the February meeting.

The letter-report dated November 26, 1952, from the Committee on Revision of the D.C. Code pertaining to Code provisions with respect to criminal action relating to conditional vendees and chattel mortgagees which had been presented at the December 5 meeting of the Board was re-presented for purposes of clarification as to action to be taken. After discussion it was duly voted to accept the report of the Committee as set forth in the letter and not to request a further report.

A report of the Committee on Criminal Rules and Procedure, dated October 25, 1952, pertaining to the Board of Polygraph Examiners was read and the Board voted to refer this matter back to the Committee with a request for specific recommendations.
The Secretary announced that Mr. King, the President, had appointed Messrs. O'Donoghue, Chairman, Hannan and Craighill as the committee to investigate and report upon the advisibility of recognizing the Society of Professional Engineers, in accordance with a request received from that Society.

A portion of the minutes of the December 10th meeting of the Committee on Unauthorized Practice of Law pertaining to proposed Rule 96 of the District Court Rules was read with the request that members of the Board respect the confidential nature of the matter.

A letter report dated December 9, 1952, received from Mr. Godfrey Munter with regard to the case of Robinson vs. Bar Association, Civil Action No. 4087-50, U.S. Court of Appeals No. 10909, was received. Upon motion duly seconded and passed, the Secretary was directed to inform Messrs. Munter and Laskey in writing of the appreciation of the Association for their outstanding efforts in this matter.

A letter report dated December 5, 1952, received from Mr. Richard W. Galiher, Chairman of the Committee on Relations with the Medical Society, was received. The report required no action.

Letter reports dated November 1 and December 5, 1952, received from Mr. Donald H. Dalton, Chairman of the Membership Committee were received. With reference to the recommendation that the Association provide luncheons for newly admitted members of the Bar, the Board voted against such recommendation and directed the Secretary to inform the Committee accordingly, it being felt that the present luncheon recognition sponsored by the Junior Bar Section was most adequate and successful.

A letter report dated November 5, 1952, was received from Mr. John Wattawa, Chairman of the Committee on Reorganization of the Government of the District of Columbia. The report required no action.
The matter of listings for the Bar Association in the telephone directories was presented to the Board. After discussion, it was voted to change the listing in the yellow pages from "Associations" to that under "Lawyers" and to communicate with the Committee on Admissions and Grievances in an effort to facilitate inquiries pertaining to matters handled by that Committee and prevent such inquiries from being directed to the Association's offices which is so frequently done at present.

A letter received from Miss Ruth E. Berman on behalf of the District of Columbia Legislative Council was read. The Board voted to appoint Mr. Richard A. Mehler as a committee to inquire into the advisability of maintaining some representative to this organization.

A letter dated December 11, 1952, from Mr. Nelson T. Hartson with reference to restricting attendance at the annual dinners to judges and lawyers was received. After general discussion, the Board voted approval in principle of Mr. Hartson's recommendation and directed that this matter be placed on the agenda of the Association for vote of the assembly at the meeting to be held on Tuesday, January 13, 1953.

Matters with reference to "trade marks" and "trade names" as presented in letters received from Messrs. Chauncey P. Carter and Arthur Middleton were referred to the Administrative Law Section for appropriate action.

The Secretary reported to the Board with reference to a telephone communication received from Mr. George McNeil, Chairman, Library Committee. The Board directed the Secretary to request that Mr. McNeil submit a report in writing and voted that the Library Committee be authorized to hire an assistant librarian at a starting salary of $175.00 monthly and that it be authorized to sell excess chairs and tables to anyone who would pay a fair market value.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:22 p.m.

Dudley G. Skinker, Secretary.
The January meeting of the Bar Association of the District of Columbia was held on Tuesday, January 13, 1953, in the Williamsburg Room of the Mayflower Hotel. Mr. Preston C. King, Jr., the President presided and called the meeting to order at 8:11 o'clock p.m.

Due to the absence of the Sergeant-at-Arms because of illness, the President appointed Mr. Wallace L. Schubert to act as temporary Sergeant-at-Arms for the meeting.

There being no objection, the Chair announced that the reading of the minutes of the meeting held November 12, 1952, would be dispensed with since they had been published in the Journal at page 573 of the December issue.

The Secretary delivered the report of the Board of Directors as follows:

Since the last meeting of the Association the Board of Directors has met on two occasions, being the regular monthly meetings held on December 5, 1952, and January 9, 1953.

At the meeting held on December 5th, the Board adopted a resolution of welcome to the National Legal Aid Association with reference to its forthcoming annual conference of delegates to be held in the District of Columbia in October, 1953, and directed the Secretary to forward a copy of the resolution of welcome to Mr. Emery A. Brownell, Executive Director of that Association.

A report of the Committee on Admissions was received and upon a vote seven (7) applicants were admitted to active membership and four (4) to associate membership. One (1) resignation was accepted with regrets.

The Board authorized the payment of necessary costs with regard to printing and filing a brief in The United States Supreme Court in the case involving federal trial examiners (Federal Trial Examiners et al vs. Robert Rynspeck), wherein the Bar Association has entered an appearance as amicus curiae.

The Board authorized the appointment by the President of a committee to investigate and report upon the advisability of maintaining a Committee on Relations with the District of Columbia Society of Professional Engineers, Inc.
The Board received reports from various committees among them being a report on the progress and status of the Library and a report from the Committee on Probate Law and Relations with the Register of Wills which latter report recommends certain legislation.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and passed, the Board voted to dispense with the regular December meeting of the Association.

