

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

**MINUTES OF SECTION MEETING
SEPTEMBER 28, 2017**

A meeting of the State Bar of Michigan's Labor and Employment Law Section was held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting at 1:00 on September 28, 2017, at Cobo Hall in Detroit Michigan.

Susan Hiser, the current chair of the section, gave opening remarks. She summarized the strategic plan goals of the section. The strategic plan's pillars are education/networking; inclusion and diversity; membership growth and education. She thanked current council members, which this year included 5 new members. The programming for the year went very well considering the lack of council experience.

Susan also thanked Brian Koncious for his 8 years of service to the council. He will be rotating off the council this year. Susan then turned the microphone over to Brian.

Brian introduced the new slate of officers and new incoming president. Brian thanked Susan for her leadership and thanked current council members. On behalf of the nominating committee (Brian, Megan Norris and Sam Morgan), Brian introduced the slate of new officers:

Chair – Gloria Hage
Vice Chair – Jennifer Salvatore
Secretary – Michelle Crockett
Treasurer – John Runyan

Brian introduced the other council members being nominated for their new terms. Brian made a motion to elect the slate. Richard Warren seconded the motion. A vote was taken. The new slate of officers and members were voted in.

Susan then introduced Gloria Hage as the new President and said some words about Gloria's contribution to the council and her background with the section.

Gloria then made remarks as the new Chair. She thanked Susan for her outstanding year as Chair. Gloria presented Susan with a plaque and gift of appreciation. Gloria then said a few words about the plans for the council in the New Year. The council plans to enhance the membership experience, the diversity and transparency of how we operate. We need help with encouraging newer lawyers to join the section and get involved.

There will be opportunities next year for new members on the council and Gloria encouraged people to get involved by applying to become a council member.

Gloria announced the next diversity lunch. The next one is in Grand Rapids on Oct. 17 at noon at Clark Hill: Older and Wiser – a Discussion about Aging and the Practice of Law. Encouraged members to attend.

Gloria introduced the program – a series of practice tips. Justice Curtis Wilder will talk about practicing in the MI Supreme Court. There will then be three panels: one on internal investigations: pre-litigation; Tips for Alternate Dispute Resolution; and Courtroom tips from court house insiders (court clerks).