

Labor and Employment Law Section Minutes

September 30, 2010 meeting was called to order at 12:17 pm at the offices of Varnum LLP,
Grand Rapids MI office

Present: Larry Murphy, Tim Howlett, Jeff Donahue, Darcie Brault, Dennis Boren, Rob Boonin, Richard Mack, Susan Hiser, Joe Starr, Megan Norris, Brian Koncius, Robert Palmer, Richard Mack and George Wirth

Absent: Brad Glazier, Barry Goldman, Niraj Ganatra, Dan Bretz

Jeff Donahue called for approval of the August 2010 minutes which were approved without objection.

Tim Howlett gave the treasurer's report and circulated an expense ledger and balance sheet. For the year ending in September income has gone up and expenses have gone down. Savings came from the reduced costs due to the change of printers for Lawnotes and switching our holiday party from the Townsend Hotel to the Birmingham Country Club and cutting out the expense of a speaker and replacing the event with a storytelling contest. Tim pointed out that on events that we sponsor our goal is to be cost neutral or as close to it as possible.

Jeff Donahue gave the chair's report. He believes he fulfilled his personal objective for the year and thanked the council for their support. Jeff circulated a draft budget for future discussion. The council declined a request for a financial contribution from Community Legal Resources. There was discussion about the Section's co sponsoring the ICLE Labor and Employment Law Seminar that is held in April and the amount of money that the section pays for the breakfast. Darcie and George will have further discussions with Jeff Kirkey and report back to the council. A motion was made to continue to sponsor the ICLE event for 2011 at the present rate of \$2,500. The motion passed without objection.

Larry Murphy reported on the annual meeting. Everything is in place.

Dennis Boren made a motion to increase the maximum amount that the section will pay for law school students to attend the NLRB Gottfried Seminar from the \$200 that was passed at the last meeting to \$500. Motion carried without objection. The cost for law school students to attend is \$25 and they are hoping for a large student turnout.

Joe Starr gave a brief update on the Mid Winter Meeting. We are confirmed for the Detroit Athletic Club and have our dinner speaker set. Saturday morning speakers and topics were discussed and Joe will have a telephone conference call with the committee to firm up topics and develop a list of possible speakers. The committee for the conference call will include Ron Robinson, Jeff Steele, Richard Mack and George Wirth.

Megan Norris and George Wirth announced that the nominee for the distinguished service award to be presented at the Mid Winter Meeting will be Tom Barnes from Varnum. While there was no formal motion made on the nominee the council all appeared in agreement or support of the nomination.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:15pm.

Next meeting will be at Varnum LLP, 39500 High Pointe Blvd. Suite 350, Novi, MI at 12:00 noon on Monday November 8, 2010.