The Junior Bar Section was authorized to appoint a committee for the purpose of studying the Office of the Board of Revocation of Licenses and Permits of the District of Columbia with the view of proposing legislation to cover changes or improvements if any are recommended or deemed necessary.

The Board received a proposed suggestion concerning changes in the By-Laws to provide for possible reorganization of the monthly meetings of the Association so that business meetings and social meetings would not be held at the same time as is done presently but that they be held separately on alternate months in an effort to expedite the business of the Association, improve the social aspect of the meetings and reduce costs. No action was taken in this matter.

At the Board meeting held January 9, 1953, the Treasurer submitted a combined report for November and December, 1952, showing a balance on hand October 31, 1952, of $48,801.65 and a balance on hand December 31, 1952 of $58,758.40. The Treasurer's reports were duly approved.

Upon receipt of a report from the Committee on Admissions the Board voted to admit ten (10) applicants to active membership and nine (9) to associate membership. The status of two (2) associate members was changed to that of active membership and four (4) resignations were accepted with regrets.

The Board received appropriate expressions of thanks and appreciation from former Chief Judge D. Lawrence Groner upon his receipt of the floral centerpiece from the Annual Dinner; from The Honorable Attorney General-designate, Herbert Brownell, Jr., upon his receipt of a congratulatory message from our Association President; and, from Mr. Leonard P. Walsh for the resolution of appreciation presented to him at the Annual Dinner.

The Board received an acknowledgment of receipt of the resolution of welcome sent to the Executive Director of the National Legal Aid Association.

The Board received a number of committee reports and took appropriate action with reference thereto.
The Secretary was directed to express the appreciation of the Association to Messrs. Godfrey L. Munter and John L. Laskey for their outstanding and untiring efforts on behalf of the Association in the case of Robinson vs. Bar Association.

The Board received a letter recommending that the Annual Dinners of the Association be restricted to lawyers and judges. The Board approved this recommendation in principle and directed that this matter be placed on the agenda for action of the Association at its meeting on Tuesday, January 13, 1953.

The Library Committee was authorized to employ an assistant librarian in view of additional requirements involved in moving into the new Courthouse and to dispose of any excess chairs and tables no longer needed.

At the conclusion of the report of the Board of Directors, Mr. John A. Kendrick moved that the thanks and appreciation of the Association be recorded and expressed to Mr. Godfrey L. Munter and Mr. John L. Laskey for their excellent services on behalf of the Association in the Robinson case. The motion was duly seconded and unanimously passed.

The Treasurer, Mr. James C. Toomey, submitted a combined report for the months of November and December, 1952, showing a balance on hand on October 31, 1952, of $48,801.65 and on December 31, 1952, of $58,758.40. In the absence of objections the Treasurer's report was approved.

Mr. James A. Crooks, Secretary to the Committee on Probate Law and Relations with the Register of Wills, was recognized and delivered a very interesting and enlightening report on behalf of the Committee which had previously submitted a written report printed at page 568 of the December, 1952, Journal. Mr. Crooks announced that the Committee plans to meet at least once a month for the remainder of the Association's fiscal year and invited any member to submit to him or to the Chairman, Mr. Thomas M. Raysor, any suggestions or recommendations appropriate to the work of the Committee.

Mr. Charles S. Rhyne was recognized and reported that the regional meeting of the American Bar Association will be held at Richmond, Virginia, on May 4, 5 and 6, 1953, during the world-famous garden week. The proposed
program is to provide excellent entertainment, a half day devoted to matters of trial tactics, meetings pertaining to tax problems and matters, and many other subjects of interest and importance. Persons not members of the A.B.A. are invited to attend and appropriate notices will be forthcoming.

Mr. Leonard P. Walsh, former President of the Association, reporting on behalf of the Judicial Selections Committee, stated that the Committee has met and in view of the situation created by the change of Administrations has decided to defer any recommendations until after the impending inauguration. Mr. Archie K. Shipe inquired as to whether the Committee had acted upon a report that President Truman had submitted for approval of the Senate the name of Mrs. Grace M. Stewart as Judge of the Municipal Court. Mr. Walsh replied that the Committee has not acted and Mr. King stated that the report had just been received, that the Committee has not yet acted but that he assumes it will do so.

Mr. Richard S. Doyle reported on the progress and status of the case of Robert Ramspeck, et al., Petitioners, vs. Federal Trial Examiners Conference, et al., Respondents, being No. 278 of the October Term in the Supreme Court of the United States, on Writ of Certiorari to the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, wherein the appearance of the Bar Association has been entered as amicus curiae. Mr. Doyle expressed his thanks and appreciation for the assistance of Mr. Charles S. Rhyne, and to Messrs. Donald C. Beelar and Edward de Grazia who appear of counsel on the Brief of the Association.

The President appropriately acknowledged the presence at the meeting of Judge George D. Neilson of the Municipal Court.

The meeting was turned over to Mr. James W. Lauderdale, Chairman of the Program Committee, who announced that Mr. Drummond Ayers, President of the Virginia State Bar could not be present as announced and that Mr. Edward H. Burke, President of the Maryland Bar Association was ill and had sent as a representative of that Association Mr. John F. Lillard who is also a member of the Bar Association of the
District of Columbia. Mr. Lauderdale presented to the assembly Mr. Frederick B. Greer, President of the Virginia State Bar Association.

