I. **Call to Order/ Request for Additional Agenda Items (Shalloway)**

NAELA President, Mark Shalloway called to order at 12:33 p.m. CST, Thursday, November 1, 2007, a meeting of the Board of Directors of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys. Mark welcomed Board members and staff to Memphis.

II. **Approval of Minutes of June 29 & 30, 2007 (Boyer)**

A motion was made and seconded (Fleming/Hawks) to approve the minutes of the June 29 and June 30, 2007 Board Retreat meetings as presented. None were opposed, none abstained and the motion passed.

III. **President’s Report (Shalloway)**

A. **President’s Travels**

Mark attended and moderated a workshop at the National Aging and the Law Conference in Washington, DC.

B. **2007 UnAward**

Tim Nay, NAELA’s first president has been chosen as the 2007 Laury Adsit Gelardi UnAward recipient.

C. **2007 Powley Award Recipient (Takacs)**

Tim Takacs reported that Steven Dale is the 2007 Powley Award Recipient.

D. **2007-08 Nominating Committee**

Mark is finalizing 2007-08 appointments to the Nominating Committee and will notify the Board when appointments are made.
IV. Executive Director's Report (McMahon)

A. **2007 Institute Highlights for Board Members** - WHERE TO BE, WHEN
   The 2007 Institute has 247 registrants and 8 walk ins; 28 signed up for the Elder Law review course; and there are 24 exhibitors.

   The room guarantee for the Institute was not met, but because of difficulties with registration, potential penalties will be negotiated with the hotel.

B. **2008 Symposium, Board Meeting, Wednesday, May 14th in Maui, HI**
   Most of the sessions and speakers have been finalized; tentative agenda was distributed to Board members.

   A meeting will be held on Saturday, November 4, for those interested in the after-conference NAELA SAELA cruise.

C. **NAELA Website Update**
   The Executive Committee had an opportunity to view the new website. It is a vast improvement. Susan McMahon explained the reason for the move to a new server and outlined a tentative schedule for moving all items to the new website.

D. **NAELA Listserve Etiquette**
   The Board was advised that several staff members monitor the listserve but are not moderators. When members are out of line in their postings, it is brought to Hugh Webster's attention, and Hugh handles the situation.

   The Member Relations Committee made a fledgling attempt to establish the NAELA Neighborhood; and, although there was initial activity, that activity has slowed down.

V. **Break**

   The Board took a break at 1:11 p.m. CST and reconvened at 1:27 p.m. CST.

VI. **Executive Session.**

   The Board went into Executive Session at 1:27 p.m. CST and reconvened in open session at 4:00 p.m. CST.

VII. **Public Relations**

   John Weber joined the Board and reviewed current progress.

VIII. **Treasurer's Report (Phelps)**

A. **January – August 2007 Financial Report**
   Treasurer, Ruth Phelps, presented the 2007 Financial Report from January – August. The Board was advised that NAELA’s income exceeded expenses for both the 2007 Symposium and the 2007 UnProgram.
A motion was made and seconded (Reaves/ Silverberg) to accept the January - August 2007 Financials as presented, subject to audit. None were opposed, no one abstained, and the motion carried.

B. **2008 Budget Considerations**
Ruth presented the proposed 2008 budget for the Board’s consideration. She thanked the members of the Finance Committee for their time and effort, and she noted some of the reasons for the $390,000 increase over 2007. The increase was due primarily to substantial expense increases in Public Relations, Public Policy, the Political Action Committee, and the three new committees: Grassroots, Special Needs Implementation and Communication and Information. In order to approve the budget with the increase and continue to add money to reserves, the Finance Committee recommended a dues increase of $50.

Of special concern was the Grassroots initiative, and the budget request for funds to hire a Field Director. Various alternatives were proposed, and several exhibits were distributed which illustrated the anticipated budgetary impact of each alternative. Discussion focused on the expected success of the grassroots initiative for the various budgetary alternatives.

A motion was made and seconded (Whitehead/ Takacs) to approve the budget including the dues increase with the provision that the grassroots initiative be delayed for six months.

Further discussion focused on the Grassroots initiative and the pros and cons of waiting to hire a Field Director.

IX. **Adjourn Board Meeting (Shalloway)**
A motion was made and seconded (Takacs/ Silverberg) to recess the Board of Directors meeting until 9:30 a.m. CST, Friday, November 2, 2007. None were opposed, none abstained, and the motion carried. The meeting was recessed at 5:15 p.m. CST.