

GDLA Summer 2008 Board Meeting Highlights
Ponte Vedra Inn & Club, Ponte Vedra, FL
June 14, 2008

The annual business of the Georgia Defense Lawyers Association was held Saturday June 14, at the Ponte Vedra Inn & Club, prior to the commencement of the annual meeting CLE seminars. Approximately 50 GDLA members were present.

#1 - A treasurer's report was presented by GDLA Secretary-Treasurer, Staten Bitting, who reported that the association was in a sound fiscal status.

#2 - President Robert Travis presented Morton "Salty" Forbes with the President's Award. His remarks follow:

Invariably in every organization many contribute to its success. Rarely in any organization are the efforts of one above and beyond all others. The Georgia Defense Lawyers Association is an example of both.

Our organization has a long and distinguished history spanning 40 years—of great trial lawyers contributing to its success—giants of the legal profession.

We today are the heirs of those legacies. The GDLA has also been the beneficiary of one person's effort beyond all others:

- His commitment to unparalleled service
- His leadership during the early formative years of the association
- His later stewardship of our history and traditions
- His self sacrifice for the GDLA
- And yes, his crusty nature which gave him a lifelong name but also tested your views and challenged your opinions
- More than any other in our long and distinguished history, Morton G. Forbes known by all as Salty – has been and is - GDLA.

On behalf of a grateful organization, all 600 members, the GDLA presents to Salty Forbes our President's Award for long, faithful and devoted service to our organization – which permits us today to stand at the summit and see the future.

#3 - Salty Forbes presented the nominating committee's recommendations for the 2008-2009 officers of the GDLA as follows:

President: James E. Singer

Executive Vice President: N. Staten Bitting

Secretary/Treasurer: Edward M. Hughes

Vice Presidents:

Ted Freeman

W. Melvin Haas, III

Kirby Mason

Lynn Roberson

Immediate Past President:

Robert M. Travis

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Southern District:

Peter Mueller (2009)

Jamie Weston (2010)

Sally Akins (2011)

State at Large:

Evelyn M. Fletcher

Chris Parker

Jason Willcox

A motion was made to accept these nominations and was seconded. The members in attendance voted unanimously in favor of the nominations.

#4 - Immediate Past President Robert Travis was recognized by both the Defense Research Institute and the GDLA for his outstanding service to the defense bar, and was presented with a plaque from each group.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.