Mr. Greer delivered a most interesting address in which he stated that many changes have occurred in the great State of Virginia which is presently living, breathing and growing every hour in independent thought for the benefit of America. He said that lawyers should be ever mindful that every person is entitled to receive honest, fair and competent legal advice and representation in accordance with his needs and his ability to pay and that lawyers deserve credit in moulding the common law to the needs of our country but need to be more flexible in recognizing the necessity for changes and the needs of the every day man. Mr. Greer posed the query as to whether lawyers have become smug and complacent and said that law schools should be interested in training young lawyers to recognize the necessity of serving the public as a devoted minority group engaged in uplifting the ideals of our country. The lawyer must be ever conscious that he is a public servant in order to avoid applications of American "common sense" to judicial procedures as has been done on occasion in our past history and he must exercise perseverance to maintain his rightful place in the community.

At the conclusion of his address Mr. Greer received the enthusiastic applause of the assembly.

Mr. Lauderdale next presented Mr. John F. Lillard as the representative of the Maryland Bar Association. Mr. Lillard, speaking as a "country lawyer from Hyattsville", commented among other things that young lawyers should be urged to move into suburbs and grow up with a community. He also made the observation that cases take too long to try in the District of Columbia.

At the conclusion of the addresses Mr. King expressed to Mr. Greer and Mr. Lillard the thanks and appreciation of the Association, commenting that Mr. Greer had traveled over four hundred miles to appear on the program.
Mr. B. Michael Landesman, Chairman of the Committee on Admissions read the names of those persons admitted to active and associate membership since the November meeting, asked those present to rise and appropriately welcomed them.

There being no miscellaneous announcements or old business, the Chair presented to the assembly the matter of restricting attendance at the annual dinners to lawyers and judges as directed by vote of the Board of Directors at its meeting on Friday, January 9, 1953. Mr. Wallace I. Schubert moved that this matter be tabled. Upon a second, the motion was voted upon but failed of passage.

Mr. John W. Townsend moved that this matter be deferred until the next meeting of the Association in February and that an appropriate notice be given to the members of the Association. The motion was seconded.

Mr. Irwin Geiger arose on a point of information and moved as an amendment to the motion of Mr. Townsend that the notice carry any arguments of the proponent of the letter suggesting restriction in the attendance at the dinner. This amendment was seconded but failed of passage.

Upon a call for the question, Mr. Townsend's motion was duly passed.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:43 p.m. for refreshments.

Dudley G. Skinker
Secretary.
The meeting of the Board of Directors was held in the offices of the Association, 1044 Washington Building, on Friday, February 6, 1953.

Mr. Preston C. King, Jr., the President, presided and called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m. Other members of the Board in attendance were Messrs Lane, Skinker, Toomey, Burroughs, Kavanagh, Kendrick, Marshall, Merrick and O'Donoghue.

The President announced that there being no objection, the reading of the minutes of the January meeting of the Board would be dispensed with since a summary of action required by those minutes would be forthcoming. No objection was forthcoming and the reading of the minutes was dispensed with.

The Secretary read a letter received from the American Bar Association and dated January 21, with reference to the vacancy created among A.B.A. delegates from the Association upon the death of Austin F. Canfield, expressing the grief and dismay at the A.B.A. headquarters upon receipt of information of Mr. Canfield's death. Mr. Merrick moved that the vacancy be filled by election of the Board of Mr. Lowry N. Coe, as delegate to the American Bar Association. The motion was duly seconded. In discussion it was revealed that Mr. Coe was the nominee who had received the next highest number of votes at the election held on June 10. Upon a call for the question, the motion was duly passed.

With reference to the matters upon which action was taken at the January Board meeting, the Secretary announced that correspondence had been received from Turner L. Smith, Esq., revealing that he has applied for admission to the Bar of the United States District Court for the
District of Columbia and that the application is presently being processed. The Board thereupon ordered that this matter be deferred for further report at the March meeting.

The Secretary reported that the old manual typewriter formerly used by Miss Nolan has been taken to the Library and is now available for use by attorneys there. The matter of providing paper for use of members of the Association was discussed and it was decided that on a trial basis the Association should provide basic supplies and the members may therefore make use of this typewriter.

It was announced that Warren Jiggins, a young colored man, has been employed as Assistant Librarian.

Mr. James C. Toomey submitted his report as Treasurer of the Association and stated a balance on hand as of December 31, 1952 of $58,758.40, and a balance on hand as of January 31, 1953 of $56,175.76. It was noted that the sum of $5,418.00 was owing by members as of December 31, 1952. Upon discussion as to whether this as an unusual sum Mrs. Macdonald stated that it was not and that, in fact, the figure was less than is normally due at this time. The Treasurer's report was duly approved.

Mr. Samuel O. Clark, Jr., Chairman of the Committee on Taxation was presented to the Board by the President and reported in detail on the present status of 2 bills (H.R. 10 and H.R. 11) which have been introduced in Congress, the purpose of which is to permit self-employed individuals to build up modest retirement funds. Copies of H.R. 11 were passed around to members of the Board and certain details of the bills, which are identical, especially those pertaining to annuity plans, were discussed. Mr. Clark stated that the Committee on Taxation is to meet in the next week or so and has not, as yet, had an opportunity to vote on approval of the bills. However, approval by many
other leading professional groups has been stated and Mr. Clark personally favors the plan set forth in the bills. Mr. Clark also reported on the action of the Internal Revenue Bureau which will remove the major portion of its field office to Baltimore as a part of the reorganization of the government. He stated that he had filed a protest of this move with Charles W. Davis, Chief Counsel of the Bureau of Internal Revenue and that he had been informed that a substantial staff will still be maintained in Washington, D. C. It is Mr. Clark's opinion that the Bar Association can do nothing further concerning this matter. Mr. King expressed the thanks of the Board for the excellent report delivered by Mr. Clark and his interest in taking action on behalf of the Association.

