A meeting of the Pennsylvania Bar Association Minority Bar Committee was held on Friday, March 8, 2019.

I. Calling Meeting to Order
   Co-Chair Sharon López called the meeting to order.

II. Introductions of attendees:
   a. Brief introductions of attendees occurred.

III. Action Items.
   A. Approval of February 8, 2019 Minutes.

The minutes of February 8, 2019 were approved as presented.

IV. Special Presentation.
   A. Sandra Thompson, Esquire – Litigant in the Grandview County Club Discrimination Matter before the PHRC.
      Attorney Thompson showed a video and discussed her experience in litigating a race discrimination matter at the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission (PHRC) involving race discrimination while playing golf. She spoke about the PHRC process. She also brought up the difficulty of finding an attorney to take her case. Note: Attorney Thompson is also speaking at the Minority Attorney Conference scheduled for October 3 and 4, 2019.

V. Subcommittee Chair Reports:
   A. Minority Attorney Conference – Marisa Lattimore, Rhodia Thomas, and Gina Thomas.

Sharon reminded committee members the Minority Attorney Conference is scheduled for October 3 and 4, 2019. Phoebe Haddon, Chancellor and Professor
of Law Rutgers University is the keynote speaker. Tom Kline will also be a guest speaker during the luncheon on the 2d day. The theme is “Communities under Attack: Leadership Going Forward.” The location is at the Philadelphia PBI Center.

B. Minority Law Day – Rachel Hadrick, Verdell Dean, and Nigel Scott

Verdell Dean reported the Western PA Law Day is scheduled for April 9, 2019. The program will run from 9:00 am to 1:30 pm. There will be three speakers who will provide initial programming. Breakout groups of faculty and students are planned after the initial speakers. Invitations to volunteer attorneys have gone out and 1 school is already signed up and they are waiting to hear from others. The Attorney volunteers will also talk briefly about their careers.

C. Community Outreach – Raphael Castro – Application for a Grant with the Bar Foundation and fall volunteers needed.

Sharon reported for Raphael Castro. Raphael is planning to apply for a Grant from the Bar Foundation and he is moving forward with planning on the Philadelphia Youth Court project. He is still targeting fall 2019 for a time to train volunteer attorneys in the Philly area.

D. Nominations Committee – Henri Marcial & Carlton Johnson

Henri Marcial reported. He believes that Phil Yoon will be the next Minority-at-large Governor on the PBA Board. He also reported that there may be another seat opening up on the Board of Bar Examiners. He is going to follow up with Kelly Hodge to see if she is interested in that seat. Henri also advised Committee Members that the MBC needs to nominate individuals from the MBC to be on the PBA Nominating Committee. There are two potential available seats to run for. One seat is appointed directly by the MBC. Another seat is selected by vote of Committee Chairs to represent the PBA Committees. He asked interested individuals to send bios to him and Carlton Johnson by 3/22. He also reported that Michael Sand is interested in serving as the MBC representative to the PBA Diversity Team.

E. Legislative – Tsiwen Law & Riley Ross

On the State front, Ashley Murphy reported the House returns on Monday and the Senate the following Monday. There will be budget hearings.

On the Federal front, Tsiwen Law reported HR 4 was introduced in Congress. The purpose of HR 4 is to address the Shelby voting rights U.S. Supreme Court Case. HR 6 has also been introduced and it is a replacement for the Dream Act. HR 8, a universal background check for gun purchase bill passed the House. Jenn
Coatesworth reported that Congress passed a resolution condemning bias and discrimination.

F. Membership Development – Cherylle Corpuz, Jacqueline Martinez, Jesse Exilus, Guerline Laurore – Report on Conference Call and upcoming Call-a-Thon

No report.

G. Newsletter – Tom Lee, Marisa Lattimore, Wesley Payne, Ana Gomez, Arlene Marshall-Hockensmith, Maraleen Shields

Tom Lee reported. Jody López-Jacobs is writing an article on Judge Cathy Bissooo of the Western District of PA. Ana Gomez is working on an article on Joanna McClinton, State Representative. Sharon Barney is working on an article on Crystal Nix Hines, following up from her Diversity Summit keynote. It was also mentioned that the Asian American Political Alliance is having its 50th Anniversary.

VI. Working Group on Permanent Minority Governor Position and Women Governor Position at Large.

Sharon reported that if anyone is interested in having a discussion on making the Minority Governor Position and Women Governor Position on the Board permanent, that they should contact her. She anticipates having a working group discussion. She is going to reach out to WIP leadership and the WIP Representative on the Board of Governors, Nancy Conrad.

VII. New Business.

None.

VIII. Announcement.

B. The PA Interbranch Commission for Gender, Racial, and Ethnic Fairness is having a public program on 3/14 featuring Justice Todd.
C. Tyesha Miley will be appointed Chair of the Committee in May and Tony Thompson will be appointed Vice Chair.

IX. Member comments or concerns.

None.

X. Adjournment. Motion made and seconded to adjourn.
Next Executive Council Meeting April 1, 2019.

Next Meeting Date: April 12, 2019. (Special presentation TBD – Meeting to be led by Arlene Marshall-Hockensmith).

Minutes Submitted by Andrea C. Farney, Secretary.