

Minutes

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT LAW SECTION COUNCIL

April 11, 2011

Varnum/Novi Office

Members in Attendance - Darcie Brault, Bradley Glazier, George Wirth, Timothy Howlett, Jeffrey Steele, Megan Norris, Ron Robinson, Brian Koncius, Bob Palmer, Richard Mack, Dennis Boren, Joseph Starr, Niraj Ganatra, Jeffrey Donahue.

Also Present: Stephanie Steinberg.

Absent --Robert Boonin, Susan Hiser, Larry Murphy.

1. Approval of Agenda -- Agenda approved.
2. Approval of Minutes -- March Meeting
 - i. Moved, Bob Palmer, support Brian Koncius, minutes approved.
3. Treasurer's Report -- There was no Treasurer's Report.
4. Chair's Report -- Darcie Brault reported on the request for seminar materials. Darcie also circulated a 2010 status report re: *Persons with Disabilities and Access to the Michigan Legal System* prepared Larry A. Hembroff, Ph.D, for the State Bar of Michigan.
5. ICLE Seminar -- Stephanie Steinberg reported that there were 302 registrations including 33 new lawyers.
6. Membership Committee -- Dennis Boren distributed a proposed change to the by-laws providing for non-voting affiliates and changing the procedure for approval changes in the dues.
7. Westside Event -- Brad Glazier reported that the event is scheduled for May 10th. He distributed the seminar form which described the round table topics.
8. Spring Board -- Brian Koncius reported that the committee was waiting for a check from the State Bar, that proceedings were on track and that the committee was scheduled to meet the following Monday.
9. Bar Leadership Forum -- There was a discussion of the program and the Council approved sending Rob and George.
10. Annual Meeting -- Tim Howlett reported that the State Bar has confirmed facilities for the Section meeting on September 15, 2011. The business meeting will be from 2:00 to 2:15, the program from 2:15 to 5:00 p.m. and a reception from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. The

Council discussed the program and talked about a program based upon the recent issues raised involving organized labor.

11. Mid Winter Meeting -- Darcie Brault moved and Richard Mack seconded a motion that the Mid Winter Meeting focus on the book *The Color of Law*. The motion passed. The speaker will be one of the authors of the book, and the Council will consider a special award at the 2012 Mid Winter Meeting based on events discussed in the book. Darcie also mentioned Rob Boonin's suggestion of Judge Whitbeck and his new book. The Council agreed that should be considered for a future meeting.
12. Nominating Committee -- Darcie Brault will contact Dan Bretz to chair the Nominating Committee.
13. Next Meeting -- the next meeting will be Tuesday May 10th at 2:30 p.m. at Varnum in Grand Rapids.