

**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS
OF THE PROBATE AND ESTATE PLANNING SECTION
OF THE STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN**

**September 12, 2015
Lansing, Michigan
10:15 a.m.**

Minutes

- I. **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 10:15.
- II. **Attendance.** A sign-in sheet was handed around for attendance at the Annual Meeting of the Section. The following Section Members were in attendance:

Amy N. Morrissey, Chair	David P. Lucas
Shaheen I. Imami, Chair Elect	Katie Lynwood
James B. Steward, Vice-Chair	Raj A. Malviya
Marlaine C. Teahan, Secretary	Douglas A. Mielock
Marguerite Munson Lentz, Treasurer	Richard C. Mills
Susan M. Allan	Jeanne Murphy
W. Josh Ard	Lorraine F. New
Christopher A. Ballard	Neal Nusholtz
Ryan Bourjaily	Robert O'Reilly
John E. Bos	Nicholas A. Reister
Constance L. Brigman	Richard J. Siriani
Christopher J. Caldwell	David L.J.M. Skidmore
Kathleen M. Goetsch	James P. Spica
George W. Gregory	Nazneen H. Syed
Raymond A. Harris	Paul Vaidya
Phillip E. Harter	Geoffrey R. Vernon
Mark E. Kellogg	Nancy H. Welber
Michael G. Lichterman	Susan S. Westerman
Nancy L. Little	

- III. **Approval of Minutes of September 6, 2014, Annual Meeting of the Section.** Upon a motion made by Marguerite Munson Lentz, seconded by Richard C. Mills, the minutes of the September 6, 2014 Annual Meeting of the Section were approved unanimously, with no votes against, and no abstentions.

- IV. **Chairperson's Report – Amy N. Morrissey.** Amy Morrissey thanked everyone for a great year. She noted the tremendous efforts by committee members to push our proposed legislation along. Ms. Morrissey expressed her confidence that many of our efforts will be rewarded with passage of our bills. She also expressed her thanks to all committee chairpersons, committee members, council members, and officers. Ms. Morrissey gave special thanks to Ex-officio Susan Westerman for inviting her to participate in the Probate and Estate Planning Section many years ago. She also thanked the outgoing council members: Josh Ard for his great input on the listserv and the electronic communications committee; Jim Spica for his great

contributions on the legislative front; and Pat Ouellette for being a tremendous liaison with the Family Law Section and a for being a great sounding board over the years. Ms. Morrissey told the section that they are in good hands moving forward with Shaheen Imami at the helm of the Section. Finally, she encouraged everyone to look at her annual report as Chair, effective through May 31, 2015, that is online at the State Bar of Michigan's website.

V. **Treasurer's Report – Marguerite Munson Lentz.** Ms. Lentz reported that our receipts are over budget and our expenses are under budget with two months to go in our fiscal year left to be reported. Ms. Lentz will report on those additional months once she has received the data from the State Bar. Becky Weaver at the State Bar has informed us that it is very important that our expenses are reported in the month in which they are incurred; therefore, all council members are encouraged to promptly report all expenses. The final date for this fiscal year for expense reports, including mileage, is September 21, 2015.

VI. **Elections of Council Members and Officers.** Two votes were taken; one for the election of officers and one for the election of council members. Since our bylaws indicate that the chair elect takes over automatically, without further vote of the section, at the end of this meeting, there was no vote relative to the new Chair of the Council, Shaheen Imami.

On a motion made by David L.J.M. Skidmore, seconded by Shaheen I. Imami, with a unanimous vote in favor, no votes against and no abstentions, the following officers were elected:

Chair Elect: James B. Steward
Vice Chair: Marlaine C. Teahan
Secretary: Marguerite Munson Lentz
Treasurer: Christopher A. Ballard

On a motion made by Ex-officio Nancy L. Little, seconded by Marguerite Munson Lentz, with a unanimous vote in favor, no votes against and no abstentions, the following council members were re-elected for their second three-year term:

Rhonda M. Clark-Kreuer
David P. Lucas
David L.J.M. Skidmore

The following individuals were elected for an initial three-year term as council member:

Kathleen Goetsch
Katie Lynwood
Christopher J. Caldwell

And, with a vacancy created by Christopher A. Ballard's election as Treasurer, the following individual was elected to serve as a council member, taking over the remainder of Mr. Ballard's term, ending in 2017, with an eligibility of serving two three-year terms of his own:

Michael A. Lichterman

VII. **Other Business.** None.

VIII. **Adjournment of Annual Meeting of Section Membership.** On a motion made by John E. Bos, seconded by Marlaine C. Teahan, the Annual Meeting of the Section Membership was adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marlaine C. Teahan" followed by a horizontal line.

Marlaine C. Teahan, Secretary
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