MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
OF THE PROBATE AND ESTATE PLANNING SECTION

April 19, 12:00 p.m.
University Club, East Lansing, Michigan

I. The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by the Chair, Lauren M. Underwood

II. A. Council Members Excused: Richard J. Sirani, Robert P. Tiplady

B. Council Officers and Members Present:
   Lauren M. Underwood        Nancy L. Little
   Harold G. Schuitmaker       Douglas G. Chalgian
   George W. Gregory

   C. Susan M. Allan           Shaheen I. Imami
      W. Josh Ard               Marilyn A. Lankfer
      Daniel E. Cogan           Amy N. Morrissey
      John R. Dresser           Rebecca A. Schmelz
      Robin D. Ferriby          James B. Steward
      Hon. Kathryn A. George    Thomas F. Sweeney
      Mark K. Harder            Marlaine C. Teahan
      Ellen Sugrue Hyman

      Others Present: Constance L. Brigman, Samuel D. Carpenter, Rhonda
      M. Clark-Kreuer, Kevin Cotter, Christopher L. Edgar, Honorable Phillip E.
      Harter, J. David Kerr, Daniel P. Marsh, Douglas A. Mielock, Michael S.
      McClory, Jeanne Murphy, Honorable David M. Murkowski, Lorraine F.
      New, Patricia M. Ouellette, Valerie L. Rice, Carol A. Sewell, James P.
      Spica, Teresa S. Sullivan, Bob Taylor, Amy R. Tripp, Derek A. Walters

III. Introduction of Guests: All attendees, including guests, introduced
     themselves.

IV. Secretary’s Report: Motion was made by Daniel E. Cogan, supported by
    Robin D. Ferriby to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

V. Treasurer’s Report: George W. Gregory presented the Treasurer’s report.
   (See Attachment 5)

VI. Chairperson’s Report: No Report

VII. Report of the Committee on Special Projects: No Report.

VIII. Standing Committee Reports
A. Internal Governance


3. Michael Irish Award - Brian V. Howe, chair: No report.


5. Nominations - Henry M. Grix, chair:


B. Education & Advocacy Services for Section Members

1. Amicus Curiae - Mark K. Harder, chair: No report.

2. Continuing Education & Annual Probate Institute - Nancy L. Little, chair. Harold G. Schuitmaker reported on the Probate Institute and again thanked the Community Foundation of Southeast Michigan for their financial support for national speakers.


5. Pamphlets - Ellen Sugrue Hyman, chair: No report.


C. Legislation and Lobbying

1. Legislation - Harold Schuitmaker and John R. Dresser, co-chairs: Amy N. Morrissey reported from the Rule Against Perpetuities Committee on proposed House Bill 4602 and
asked for a Council vote in support. The vote to support House Bill 4602 passed with 19 supporting, none opposing and one abstaining. (See Attachment 6)

Daniel P. Marsh, Chair of the Uniform Power of Attorney Act Committee reported on movement of House Bill 4180 which would adopt a form of the Uniform Power of Attorney Act in Michigan and indicated that hearings are scheduled on this bill. The Council voted to oppose House Bill 4180 by a vote of 19 to zero with one abstaining.

2. Michigan Trust Code - Mark K. Harder, chair. See Minutes from Joint Meeting of the Council and Committee on Special Projects.


D. Ethics, Professionalism and Standards

1. Ethics - Marilyn A. Lankfer, chair: No report.


E. Administration of Justice


2. Uniformity of Practice - No report.

F. Practice Issues, Related Areas & Liaisons


2. Estate Gift Tax - George W. Gregory, chair: No report.

3. Real Property Tax Issues - George W. Gregory, chair: No report


10. Tax Section Committee/ Tax Section Liaison – Lorraine F. New: Lorraine F. New reported on the tax section and provided a tax nugget. (See Attachment 7)


IX. Other Business: Chairperson Lauren M. Underwood reminded the Council that a special meeting has been scheduled for 9:00 a.m., May 17, 2008 at which time further discussion regarding the trust code will take place.

X. Hot Topics:

XI. Adjournment - the meeting was adjourned by Chair Lauren M. Underwood.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas G. Chalgian