Mr. Toomey moved that the report of the Chairman of the Committee on Taxation as to H.R. 11 be approved unless the Committee on Taxation recommends to the Board disapproval for some valid reason and that the Committee on Taxation be authorized, through its representatives, to render such assistance as may be deemed appropriate in support of the bill. This motion was seconded and, after considerable discussion concerning whether the matter should be referred to the Committee of Nine, the motion was duly passed.

Mr. Merrick gave a report on behalf of the Admissions Committee, and stated that he had reviewed the report and recommended its approval except with regard to applicant Vaden S. Pitts whose application shows him to be a member of a firm representing a number of taxi cab companies, and assistant general counsel for the Columbia Mutual Insurance Company. He posed the question as to whether the major portion of Mr. Pitts income would be derived from the private practice of law. General discussion ensued after which Mr. Merrick moved the admission of all 18 applicants for active membership and they were duly elected:
and the following were duly elected to associate membership:

Robert Thomas Bryan, Jr.  
Joseph Patrick Murphy
Thomas F. Curry  
James E. Palmer, Jr.
Valentine B. Deale  
Ellsworth Evans Van Meter

and a change in status from associate to active membership was approved for

Patrick J. Ogden, Jr.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and passed, the Board voted to accept with regrets the resignations of:

Charles R. Allen  
Robert H. Gravatte
Wilson E. Shoup

subject to the payment of dues.

The following were duly dropped for non-payment of dues:

Francis J. Buckley, Jr.  
William L. P. Burke

The President announced that Mr. Milton W. King had arranged an appointed, as Chairman of the Judicial Selections Committee, with the Attorney General for Monday, February 9, 1953, at which time matters pertaining to activities of the Judicial Selections Committee would be duly presented. He further stated that he had received a report that Mr. Storey, President of the American Bar Association, has previously seen the Attorney General in an effort to work out an agreement that the American Bar Association receive a list of proposed applicants for appointments. Discussion pertaining to the matter followed.

Mr. King stated that the U. S. District Court for the District of Columbia had passed Rule 96 which has been pending for some time and announced that the passage of this Rule resulted in the main from the hard
work and assistance of Mr. Richard L. Merrick and Mr. Roger Robb, past and present chairmen of the Committee on Unauthorized Practice of Law and their committees. The Rule as passed is as follows:

"RULE 96

PRACTICE OF LAW IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

No person who is not a member of the bar of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia shall engage in the general practice of law in the District of Columbia, or shall represent or hold himself or herself out directly or indirectly as being entitled or authorized to engage in the general practice of law in the District of Columbia. This rule shall not apply to practice before other federal courts or executive departments, government boards, commissions, or agencies, or to the holding out of the right to practice before such other federal courts or executive departments or government boards, commissions, or agencies."

Mr. Lane moved that the appreciation and thanks of the Association be expressed to Messrs. Merrick and Robb and their committees for their excellent services on behalf of the Association in obtaining passage of this Rule.

Mr. King stated that at the time he announced the death of Mr. Canfield in the Municipal Court Judge Armond W. Scott was the presiding judge and at that time Judge Scott discussed his status on the bench, stating that his term would expire in July, 1953 and that though he does not desire reappointment for a full term, it is his desire to remain on the bench for two more years in order that he may have a full twenty years toward retirement, whereupon he requested that the Bar Association recommend that he be permitted to remain for a two year term. Discussion followed during which Mr. Burroughs stated that he felt the Association would weaken its effectiveness in taking such a stand in a specific case. Mr. O'Donoghue moved that the President express to the Judicial Selections Committee the recommendation of the Board that Judge Scott's request be given con-
sideration. The motion was duly seconded and passed.

A resolution received from the Committee on Admissions of the Bar Association with regard to a request that the Board confer with the Committee before taking final action opposed to the recommendation, was presented. In general discussion, the hard work done by the Committee was fully recognized and an expression that the Committee was justified in the request was made. The Secretary was directed to acknowledge receipt of the resolution and the hard work of the Committee and to advise the Committee that in general the Board will be pleased to comply with the request of the resolution.

The Secretary read a letter report, dated January 26, 1953, received from Mr. Edward P. Morgan, Chairman of the Special Committee on Legislation pertaining to the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States limiting the power of Congress to tax incomes, inheritances and gifts, and stating the unanimous vote of those attending the meeting of the Committee that the proposed amendment should be opposed. This report required no action by the Board.

A report from Mr. Jacob Gordon, Chairman of the Committee on Relations with the Municipal Court, dated January 21st, was received. This report set forth the unanimous position of the Committee that indigent defendants are at present being adequately defended under the present system in the Municipal Court and therefore, a Legal Aid Desk in the Criminal Division is not necessary. No action was required by the Board.

A report from Mr. John C. Gall, Chairman of the Committee on Labor Relations, was received by the Board. This report required no action.

The Secretary delivered a report concerning a request received from the Secretary of the Board of Education of the District of
Columbia with regard to the mechanics of integration in the local school system. This report, dated February 2, 1953, received from Mr. John Wattawa, Chairman of the Committee on Reorganization of the D. C. Government, was to the effect that the Association take no action in this matter at this time. The Board approved the report and stated that no action is to be taken.

Letters dated January 16 and February 2, 1953, received from Mr. Richard S. Doyle were read to the Board.

