

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

**I. Administrative matters**

**A. Call to Order and Welcome**

The Section was called to order by outgoing Chair, Richard Halloran.

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.

58 total Section members were in attendance, including the above Council Members.

**B. Election of Council Members**

The following Section members ran for election to the Council, with terms expiring in 2020:

1. **Incumbent:** Steve Reinheimer, Amy Spilman, Mathew Kobliska, Shon Cook, Shelley Kester, Vanessa Moss-Wilson
2. **Newly elected:** Sean Blume

The Section voted to approve those who applied to be Council Members without a ballot run-off; there were 7 Section Members running for 7 open Council seats.

- C. Outgoing State Bar President** Lawrence Nolan addressed the Section and gave thanks for all the important and hard work we do through the year.

- D. Special Report Re: HB 4691:** Carlo Martina presented an update on the status of HB 4691 and the “Michigan Co-Parenting Act” proposal that has been circulated amongst independent work groups and interested members in the Family Law community. Mr. Martina’s presentation included a report on his discussions over the Summer with Rep. Runestad and Attorney David Helm, in efforts to work on a proposal that both accomplishes some of Rep. Runestad’s goals while also making sure any modifications to existing law serve as an improvement over what is in place now. There are significant challenges to accomplishing both of these goals. Diligent efforts are being put forth to draft a proposal that improves current law. Council has not formally voted on a counter-proposal to HB 4691, and continues to oppose HB 4691.

**E. Announcements/Other matters:**

1. Congratulations to Bob Treat for being awarded the John W. Cumiskey Pro Bono Award!
2. Ashley Lowe of Lakeshore Legal Aid was present and encouraged Section Members to sign up for much needed Pro Bono services in the Oakland-Wayne-Macomb County area
3. Liz Sadowski offered a walking tour and other social outings in Detroit for those that would be downtown through the weekend.

**II. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Richard Halloran, seconded by Kent Weichmann; resolved that the annual meeting be adjourned until next year.

Respectfully submitted – Christopher J. Harrington