

**STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN
INSURANCE AND INDEMNITY LAW SECTION
COUNCIL MEETING**

March 18, 2015

Seikaly Stewart & Bennett - Farmington Hills, Michigan

1. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME - Kathleen Lopilato

Present in person: Kathleen Lopilato
Jason Liss
Nicole Wilinski
Larry W. Bennett
Lauretta Pominville

Present via electronics: Adam Kutinsky
Augustine Igwe
Hal Carroll
Doug Young
Elaine Pohl
Sarah Wohlford

A motion was made by to approve minutes of the last meeting. The motion passed.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT - presented by Augustine Igwe.

As of February, 2015 there was \$16,750.00 in income and \$6,303.00 in expenses for the year. That adds \$10,446.00 to our previous balance. The current balance is \$41,826.09

3. CHAIR REPORT - presented by Kathleen Lopilato

Kathleen reported on the section leadership meeting. A summary was read. This included:

- ◆ Proposed 21st Century Bootcamp program. A task force was created.
- ◆ There was discussion regarding the new State Bar of Michigan connect website and what it offers. A discussion ensued as to what our section should do to avail ourselves of what that website offers.
- ◆ There was a discussion of changes to Zeekbeek and the restoration of the classic view.

5. EDITOR'S REPORT - presented by Hal Carroll.

It was decided that the Annual Meeting program information will be in the next

edition. Hal distributed a report and indicated that it currently looks good for several articles to be submitted. Hal emphasized that we need to continue to work to keep articles flowing. There was a discussion regarding Justice Zahra's clerk writing an article.

6. PROGRAMS - presented by Adam Kutinsky and Laretta Pominville.

Adam reported on the Annual Meeting which will include Messrs. Waldman, Rashid and Hendrick. The topic will be effective advocacy at facilitation. There is a telephone meeting with the facilitators on April 1 at 8:00 a.m. to go over the agenda. The Annual Meeting is scheduled to occur on October 8, 2015 at the Suburban Collection in Novi.

Laretta Pominville discussed our participation in the Young Lawyers Summit meeting. We have traditionally paid \$250.00 for a gold sponsorship. There is a discussion whether we should do this and if so, what we should do. There was a discussion regarding increasing our visibility to stimulate interest in the section. A motion was made to allocate \$250.00 for sponsorship and up to \$1,000.00 for **items, signs and table covers. The motion passed.

There was also a discussion about the section's attendance at the Leadership Forum on June 12 - June 13. A motion was made and passed to send three representatives. This currently includes Kathleen Lopilato, Adam Kutinsky and Gus Igwe.

There was a general discussion regarding the Section's strategic plan. We are approximately half way through the plan. There is a desire to strengthen committee involvement and inclusion of young lawyers.

There was a discussion regarding having a summer event, possibly a golf outing. There will be a discussion following the April 1st telephone meeting with the facilitators. All those who want to participate are encouraged to join in the conference.

7. NEW BUSINESS

There was also a discussion regarding the currency of our by-laws. Loretta thought the last ones she had available to her were effective as of September, 2011 (at our website). We have discussed that previously council members had to participate in committees and that was a by-law change that should be in our current edition. A decision was made to determine which ones are most recent and whether all changes have been incorporated. If not, they will be updated.

8. Our next meeting is June 16, 2015 in Lansing. Kathleen will let us know the location.

9. Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Larry W. Bennett', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Larry W. Bennett, Secretary