Mr. King announced that a request, dated January 22, 1953, had been received from the American Academy of Political and Social Science for the appointment of two delegates from the Bar Association of the District of Columbia to attend sessions of a meeting of the Academy on April 10 and 11 at Philadelphia and that he had appointed Mr. Ernest Schein and one other person, to be named by Mr. Schein, to represent the Association with the understanding that there would be no cost involved to the Association. The Board duly approved the action of Mr. King in this matter.

A letter received from Mr. David Hornstein, as Vice-Chairman of the Professional Division, in charge of the legal profession in the 1953 Cancer Crusade was received and the Board approved the granting of time at the March meeting for an announcement of the work of the Crusade.

The Secretary announced that he had received a Carbon copy of a letter addressed by Mr. Edward B. Love, Director of Activities of the American Bar Association, to Lawrence E. Smith, 651 Florida Avenue, N. W., Washington 1, D. C. in response to a letter from Mr. Smith with regard to the admission of colored members to the American Bar Association and the Bar Association of the District of Columbia.

Mr. King reported to the Board with reference to a dinner given by the Committee on Relations with the Inter-American Bar Association as
a tribute to Dr. Juan Baptiste de Lavalle, Ambassador of Peru to the Council of the organization of American States. The Secretary referred to the Congressional Record--Appendix of January 26, 1953, wherein at page 292 the Honorable Alexander Wiley, Senator from Wisconsin entered recommendations pertaining to the tribute and particularly to the following paragraphs.

"I am delighted that the District of Columbia Bar has established this splendid precedent of Pan-American tribute because I feel that far too often in recent years there has been a tendency of North America to forget that basically there is hardly a more important area in the world for us than the southern part of this hemisphere. A highlight of the Bar dinner was the testimonial address delivered by Judge George D. Neilson in honor of Ambassador de Lavalle. Judge Neilson has won wide acclaim during his service on the bench, both for his judicial decisions and his many constructive activities in the public interest."

Mr. King commented favorably on the splendid work of Judge Neilson on behalf of the Association in the work of the Committee.

Mr. King presented to the Board the matter of inviting law students to attend the meetings of the Association and referred to discussions he had had with representatives of the schools in this regard. Mr. Toomey offered to handle the matter of inviting four students from each school to attend the coming meeting at which the Moot Court Competition Award will be made to American University.

A wedding invitation received from Miss Kathleen Nolan, Secretary to the Association, was brought to the attention of the Board and a discussion ensued as to the making of an appropriate gift. Upon motion duly seconded and passed, it was voted to give to Miss Nolan and her bridegroom the sum of $100.00 as a wedding present. The Secretary read a letter of thanks from Miss Nolan for the Christmas bonus.

Mr. Marshall presented for the attention of the Board a resolution adopted by the Committee on Patent Law on February 4, 1953, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. The Board voted approval of this resolution.
A report from Paul E. Bugay, Chairman of the Legal Aid Committee, was received—(see copy attached). The Board voted approval of the report.

The Secretary read a letter received from Mr. Herman H. Diers, 4722 Chesapeake Street, N.W., Washington 16, D.C., in which Mr. Diers offers to sell certain pictures to the Association for the sum of $20.00. the Board voted not to purchase the items offered by Mr. Diers.

The Secretary read portions of a letter received from Russell D. Niles, Dean of the New York University School of Law, with reference to the Root-Tilden Scholarship Awards and the methods of obtaining applicants. The Secretary was directed to include reference of this matter in the report to the Association.

An expression acknowledging the sympathy of the Association was received from "Mrs. Austin F. Canfield and the Children".

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

Dudley G. Skinker
Dudley G. Skinker, Secretary.
The regular February meeting of The Bar Association of the District of Columbia was held on Tuesday, February 10, 1953, in the Willoughby Room of the Mayflower Hotel. Mr. Preston C. King, Jr., the President, presided and called the meeting to order at 8:10 o'clock p.m.

There being no objection, the President announced that the reading of the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, January 13, 1953, would be dispensed with since the minutes had been published in the February Journal.

The Secretary delivered the report of the Board of Directors as follows:

Since the last meeting of the Association the Board of Directors has met on one occasion, being the regular monthly meeting held on Friday, February 6, 1953.

The Board received a letter expressing the grief and dismay of The American Bar Association at the death of Mr. Austin F. Canfield. Mr. Lowry N. Coe was duly elected to fill the vacancy among the delegates to the ABA created by Mr. Canfield's death.

The Board received a report on behalf of the Library Committee of the employment of an Assistant Librarian and of the placing of a typewriter in the Library for the limited use of the members of the Association in the preparation of orders and other papers of an urgent nature.

The Treasurer reported a balance on hand as of December 31, 1952, of $58,758.40 and a balance on hand as of January 31, 1953, of $56,175.76.

Mr. Samuel O. Clark, Jr., Chairman of the Committee on Taxation, submitted in detail reports concerning HR 10 and HR 11, two identical bills to provide for self-employment pensions, and concerning the contemplated move from Washington to Baltimore of a large part of the local field office of The Bureau of Internal Revenue. The Board voted to approve the report of the Chairman of the Committee on Taxation in support of the passage of HR 11 unless the Committee on Taxation at its meeting to be held on Tuesday, February 17, 1953, recommends disapproval for some valid reason and further that the Committee on Taxation be authorized to render such assistance in support of passage of the bill as may be deemed appropriate.

A report of the Committee on Admissions was received and upon a vote, 18 applicants were admitted to active membership.
and six to associate membership. Three (3) resignations were accepted with regrets and one (1) associate member was voted to active membership.

