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

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 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,

[Signature]

Marlaine C. Teahan, Secretary
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