

Minutes

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT LAW SECTION COUNCIL

February 7, 2011

Varnum/Novi Office

Members in Attendance - Darcie Brault, Susan Hiser, Robert Boonin, Bradley Glazier, George Wirth, Jeffrey Donahue, Niraj Ganatra, Timothy Howlett, Dennis Boren, Lawrence Murphy, Jeffrey Steele, Megan Norris, Joseph Starr.

Absent -- Brian Koncius, Ron Robinson, Robert Palmer, Richard Mack.

1. Approval of Agenda -- Agenda approved.
2. Approval of Minutes -- January Meeting
 - i. Moved, Dennis Boren, second Susan Hiser, minutes approved.
3. Treasurer's Report -- Rob Boonin delivered the Treasurer's Report.
4. Chair's Report -- Darcie Brault delivered the Chair's Report. She reported on the Michigan Pledge to Achieve Diversity and Inclusion, an initiative of the State Bar of Michigan. Darcie moved and George Wirth supported that the Council sign the pledge. The motion was unanimously approved.

Darcie also initiated a discussion regarding the posting of educational program materials from the mid-winter meeting on the Section's website. The Council decided to have the Secretary submit the materials on May 1st to be posted on the website.

5. Mid-Winter Meeting -- The Council agreed at this time to hold dates in January at the DAC for next year's meeting. The Council also discussed starting the program during dinner rather than waiting for dessert to be served.
6. Spring Board -- Susan Hiser reported that the Spring Board Program will be June 9th at the Big Rock. The format will be the same. The Committee is currently discussing a program focusing on the role of in-house counsel. There was discussion to increase the fees to \$50.00 in advance and \$60.00 at the door. Megan Norris moved that the new fee schedule be adopted, seconded by George Wirth. The new fee schedule passed unanimously.
7. West Side Event -- Brad Glazier and Larry Murphy reported that the west side event will be held together with the Grand Rapids Bar Association Labor and Employment Committee on May 10th from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the University Club in Grand Rapids. The Committee has already secured Judge Jonker to participate in the program.

The Council then agreed that the May Council meeting will be on May 10th at Varnum's offices in Grand Rapids.

8. Annual Meeting -- The Committee reported that the request form was submitted for the afternoon of September 15th.
9. Next Meeting -- the next meeting is March 7, 2011 in Novi.

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