The Board received a report that Rule 96 had been adopted by the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, the purpose of which is to prohibit a person not a member of the bar of the District Court from engaging in, or holding himself out as being authorized to engage in, the general practice of law in the District of Columbia. The Board voted an expression of thanks and appreciation to Mr. Richard L. Merrick and Mr. Roger Robb, past and present Chairmen of the Committee on Unauthorized Practice of Law, and to the members of their committees for their successful efforts in obtaining the adoption of the rule.

The Board received and approved reports from the Special Committee on Relations with the Municipal Court, the Committee on Labor Relations, the Committee on Reorganization of the D. C. Government and the Legal Aid Committee. The report of the Legal Aid Committee provides for a rotation schedule for legal aid attorneys and the establishment of an apprenticeship program as soon as may be practicably done.

The Board was informed of the following excerpts from remarks of the Honorable Alexander Wiley, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Senator from Wisconsin, the reference to a dinner given by the Committee on Relations with the Inter-American Bar Association in tribute to Dr. Juan Bautista de Lavalle, Ambassador from Peru to the Council of the Organization of American States, as found at page A292 of the Congressional Record-Appendix of January 26, 1953:

"I am delighted that the District of Columbia bar established this splendid precedent of Pan-American tribute, because I feel that far too often in recent years there has been a tendency for us of North America to forget that basically there is hardly a more important area in the world for us than the southern part of this great hemisphere."

"A highlight of the bar meeting was the testimonial address delivered by Judge George D. Neilson in honor of Ambassador de Lavalle. Judge Neilson has won wide acclaim during his service on the bench, both for his judicial decisions and his many constructive activities in the public interest."

The Board approved a resolution adopted by the Committee on Patent Law to the effect that "the duties of the Office of the Government Patents Board be transferred to the Department of Commerce under the supervision of the Commissioner of Patents pending a study of the propriety of the continued existence of the Government Patents Board.

The Board received from Dean Russell D. Niles of the School of Law of New York University, data pertaining to the availability to the Fourth Federal Judicial Circuit, of which the District of Columbia is considered a part for this purpose, of two Root-Tilden Scholarships, valued at $6,600, to qualified young men. Information pertaining to details of the scholarship and the requirements may be obtained from the Bar Association offices."
The Treasurer, Mr. James C. Toomey, submitted a report showing a balance on hand on December 31, 1952, of $58,758.40 and a balance on hand on January 31, 1953, of $56,175.76. In the absence of objection, the President ordered that the Treasurer's report would stand as approved.

The President announced that representatives of the Student Bar Associations of the local law schools had been invited to attend the meeting as guests of the Association and extended to them a welcome on its behalf.

Mr. Roger Robb, Chairman of the Committee on the Unauthorized Practice of Law was recognized and submitted a report on behalf of the committee. Mr. Robb stated that copies of Rule No. 96, adopted by the United States District Court for the District of Columbia on February 5, 1953, had been distributed to those persons in attendance at the meeting. Mr. Robb referred to work done by the Committee under Mr. Richard L. Merrick as Chairman in 1952 and the work of the present Committee in conjunction with a committee of the Court composed of Judges Richmond B. Keech, as Chairman, Alexander Holtzoff and James W. Morris. He stated that the adoption of the Rule is the culmination of a great deal of work on the part of the Committee which has been most gratified by the action of the Court and that it will be alert to observe violations of the Rule and to bring such violations to the attention of the Court.

Mr. Daniel S. Ring, upon being recognized, congratulated Messrs. Robb and Merrick and the members of their Committees for obtaining a significant advance, for the excellent work done and for the result produced.

Mr. B. Michael Landesman, Chairman of the Committee on Admissions, upon being recognized, read the names of those applicants recently elected to membership in the Association, whereupon those present were requested to rise and were welcomed by Mr. Landesman and the President.

The President appropriately acknowledged the attendance of Chief Judge Nathan Cayton of the Municipal Court of Appeals and Judges Frank H. Myers, Nadine L.
Gallagher and Grace M. Stewart of the Municipal Court. Judge Aubrey E. Fennell of the Municipal Court was also in attendance.

Mr. Milton W. King, Chairman of the Judicial Selection Committee submitted a report for the Committee. Mr. King stated that he and the President had recently called on Mr. William Rogers, Deputy Attorney General and found him to be in accord with the view that appointments made should be aimed at strengthening the Courts and adding to their dignity and prestige. Mr. King pointed out that the Committee had the dual responsibility of recommending those considered qualified and opposing those considered unqualified and stated that a committee meeting had been scheduled for a day later in the month to initiate appropriate action.

Dr. William M. Howell addressed the assembly on behalf of the fund drive of the Washington Heart Association referring to the many important and worthwhile activities of the Association and urging financial and moral support of this worthy organization. The President thanked Mr. Howell for his excellent presentation.

Mr. Henry Wixon was duly recognized for the purpose of presenting the trophy donated by the American Security and Trust Company to representatives of the Washington College of Law of the American University who were the recent winners of the local inter-law school moot court competition. Mr. Wixon expressed thanks to the lawyers who had participated as judges and advisors in the competition and to Associate Judges Henry W. Edgerton, Wilbur K. Miller and George T. Washington of the United States Court of Appeals who had heard the final round argument.

Mr. Richard van Buskirk accepted the trophy and responded on behalf of the American University team composed of himself, Mr. Julian Caplan and Mr. Milton Koepke. Dean David R. Bookstaver of the Law School of the American University was presented to the assembly by Mr. Wixon.

