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. Morrisey
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
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

Those 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