I. Call to Order

The Chair of the Section, James Steward, called the Annual Meeting of the Probate and Estate Planning Section to order at 9:34 a.m. All in attendance were asked to sign an attendance sheet. The following Section members were in attendance:

James B. Steward
Marlaine C. Teahan
Marguerite Munson Lentz
Christopher A. Ballard
David P. Lucas
Aaron Bartell
Kimberly Browning
Susan Chalgian
Rhonda M. Clark-Kreuer
Mark DeLuca
Kathleen M. Goetsch
George W. Gregory
Daniel S. Hilker
Mark E. Kellogg
Robert B. Labe
Michael G. Lichterman
Nancy L. Little
Katie Lynwood
Raj A. Malviya
Andrew Mayoras
Gabrielle McKee
Douglas A. Mielock
Richard C. Mills
Ryan Mills
Sueann T. Mitchell
Hon. David M. Murkowski
Jeanne Murphy
Melisa M.W. Mysliwiec
Lorraine F. New
Neal Nusholtz
II. Minutes of the June 24, 2017 Special Meeting of the Section

The minutes of the June 24, 2017, Special Meeting of the Section were attached to the combined Agenda for the Annual Meeting and the September Council Meeting, which Agenda posted on the Section’s web page prior to the meeting. Ms. Lentz moved that the minutes be approved. The motion was seconded. The motion was approved on a voice-vote with no nays and no abstentions.

III. Minutes of the September 10, 2016 Annual Meeting of the Section

The minutes of the September 10, 2016, Annual Meeting of the Section were attached to the combined Agenda for the Annual Meeting and the September Council Meeting, which Agenda posted on the Section’s web page prior to the meeting. Mr. Spica moved that the minutes be approved. The motion was seconded. The motion was approved on a voice-vote with no nays and no abstentions.

IV. Chairperson’s Report – James Steward

Mr. Steward gave the Chair’s report.

Mr. Steward submitted his annual report was submitted to the State Bar. His report was attached to the agenda for the meeting.

V. Treasurer’s Report – David Lucas

Mr. Lucas reported that projections indicate that the section will most likely run a deficit of approximately $2,000 for the year ending September 30. Membership in the section is down approximately 110 members compared to the prior fiscal year.

VI. Elections of Council Officers and Members

The report of the Nominating Committee was attached to the combined Agenda.

At the close of the Annual Meeting, the Chairperson-Elect, Ms. Teahan, will become the Chair without a further vote.
The following were nominated as officers of the Council for 2017-2018:

Chairperson Elect: Marguerite Munson Lentz
Vice Chairperson: Christopher A. Ballard
Secretary: David P. Lucas
Treasurer: David L.J.M. Skidmore

The following were nominated for the Council for a second three-year term expiring at the Annual Meeting in 2020:

Hon. Michael L. Jaconette
Mark E. Kellogg
Raj A. Malviya

The following were nominated for the Council for an initial three-year term expiring at the Annual Meeting in 2020:

Michael G. Lichterman
Kurt A. Olson
Christine M. Savage

Because of the nomination of David L.J.M. Skidmore to the office of Treasurer, Angela M. Hentkowski was nominated to serve the balance of Mr. Skidmore’s term as a member of the Council, which ends with the annual meeting in 2018. Ms. Hentkowski will thereafter be eligible for election to two additional three-year terms as a member of the Council.

Mr. Gregory moved for the adoption of the slate of candidates and the election of all sections officers and council members. The candidates were all approved unanimously, with no nays and no abstentions.

VII. Other Business

George Bearup and Nancy Welber are both leaving the council after 6 years of service. Mr. Steward expressed a heartfelt thanks to them for their service to the section.

Mr. Steward thanked Ms. Teahan for the work she has done for the section and wished her well during the term that she will be serving as chair.

Mr. Steward also thanked his wife, Betty, for all the assistance she has provided to him during his years on the Council. She has put in a tremendous amount of work.

Mr. Steward presented a gavel to the incoming Chair, Marlaine Teahan.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chairperson James Steward at 9:50 am.