The President turned the meeting over to Mr. James W. Laudersdale, Chairman of the Program Committee, who next presented Associate Judge E. Barrett Prettyman of the United States Court of Appeals as the speaker of the evening.
Judge Prettyman expressed his appreciation for the privilege of speaking to an Association to which he said he owed much in connection with his appointment to his present judicial office. He then delivered a truly outstanding address on "Appellate Advocacy" the text of which is proposed to be published in a later issue of the Journal in view of a prior commitment made for publication in a forthcoming issue of the Virginia Law Bar Review.

Upon the conclusion of Judge Prettyman's address, the President expressed to him the sincere and wholehearted appreciation of the Association.

The President announced that Mr. Arthur Hilland, Chairman of the Committee of Nine, had prepared an interim report of the committee with respect to nine matters presented to it, two of which appeared to require action by the Association, and that therefore the report would be printed in the forthcoming issue of the Journal in order that the membership would be sufficiently informed and prepared to take appropriate action at the March meeting.

The President announced that in accordance with the vote of the assembly at the January meeting, notice of the placing on the agenda of the question of limiting attendance at the annual dinners of the Association to lawyers and judges had been given to the membership and that the matter was open for discussion.

Mr. Archie K. Shipe moved that the President be authorized to appoint a committee to study the question and report back to the Board of Directors. The motion was duly seconded and discussion followed. Mr. Wesley H. McDonald moved to table Mr. Shipe's motion and upon a second, Mr. McDonald's motion was passed. General discussion followed in which Mr. Richard L. Merrick, upon request, presented the views of the Board of Directors on the question to the effect that the Board approved the proposal of limitation but felt that the matter was one for action by the Association with an opportunity for individual members to express their views.

Mr. Merrick then moved that the annual dinners of the Association be limited to members of the bar and judges. The motion was duly seconded and in discussion,
Mr. Merrick stated that "members of the bar" meant any member of any bar in the United States rather than only members of the bar of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.

Mr. Milton W. King proposed an amendment to Mr. Merrick’s motion which was duly accepted by the second and Mr. Merrick so as to have the motion be that the forthcoming annual dinner to be held in December, 1953, be limited to members of the bar and Judges.

At the request of Mr. Merrick, Mr. James A. Crooks, Seating Chairman of the 1952 dinner, presented his observations concerning the matter and the experiences of the 1952 dinner. In conclusion he referred to the large expense incurred in presenting the dinners which he asserted can not be met if attendance is small and would necessitate either a large attendance of the membership or the continuation of the practice of inviting individual guests as has been done in the past.

Upon a call for the question the motion of Mr. Merrick, as amended, was passed.

There being no new or miscellaneous business presented for action the meeting was adjourned for refreshments at 10:20 o'clock p. m.

DUDLEY G. SKINKER,
Secretary
The regular March meeting of the Board of Directors of the Bar Association of the District of Columbia was held on Friday, March 6, 1953, in the offices of the Association at 1044 Washington Building.

Mr. Preston C. King, Jr., the President, presided and called the meeting to order at 3:10 o'clock p.m. Other members of the Board in attendance were Messrs. Hannan, Lane, Skinker, Bulman, Burroughs, Kavanaugh, Marshall, Merrick and O'Donoghue.

The reading of the minutes of the February meeting was duly dispensed with and the Secretary presented a resume of the action taken by the Board at that meeting.

The Treasurer's report was delivered by the Secretary and showed a balance on hand as of January 31, 1953, of $56,175.65, and a balance on hand as of February 28, 1953, of $55,873.13. The report was duly approved.

The Secretary referred to and read portions of a letter dated February 18, 1953, received from Mr. Samuel O. Clark, Jr., Chairman of the Committee on Taxation. With reference to the action of the Board taken at the February meeting in approving passage of bill H.R. 11, it was voted that such approval included approval of H.R. 10.

A letter dated February 17, 1953, and addressed to the president by Mr. Lowry N. Coe expressing his appreciation at being elected to fill the vacancy among the delegates to the American Bar Association which existed upon the death of Mr. Canfield was received and acknowledged.

The matter of a reception proposed to be given by the Bar Association of the District of Columbia at the Blue and Gray Regional Meeting of the American Bar Association at Richmond, Virginia, on May 4-6, 1953, was presented to the Board by Mr. King. Considerable discussion
followed, particularly with reference to the anticipated cost of such a reception. It was finally decided to postpone action on this matter until the April meeting of the Board at which time Mr. Charles S. Rhyne, General Chairman of the meeting will be requested to attend for the purpose of providing information as to the number of persons who would be expected to attend, the cost involved and the possibility of having joint participation by other area Bar Associations should anticipated costs be high.

Mr. Archie K. Shipe was presented to the Board to report on proposed legislation sponsored by Senator McCarran concerning which the President had requested that he make a special study and report to the Board since hearings are to be held on one of the bills early during the week of March 9th. One bill pertaining to tax matters required no action by the Board since it had previously taken a position in the matter and hearings have already been held. The second bill, S. 565, pertains to giving the Attorney General the power to grant immunity from prosecution and forcing the production of evidence and testimony in cases where a refusal to testify or produce records on the ground of self-incrimination may occur. The bill was read to the Board, Mr. Shipe discussed aspects of it and discussion followed. Mr. Shipe stated that the purpose sought by this legislation is good but that he has some doubts as to its practical application and there may be a question as to legal definition of the words "public interest" contained in the bill.

Upon motion duly seconded and passed, it was voted that the Bar Association go on record as approving Bill S. 565 in principle and Messrs. Shipe and Marshall were requested to appear at hearings to present the views of the Association.
The Board approved the action of the President in appointing Mr. F. Gloyd Awalt, as Chairman, and Messrs. Charles S. Rhyne, H. Cecil Kilpatrick, Archie K. Shipe and John A. Danaher, as members of a Committee on Legislative Investigation. In addition, Mr. Benjamin Pollack was appointed as a member of this Committee.

