Annual Meeting of the
Probate and Estate Planning Section
of the
State Bar of Michigan

September 8, 2018
Lansing, Michigan

Minutes

I. Call to Order

The Chair of the Section, Marlaine Teahan, called the Annual Meeting of the Probate and Estate Planning Section to order at 10:20am. All in attendance were asked to sign an attendance sheet. The following Section members were in attendance:


II. Minutes of the September 9, 2017 Annual Meeting of the Section

The minutes of the September 9, 2017 Annual Meeting of the Section were attached to the combined Agenda for the Annual Meeting and the September Council Meeting, which Agendas were posted to the Section’s web page prior to the meeting. It was moved and seconded to approve such Minutes as posted and presented at the meeting. On voice vote, the Chair declared the motion approved.

III. Chairperson’s Report - Marlaine Teahan

Ms. Teahan gave the Chair’s report, which was attached to the combined Agenda for the Annual Meeting and the September Council Meeting, which Agendas were posted to the Section’s web page prior to the meeting. Ms. Teahan also reported that the Hon. Michael Jaconette, a member of the Council, had informed the Chair that Judge Jaconette was seeking appointment to the Michigan Court of Appeals, and the Chair asked that those who were interested could express their thoughts about such appointment; David P. Lucas reported that he had the contact information for such contact. The Chair also highlighted section 2. of the Chair’s report regarding appointment of a Section member to the SCAO’s Probate Forms Committee.

IV. Treasurer’s Report - David L.J.M. Skidmore

Mr. Skidmore gave the Treasurer’s report to the meeting, notifying the meeting that the Council had authorized, for Section amicus briefs, the use of a total of $71,000 from the annual budget and the amount
that the Council had set-aside for amicus briefs, leaving approximately $21,000 in the Section’s set-aside, and that such use was consistent with the State Bar’s request that such funds be utilized. Mr. Skidmore asked that those entitled to reimbursement from the Council’s budget for expenses incurred submit such requests for reimbursement within 45 days of the date that such expenses were incurred.

V. Election of Council members and officers

Ms. Teahan reported that the report of the Section’s Nominating Committee was attached to the combined Agenda for the Annual Meeting and the September Council Meeting, which Agendas were posted to the Section’s web page prior to the meeting.

The following were nominated as officers of the Council for a one-year term, beginning on October 1, 2018:

- Chairperson Elect: Christopher A. Ballard
- Vice Chairperson: David P. Lucas
- Secretary: David L.J.M. Skidmore
- Treasurer: Mark E. Kellogg

The following were nominated as members of the Council for a second three-year term, beginning on October 1, 2018:

- Christopher J. Caldwell
- Kathleen M Goetsch
- Katie Lynwood

The following were nominated as members of the Council for an initial three-year term, beginning on October 1, 2018:

- Angela M. Hentkowski
- Melisa M.W. Mysliwiec
- Neal Nusholtz

If Mark E. Kellogg is elected as Treasurer, then the Committee nominates James (“JV”) F. Anderton to serve the balance of Mr. Kellogg’s term as a member of the Council, which ends on the last day of the fiscal year of the Section (September 30) in 2020. Mr. Anderton will thereafter be eligible for election to two three-year terms as a member of the Council.

The Committee nominates Andrew W. Mayoras to serve the balance of Geoffrey R. Vernon’s term as a member of the Council, which ends on the last day of the fiscal year of the Section (September 30) in 2019. Mr. Mayoras will thereafter be eligible for election to two three-year terms as a member of the Council.

It was moved and seconded to elect the Section officers and Council members as nominated. On unanimous voice vote, with no votes against the motion and no abstentions, the Chair declared such individuals elected as Council officers and members.

VI. Other Business

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The Chair noted that Rhonda M. Clark-Kreuer’s term as a Council member would end at the end of the Section’s 2018 fiscal year, and the Chair warmly thanked Ms. Clark-Kreuer for all of her work for the Section, the Council, and as Chair of the Section’s Guardianship, Conservatorship, & End of Life Committee. The Chair noted that 23 legislative bills had been submitted to the State Legislature from such Committee during Ms. Clark-Kreuer’s tenure as Chair, and that such Committee has been very active in work relating to the Section’s and the Council’s work in these areas of practice. The Chair awarded Ms. Clark-Kreuer an “Energizer Bunny” award for all of Ms. Clark-Kreuer’s work, and the Section applauded Ms. Clark-Kreuer.

The Chair noted that, pursuant to the Section’s Bylaws, Marguerite Munson Lentz will assume the office of Chair of the as of the end of the Section’s Annual Meeting, and the Chair presented Ms. Munson Lentz with a Council gavel. The Chair congratulated Ms. Munson Lentz on assuming such office, and stated to the meeting that the Chair has found Ms. Munson Lentz to be pragmatic, that she understands issues facing the Council and the Section, that she is a very good listener, and that she will be a great Chair. Ms. Munson Lentz accepted the Council gavel, and thanked Ms. Teahan for Ms. Teahan’s service as Chair, and all of the work that Ms. Teahan has performed for the Council and for the Section.

VII. Adjournment

Seeing no other matters or business to be brought before the meeting, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 10:38 am.

Respectfully submitted,
David P. Lucas, Secretary