

MINUTES

Meeting: State Bar of Michigan – Health Care Law Section Council

Date: November 6, 2014

Chair: Jennifer Benedict

Members Present:

Steve Bender	P	Mark Kopson	E
Jennifer Benedict	P	Thomas McGraw	P
Martha Boonstra	P	Josh Moore	E
Mercedes Dordeski	P	Laura Napiewocki	E
Timothy Gutwald	P	Monica Navarro	E
Patrick Haddad	P	Donna O'Connor	P
John Hazewinkel	P	Trish Schabath	P
Cara Jansma	P	Deborah Williamson	P
Matt Keuten	P		

Agenda Item	Discussion
Call to Order (Jen Benedict)	Jen called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m.
Roll Call (Jen Benedict)	See above for members present.
Conflict of Interest Disclosures (Jen Benedict)	No conflicts of interest reported.
Introduction of Mark Jane, HCLS Liaison (Jen Benedict)	Mark Jane, Chair-Elect of Young Lawyer's Section and Liaison for HCLS. In this role, he also serves on the Board of Commissioners and has been assigned as a liaison for the HCLS. He facilitates communications to HCLS and Board of Commissioners. Mark reminds the Council that AO 2004-01 requires us to notify the State Bar of all policy positions for review by Board of Commissioners.
Review and Approval of Minutes of October 2, 2014 Council Meeting (Cara Jansma)	October 2, 2014 minutes were unanimously approved.
Treasurer's Report (Tom McGraw)	Reviewed preliminary financials for last fiscal year. Section remains in solid financial shape with over \$50K available. Compared to last year, revenue was up over \$1500 and expenses up by \$6000. Reason for increased expenses this past fiscal year related to increased community support through scholarships and support of inclusion and diversity programs at Cooley, increased annual meeting costs, and increased administrative expenses. Tom recommends eliminating binders at 2015 Annual Meeting. State Bar recommendation is not more than 2x revenue in fund balance. Section revenue is \$40,000, fund balance is \$58,000, so Section is well within recommendations.
Substantive Law Committee Report (Matt Keuten)	No presentations scheduled for November. Marta Hoffman has committed to a 340B presentation this Spring. Ken Marcus speaking December 10 on Medicare Payment principles. Working to get others on the schedule starting in January.
Publications Committee Report (Mercedes Dordeski)	Whitepapers have been uploaded to the website. Project for this year focuses on Affordable Care Act. Looking for practical perspectives from health care attorneys regarding experiences with the Affordable Care Act. John Hazewinkel reports the State Bar of Michigan Connect, when implemented, will provide notifications of new publications. No update on HIPAA Task Force available. AHLA recently updated 50 State Survey of Fraud and Abuse Laws and should be

	updated on HCLS website.
Legislative Committee Report (Patrick Haddad)	Patrick is continuing to evaluate MDCH uniform consent form in light of HIPAA and other considerations and to provide feedback to MDCH and explore educational opportunities on this topic.
Technology Committee Report (John Hazewinkel)	Discussion of new State Bar of Michigan Connect website. New tool allows Sections to upload documents to the website, has social media functions, a mobile app, and discussion areas. Council members requested to send ideas for use of this tool and "starter questions" for online discussion forums. John will prepare an introductory letter from the Chair to encourage membership to use the new website.
Pro Bono Committee Report (Trish Schabath)	Trish Schabath working with Peggy Costello of VLC to announce teleconference and encourage pro bono participation from membership. Educational teleconference format (30-40 minutes) for Peggy to discuss opportunities for involvement. Teleconference will be conducted with an eye toward scheduling training to get participants involved. Plan to send announcement the week of Veteran's Day.
Fellows Committee Report (Deborah Williamson)	Dave Rogers, Chip Falahee, Deborah, Donna, and Jen will participate in Fellows Committee. Committee is looking for volunteer who would be willing to chair committee when Deb's term ends. Deb will also be distributing a Fellows Committee Charter for discussion at next meeting.
New Lawyers (Steve Bender)	Committee members include Mercedes, Donna, Deb, Josh, Steve and VanGelderens. Due to conflicts with law school exam schedule, Committee is exploring new dates in February for Pistons game event. Last quote at the 200 level was \$2500 with \$600 credit toward food and beverage. Jen will confirm whether Council must approve committee members. Committee Chairs are asked to forward committee rosters to Ms. Benedict.
Membership Committee (Jennifer Benedict)	Discussion regarding potential new membership committee focused on engaging membership through social events, targeted recruiting and other activities. Review of demographic information and other section memberships demonstrates additional opportunities such a committee could evaluate. Membership committee would focus on onboarding process for new members, making sure existing membership are aware of section resources and volunteer opportunities and expanding membership activities and involvement. May overlap with other committees, but Council members supported stand-alone committee. Jen requests volunteers and will revisit at next Council meeting.
Ebola Preparedness Task Force (Jennifer Benedict)	Idea would be to offer written guidance/resources for membership for infectious disease/disaster planning process. Committee agreed resources may be useful, but should not be limited to Ebola. Resources such as checklists, legal references and other information could be made available on the website. Discussion regarding potential SLC teleconference on subject of emergency preparedness and legal issues, which may generate some resources. Committee reminded that Denise Chrysler, formerly of MDCH, is speaking at ICLE and will likely provide discussion including similar topics.
ICLE Appreciation Dinner	Appreciation dinner will be held Thursday, March 12, 2014. Donna O'Connor is planning the dinner. Volunteers requested.
Adjournment/Next Meeting (Jennifer Benedict)	The meeting was adjourned at 5:36 p.m. Next Meeting: Thursday, December 4, 2014 at 4:30 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Cara Jansma

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