I. The meeting was called to order at approximately 11:45 a.m. by the chair, Lauren M. Underwood

II. A. Council Members Excused:

B. Council Officers and Members Present:
Lauren M. Underwood        George W. Gregory
Douglas G. Chalgian

W. Josh Ard                  Amy N. Morrissey
Daniel E. Cogan             Rebecca A. Schnelz
John R. Dresser              James B. Steward
Hon. Kathryn A. George      Thomas F. Sweeney
Mark K. Harder               Marlaine C. Teahan
Shaheen I. Imami             Robert P. Tiplady, II
Marilyn A. Lankfer           Joan C. Von Handorf
Douglas A. Mielock

C. Others Present:
Cynthia S. Andrews           Lorraine F. New
Becky Beckler                Kurt A. Olson
Constance L. Brigman         Patricia M. Ouellette
Michael D. Holmes            Valerie L. Rice
Stephen W. Jones             Christine M. Savage
Mark E. Kellogg              Pamela J. Sisson
Michele C. Marquardt         James P. Spica
Daniel P. Marsh              Teresa S. Sullivan
J. R. McGraw                  Derek A. Williams
Melisa Mysliwiec             Elizabeth K. Woodruff

III. Introduction of Guests: All attendees, including guests, introduced themselves.
IV. Secretary’s Report: Daniel E. Cogan made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. This motion was supported by Joan C. Von Handorf. This motion was approved.

V. Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer George W. Gregory provided the Treasurer’s report. See attachment.

VI. Chairperson’s Report: Chairperson Lauren M. Underwood recognized the likelihood that member Joan C. Von Handorf was attending her last meeting of the as she plans to relocate out of state. The members and those present acknowledged their appreciation for the work Ms. Von Handorf has provided to the Section over many years.

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.


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: No report.


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


7. **Committee on Special Projects** – *Amy N. Morrissey/Richard J. Siriani, co-chairs:* No report.

C. **Legislation and Lobbying**

1. **Legislation** - *Harold Schuitmaker and John R. Dresser, co-chairs:*

   Becky Beckler discussed various legislative activity.

   James P. Spica representing Greenleaf Trust then led an extensive discussion including a presentation of case studies addressing the proposals for legislation to substantially alter the Rules Against Perpetuities in Michigan. See attachments.


D. **Ethics, Professionalism and Standards**


E. **Administration of Justice**

1. **Contested and Uncontested Probate Proceedings** – *Amy N. Morrissey, chair:* No report.

F. Practice Issues, Related Areas & Liaisons

1. **Charitable Giving/Exempt Organizations** - Robin D. Ferriby, chair: No report.


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


5. **Business Law and Business Section Liaison** - John R. Dresser, chair

6. **Court Rules and Forms** - Harold Schuitmaker and Joan C. Von Handorf, co-chairs:

7. **Elder Law/Elder Law Section Liaison** – W. Josh Ard: for another meeting

8. **Family Law/Family Law Section Liaison** - Patricia M. Ouellette: No report.


10. **Tax Section Committee/ Tax Section Liaison** – Lorraine F. New: Lorraine F. New, liaison to the Tax Section Committee presented a Tax Nugget. See attachment.

11. **State Bar Liaison** - Francine Cullari: No report.

12. **Trust/Michigan Bankers Association Liaison** - Daniel E. Cogan: No report.


IX. Other Business:

X. Hot Topics:

XI. Adjournment - the meeting was adjourned by Chair Lauren M. Underwood at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas G. Chalgian