

STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN
INSURANCE AND INDEMNITY LAW SECTION
COUNCIL MEETING
December 1, 2014
Birmingham Athletic Club, Birmingham, Michigan

1. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME - Kathleen Lopilato

Present in person:	Lauretta Pominville	Kathleen Lopilato
	Sherrie C. Ross	Nazek Gappy
	Alia Nassar	Doug Toering
	Jarrold Anthony	Sarah M. Rockwell
	Adam Kutinsky	Augustine Igwe
	Jim Thome	Margaret A. Scott
	Hal Carroll	Andrew Amrhein
	Kimberly Ruppell	Jason Liss
	Nicole Wilinski	Zabbia Alholan
	Elaine Pohl	Melissa Trpcevski
	Larry W. Bennett	

Present via electronics: Kim Ruppell

A motion was made by Lauretta Pominville and seconded by Hal Carroll to approve minutes of the last meeting. The motion passed.

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

Balance as of September 30, 2014 was \$31,379.71.

3. MEMBERSHIP REPORT - presented by Kathleen Lopilato.

844 members today. In 2007, the section started with 50 members. Statistics concerning membership are as follows:

96%	Michigan residents
66%	Male
34%	Female
46%	Genx 61 ~ 81
29%	Boomers
21%	Millennials (1981 - today)
--	Prewar
21%	Corporate
56%	Private
3	Judicial members

42	Oakland
16	Wayne
10	Ingham
9	Kent
5	Macomb

4. CHAIR REPORT - presented by Kathleen Lopilato

- ◆ Changing State Bar website to SBM Connect. The website is www.connect.mibar.org.
- ◆ A discussion was had regarding looking for 10 “seed” questions regarding insurance that will start discussion groups.
- ◆ A motion was made by Adam Kutinsky and seconded by Nicole Wilinski that the moderators be the officers of the section. The motion passed.

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

- ◆ Hal has two articles proposed for the next edition along with the regular features.
- ◆ The mailing list includes Judges at the Circuit Court level and up, but not including Judges assigned to the Family Court or Criminal Courts; Lawyer members of the Legislature; Michigan Chamber of Commerce; Municipal League.
- ◆ It was moved by Elaine Pohl and seconded by Gus Igwe that council members and regular contributors can submit up to five names outside of the Section to whom the Section Journal can be sent to.
- ◆ Hal raised the issue of including insurance cases reported in the Business Court as part of the Journal.
- ◆ There was a discussion regarding member news within the newsletter. Obtaining information has been difficult.
- ◆ EBlasts have been moderately successful in obtaining articles.
- ◆ Hal requested that members of the Council consider contributing to the publication committee. He will do the editing; he would like help in recruitment of articles and perhaps more feature sections. This lead to a broader discussion regarding more involvement of the Council in all committees. A discussion was had whether Council members must contribute an article with the further hope that there could be opposing side articles. A discussion was had whether all Council members must be

required to serve on a committee. A motion was made to require committee membership of the Council members. The four committees are Membership, Programs, Strategic Plannings, Publication. Each Council member can volunteer for a committee membership. Those who don't would be subject to a random assignment through some form of a drawing. The motion was tabled.

6. PROGRAMS - Adam Kutinsky reported on programs. Adam believed he could handle the programs individually but welcomed volunteers.
7. The Membership Bank discussion was tabled.
8. A discussion was had that the next meeting would be in March, 2015. The Annual Meeting is scheduled for October 7 - October 9, 2015 in Novi.
9. Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry W. Bennett, Secretary