

**MINUTES – FAMILY LAW SECTION
COUNCIL MEETING
Date: September 28, 2017
Place: Cobo Hall, Detroit**

I. Administrative matters

A. Call to Order and Welcome

The council was called to order by new Chair Kent Weichmann.

The following (18) council members were present: Daniel Bates, J. Matt Catchick, James Chryssikos, Shon Cook, Christopher Harrington, Sahera Housey, Jennifer Johnsen, Shelley Kester, Mathew Kobliska, Vanessa Moss-Wilson, Anthea Papista, Steven Reinheimer, Kristen Robinson, Amy Spilman, Robert Treat, Randy Velzen, Kent Weichmann, and Hon. Tina Yost.

Council member absent: Sean Blume, Elizabeth Bransdorfer and Peter Kulas.

Ex-Officio and former council members: Richard Halloran, Barbara Kelly, Rebecca Shiemke, and Elizabeth Sadowski.

Guests included: Charles Fleck, Steven Heisler, Suzanne Hollyer, Delia Miller, Kate Weaver, Michelle Letourneau, Ryan O'Neil and Nycolle Schindlbeck.

B. Chair Report:

Kent discussed that are continuing to work in HB 4691 as discussed at the annual meeting.

C. Approval of Minutes

Sahera Housey made a motion to approve the June 3, 2017 minutes. Shelley Kester seconded. The motion passed.

Sahera Housey made a motion to approve the special minutes –several email and special meeting – Shelley Kester seconded the motion. The motion passed.

D. Treasurer's Report/Finance Committee

Bob Treat indicated we are doing well. We are at the end of the fiscal year.

E. Corresponding Secretary

No report.

F. Executive Board Elections

Shon Cook nominated Randy Velzen as recording secretary. Shelley Kester seconded the motion.

Matt Catchick nominated Chris Harrington as recording secretary. Steve Reinheimer seconded the motion.

The members completed a ballot. Chris Harrington was elected as recording secretary.

Chris Harrington nominated Sahera Housey as corresponding secretary, Kristen Robinson seconded the motion. Shelley Kester made a motion to close the nominations, Kristen Robinson seconded. Sahera Housey was elected as corresponding secretary.

Sahera Housey nominated Elizabeth Bransdorfer as Treasurer. Bob Treat seconded the motion. Sahera Housey made a motion to close the nominations, Shelley Kester seconded. Elizabeth Bransdorfer was elected as Treasurer.

Chris Harrington nominated Bob Treat as Chair-elect. Dan Bates seconded the motion. Sahera Housey made a motion to close the nominations, Kristen Robinson seconded. Bob Treat was elected as chair-elect.

II. Key Committee Reports

A. Amicus

B. Court Rules

C. Legislation

III. Standing Committee Reports

A. Adoption

B. Alternative Dispute Resolution

C. Alternative Family

D. Annual Meeting

- E. CLE/ICLE**
- F. Collaborative Law**
- G. Domestic Violence**
- H. Family Court Forum**
- I. Family Law Journal**
- J. Family Law Journal Advertising**
- K. Family Support**
- L. Membership**
- M. Mid-Winter/Mid-Summer Seminars**
- N. Parenting Solutions**
- O. Political Action Committee**
- P. QDRO/Taxation**
- Q. Technology/Social Media**

IV. Ad Hoc Committees

- A. SCAO Forms Committee**
- B. Twenty Year Review**
- C. E-Filing Issues**
- D. Public Relations Committee**
- E. Judicial Response Committee**
- F. Self-Represented Litigants**

V. Announcements/NEW BUSINESS

Rebecca Shiemke discussed council providing scholarships to legal aid attorneys to attend the Family Law Institute. Sahera made a motion that council give \$2,500 to support scholarships to legal aid attorneys to attend ICLE Family Law Institute. Tina Yost seconded. The motion passed 18-0.

Barbara Kelly discussed council's support the Family Law Forum and that they did not use the total amount allocated in 2017. Sahera made a motion that council give up to \$2,000 to the Family Law Forum. Bob Treat seconded. The motion passed 18-0.

Liz Sadowski asked that council consider an immigration subcommittee.

VI. Future Meetings

2017-18 Council year meeting schedule

October 14, 2017 - Hotel Indigo, Traverse City at 9:30 am.
November 10, 2017 – Suburban Showplace, Novi at 1 pm.
December 2, 2017 – University Club, Lansing at 9:30 am.
January 6, 2018 – Weber's Inn, Ann Arbor at 9:30 am.
February 3-10, 2018 – Midwinter conference.
March 3, 2018 – Doubletree, Novi at 9:30 am.
April 7, 2018– University Club, Lansing at 9:30 am.
May 5, 2018 – Amway Grand, Grand Rapids at 9:30 am.
June 2, 2018 – Weber's Inn, Ann Arbor at 9:30 am.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:47 am.

Respectfully submitted – Sahera Housey