Mr. Merrick delivered a report on behalf of the Committee on Admissions. The following were duly elected to ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP:

John Palmer Arness
William Howard Berman
Harold D. Cohen
Stanley M. Dietz
Jules V. Fink
Myron D. Frantz
Thomas Morton Gittings, Jr.
Frank B. Hand, Jr.
Walter Daniel Hansen
Philip F. Herrick
Edward Aloysius White

and the following to ASSOCIATE membership:

James Martin Brewbaker
Donald Arthur Brown

The application of Mr. William J. Buckley was referred back to the Admissions Committee for further study and report with regard to his New York residence and the time devoted by him to practice in the District of Columbia.

A change in status from associate to ACTIVE membership was duly voted for:

Richard A. Bishop
Warren D. Quenstedt
David Wortman

The Secretary reported with regard to a proposed listing in the yellow pages of the Telephone Directory of reference to the Court's Committee on Admissions and Grievances. It was voted that arrangements be made for such a listing at the rate of $1.00 per month for from five to ten words.
The Secretary read a letter report, dated February 19, 1953, received from Mr. John Wattawa, Chairman of the Committee on Reorganization of the Government of the District of Columbia. Upon motion duly made, seconded and passed, it was voted that the Committee be authorized to study the legislation referred to and report its recommendations to the Board before taking any final action.

The Board received the "Report of the Committee of Nine" dated February 10, 1953. (See page 133 of JOURNAL, March, 1953 issue). The Board duly voted approval of the recommendations of the Report as set forth in paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 4 and approved the recommendations of paragraph 5 in principle. It was voted that the matters referred to in paragraphs 6 and 7 be presented for action of the Association at such time as a full and proper presentation may be made by the Committee in view of the dissenting vote of Mrs. Martha Robbins Gold in these matters. The remaining paragraphs of the Report required no present action by the Board.

The Board received a letter dated February 18, 1953, from the Inter-American Bar Association acknowledging payment of 1953 dues of a member of that Association.

The Board voted to place The Bar Association of San Francisco on the mailing list for receipt of the JOURNAL.

The President reported with regard to the status of the project presently operating whereby law students are assigned as assistants to counsel in court appointed cases. The Board voted to recommend a system of rotation of the students assigned as opposed to the present system of assigning students from the school requested by counsel. The Board opposed the granting of "credentials" to such law students, considering that a letter from the individual counsel should be adequate and sufficient.
A letter dated February 26, 1953, received by the President from Mr. Robert L. Heald, with reference to an incident involving a Washington cab driver, one Elton L. Taylor, and Police Officer Joseph Corbin was received. Discussion revealed that Judge Myers had fined the cab driver and the Board voted that the Secretary inform Mr. Heald that it did not consider this to be a matter in which the Association, as such, should act since individual action can be taken by Mr. Taylor if he is truly aggrieved.

A letter dated February 27, 1953, received by Mr. King from Mr. A.K. Shipe with reference to action of the Association in limiting attendance at the 1953 Annual Dinner was read to the Board. Upon motion duly made, seconded and passed, it was voted that a committee be appointed to study this matter and report its recommendations to the Board.

The Secretary reported on communications received from Mr. Edward E. Love, Director of Activities of the American Bar Association and Mr. Lawrence E. Smith, a negro, with reference to Mr. Smith's desire to become a member of the Bar Association of the District of Columbia and the American Bar Association.

After general discussion with regard to filling the vacancy on the Judicial Selections Committee created upon the death of Mr. Austin F. Canfield, the Board agreed that it did not have the power to fill the vacancy and the Secretary was directed to refer this matter to the Committee on Revision of the By-Laws for its study, report and recommendations.

The President announced that representatives of the Judicial Selections Committee have an appointment at 11:00 a.m. Monday, March 9, 1953, with the Attorney General to submit recommendations of the Committee for the three existing Municipal Court vacancies.
The Board voted disapproval of H.R. 1265 which is a bill to authorize that any member of the Bar of the Supreme Court may practice before all District and Appeals Courts of the United States.

The President reported on a report of the Washington Housing Association concerning the Landlord-Tenant Branch of the Municipal Court and a reply thereto which has been prepared by a sub-committee of the Municipal Court Committee. After considerable discussion the Board voted to take no action in this matter and that the President inform the Chairman of the Municipal Court Committee that the Board considers it unwise to publish the sub-committee's report and that such report should be taken up privately with the proper persons.

The resignations of Messrs. Eldon F. Hawley, Basil D. Boteler, Gerald M. Smith and Sidney Shindell were accepted with regrets and subject to the payment of any dues owing.

The Board received an expression of acknowledgment of a floral tribute coming from the family of the late Aubrey St. Clair Wardwell.

The Board duly approved action taken by last year's Board at its meeting on November 29, 1951, with regard to approval of a resolution of the Administrative Law Section requesting that a conference be called as contemplated by the Prettyman Report to the Judicial Conference and authorized that the President convey such approval as contemplated by the Board and the resolution.

The Board approved the tentative agenda for the Association meeting to be held Tuesday, March 10, 1953.

A report of the Annual Dinner Committee, dated March 6, 1953, and showing a profit of $1,176.08 (before taxes) was received. The
Secretary was directed to express the appreciation and commendation of the Board to the Committee.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

Dudley G. Skinker,
Secretary.