**Elder Law and Disability Rights Section [ELDRS] of the State Bar of Michigan**

**Section Meeting – December 3, 2022**

**Remote via Zoom**

Attendance via Zoom: Susan Chalgian\*, Shannon DeWall\*, Antonia Harbin-Lamb\*, Raymond A. Harris\*, Angela M. Hentkowski\*, Catherine H. Jacobs\*, Sanford J. Mall\*, Robert D. Mannor\*, Maria Messina Wiersma\*, Amanda N. Murray\*, Theresa Rich\*, Kimberly A. Parks\*, Nicholas Ryan\*, Nadia D. Vann\*, Terri L. Winegarden\*, William Westerbeke, Ashley Grumm, Christine Caswell, Sara Morey, Jessica Brandow, Laura Gruber, Jacob Spear, Harley Manela, Kelli King-Penner, Lisa Anderson, Todd Tennis, David Kerr, Beth Swagman, Kelly Quardokus, Don Rosenberg, Patti Dudek

[\*ELDRS Council Member]

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Angela Hentkowski called the meeting at approximately 10:01 am.

**[A] ROUTINE BUSINESS**

1. **Attendance / Roll Call** –Raymond Harris reportsquorum present
2. **Agenda** –Theresa Rich moved to approve agenda, Terri Winegarden seconds, motion passes
3. **Minutes** – November 12, 2022 minutes – Terri Winegarden moved to approve the minutes and Robert Mannor seconded the motion. Minutes approved
4. **Treasurer’s Report** – Susan Chalgian – Send hearts and flowers to Maria Messina’s office

**[B] COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. **Spring Conference Update** – Harley Manela asked for people to step forward as speakers for the upcoming 2023 Spring Conference. Some ideas for topics were suggested.
2. **Fall Conference** – Susan Chalgian spoke about the 2024 Fall Conference venue. Susan Chalgian brought a motion for the 2024 Conference to be held in Bay City. Motion to approve Bay City contract with the addition of the room fee being waived. Catherine Jacobs seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.
3. **Disability Rights Committee** – Nadia Vann reported that the committee is working on a presentation for spring conference. Michael Bartnik is filing a suit individually regarding the Coleman A. Young building in Detroit. Next meeting is December 12 @ 12:30. Angela asked the committee to prepare a form for accommodation requests for conferences.
4. **Legislative Committee** –Todd Tennis gave lame duck update. Effort to move mental health reform bills by Shirkey. Failed senate vote. Following EPIC updates as proposed by probate section. Passed house in June, waiting in judiciary committee and bills have been submitted to senate. Still waiting for committee assignments which will not be issued until late January. Both incoming house and senate chairs are from Lansing. Todd Tennis encourages meeting with your representative and familiarizing them with ELDRS goals.

Catherine Jacobs discussed UPOAA and the committee is meeting to discuss recommendations to council. Angela Hentkowski will be calling a special meeting of council in mid-January to discuss UPOAA.

The committee plans to have a legislative day in May.

1. **Litigation Committee** – Garno v Garno request. The committee met and declined to recommend approval for funding.
2. **Newsletter** – Christine Caswell: deadline for articles is January 25, 2023.
3. **Member and Education Committee** – Amanda Murry reported that the committee met in November. Trying to finalize list for 2023 webinars and presentations. Looking for additional committee members (currently four members). Next meeting December 13 at noon
4. **Administrative Committee** –Erin Mortenson**:** No report.
5. **Wayne County Probate Court Committee** – Antonia Harbin-Lamb reports that the committee met on December 1 with Judge Burton. Mostly Q&A. Judge Burton displayed willingness to solve problems in the Wayne County Probate Court. Judge Burton is willing to listen and utilize resources to address concerns. He would like to create a mental health treatment court like drug treatment courts.

Questions presented to judge: Is Zoom here to stay? Yes, for uncontested matter or remote participants. If litigant requests in person hearing, then that will be honored.

Case documents access being discussed.

Letters of guardianship issuance delays. Judge Burton agrees that there should be no delay and if there are issues, they should be addressed to him.

Five week filing delay and issues that causes. Judge Burton agrees that is too long and will investigate reducing the time lag.

No timeline for reopening the counter for in person filings. Judge Burton will investigate this.

For mental health treatment, Judge Burton includes language for treatment in all guardianship orders.

Next meeting in January.

Judge Perkins may join some meetings.

1. **Eldercaring Coordination Committee** – Kimberly Parks: no report. First committee meeting on December 22 at 9:30.

**[C] Other Business**

1. **Angela reminds everyone to join committees.**
2. **Patti Dudek reports that the Olmstead group is working on Waiver coordination.**
3. **No January meeting except for the special meeting mentioned.**

**REMINDER UPCOMING MEETING SCHEDULE DATES (SATURDAY – 10 AM-12 Noon)**

Next meeting – February 4, 2023

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:44 AM.