

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE PROBATE AND ESTATE PLANNING SECTION**

**September 29, 2007, 10:00 a.m.
University Club, East Lansing, Michigan**

- I.** The Annual Meeting was called to order by the chair, Douglas Mielock.

II. A. Council Members Excused:

III. B. Council Officers and Members Present:

Douglas A. Mielock	Nancy L. Little
Lauren M. Underwood	Harold Schuitmaker
Douglas G. Chalgian	Michael J. McClory
Daniel E. Cogan	Amy A. Morrissey
John R. Dresser	Rebecca A. Schnelz
Robin D. Ferriby	Richard J. Siriani
Sebastian V. Grassi, Jr.	James B. Steward
George W. Gregory	Thomas F. Sweeney
Mark K. Harder	Marlaine C. Teahan
Ellen Sugrue Hyman	Joan C. Von Handorf

C. Others Present:

Susan M. Allen	Valerie F. Lafferty
W. Josh Ard	Marguerite M. Lentz
Samuel D. Carpenter	Michele C. Marquardt
Kevin Cotter	Daniel P. Marsh
Craig Davis	J. R. McGraw
Steven Feidelson	Jeanne Murphy
C. Jill Goodell	Lorraine F. New
Henry M. Grix	Patricia M. Ouellette
Kristin R. Gross	Valerie L. Rice
Hon. Phillip E. Harter	Kenneth J. Seavoy
Michael S. Holmes	Teresa S. Sullivan
Stephen W. Jones	Robert M. Taylor
J. David Kerr	Derek A. Walters

- IV.** The first order of business was the election of the new officers. The slate of the nomination committee was as follows:

Chairperson	Lauren M. Underwood
Chairperson – elect	Nancy L. Little

Vice Chairperson
Secretary
Treasurer

Harold G. Schuitmaker
Douglas G. Chalgian
George W. Gregory

The slate of nominated officers was adopted by unanimous consent of those present at the annual meeting.

The nominating committee further nominated three current members of the Council to continue for a second, three-year term beginning September, 2007. These Council persons were:

Amy N. Morrissey
Thomas F. Sweeney
Joan Von Handorf

The members present at the Annual Meeting adopted these nominations by unanimous consent.

The nominating committee further proposed the election of three new incoming Council members for three year terms beginning September, 2007. Those nominated were:

Honorable Kathryn George
Rebecca A. Schnelz
Marlaine C. Teahan

Those present at the Annual Meeting unanimously adopted the nominating committee's recommendations by unanimous consent.

The nominating committee also proposed the election of W. Josh Ard to fill one of the two vacancies created by the promotion of Douglas G. Chalgian and George W. Gregory to office status. Those present at the annual meeting unanimously adopted the recommendation of the nominating committee regarding Mr. Ard's election to the Council for a three year term beginning September, 2007.

Outgoing Chairperson Douglas A. Mielock presented incoming Chairperson Lauren M. Underwood with a gavel. Ms. Underwood presented Douglas A. Mielock with a gift and comments regarding his service to the Council. Chairperson Underwood gave a special thanks to Sebastian V. Grassi, Jr. for his years of service to the Council. Chairperson Underwood then announced her appointments to the budget committee to include George W. Gregory, Henry M. Grix, and Harold Schuitmaker.

Chairperson Underwood then explained that the organization of each of the future meetings of the Council will convene at 8:30 a.m. as a joint meeting of the Council and the Committee on Special Projects which will continue for thirty minutes during which time the Council will receive information regarding major projects other than the Uniform Trust Code. At 9:00 a.m. the joint meeting of the Council and Committee on Special Projects will continue but will take up the Uniform Trust Code discussion to be led by Mark Harder, which discussion will continue until Mr. Harder has completed his presentation and discussion but which discussion will end no later than 11:30 a.m. At 11:30 a.m. the Probate Council will convene to resolve any business matters that need to be addressed before the conclusion of the meeting at noon. Ms. Underwood explained that this vigorous undertaking of the Uniform Trust Code will require committees to have most of their work done outside of Council meetings and to present the Council with reports and recommendations only as necessary and in the most abbreviated manner possible. She explained that the purpose of this approach is so the Council can attempt to complete its work on the Uniform Trust Code so as to have a bill ready to submit to the legislature by June.

Chairperson Underwood announced that the next Council meeting will take place October 20, 2007 at the Oakland County Bar Building.

The Annual Meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas G. Chalgian