

**STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN
LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT LAW SECTION**

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
September 20, 2012**

A meeting of the State Bar of Michigan's Labor and Employment Council was held at 1:30 p.m. at the DeVos Place in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

PRESENT: Timothy Howlett (Acting Chair), Robert Boonin, Daniel Swanson, Darcie Brault, Dennis Boren, Gary Francis, Niraj Ganatra, Gloria Hage, Susan Hiser, Brian Koncius, Lawrence Murphy, Ron Robinson, John Runyan and Jeffrey Steele.

ABSENT: Richard Mack and Bradley Glazier.

The meeting was chaired by Timothy Howlett, Acting Chair of the Council.

1. The Agenda was APPROVED as proposed. No discussion.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** The minutes to the Council's August 13, 2012 meeting were APPROVED, as amended. (Moved by Daniel Swanson, Second by Ron Robinson)
Appreciation was extended to Brian Koncius for serving as Acting Secretary for the August meeting.
3. **TREASURER'S REPORT.** Daniel Swanson presented summary reports as provided by the State Bar and as compiled by the Treasurer. As reported, the financial reports appear to be in order and the financial condition of the Section is sound.
4. **CHAIR'S REPORT.** The Chair reported that the ICLE has requested that the Section once again sponsor the Annual Employment Law Symposium per the arrangements of last year. That sponsorship would entail a \$2,500 contribution by the Section in exchange for up to 50 first time attendees to attend for \$50 each, as well as normal attributions. Motion to so support the conference was made by John Runyan, and seconded by Brian Koncius.
APPROVED.

The Chair also commented that the Annual Gottfried Symposium was scheduled for October 17, 2102 at Wayne State University. Dennis Boren reviewed the program and moved that the Section provide up to 20 scholarships of \$25 each for students to attend the Symposium and for an e-blast to be sent to all Section members providing information about the program. The motion was seconded by Darcie Brault. APPROVED.

The location of future Council meetings was discussed and it was noted that the locale will likely rotate amongst members. Meetings will continue to be held on the second Monday of

each month, except for December, July and September. The next meeting, October 8, 2012, will be held at the offices of Sommers Schwartz in Southfield, at noon.

5. **MID-WINTER MEETING.** Jeffrey Steele reported that the State Bar is reviewing the contract with the Detroit Athletic Club for the program to be held January 25-26, 2013. Once the contract is approved, it will be signed and planning will follow. Discussion was held about the need for new members to be appointed to the Planning Committee.
6. **ANNUAL MEETING.** The Chair recognized the Committee comprised of Ron Robinson (Chair), Gloria Hage, Larry Murphy and John Runyan for planning an excellent program to be held shortly after the Council's meeting on September 20, 2012.
7. **OLD BUSINESS.** John Runyan suggested that the Council consider inviting the Cats Pajamas to perform at the Holiday Event.
8. **NEW BUSINESS.** Brian Koncius reported that earlier during the 2012 Bar's Annual Conference an award was made to a person nominated by George Wirth.

Council members Darcie Brault, Ron Robinson, Dennis Boren, Larry Murphy, Bradley Glazier and Niraj Ganatra, whose terms were expiring as of the Annual Meeting following the Council meeting, were acknowledged for their contributions made during their respective tenures on the Council. Those in attendance expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to serve on the Council.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m. The next meeting will be held at the Southfield offices of Sommers Schwartz at noon on October 8, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert A. Boonin
Secretary