

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE  
REAL PROPERTY LAW SECTION  
OF THE STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN**

**JULY 22, 2020 AT 12:00 PM**

Zoom Meeting

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An on-line meeting of the members of the Council of the Real Property Law Section was called to order at approximately 12:00 PM. Chairperson King confirmed that a quorum of voting members was present.

**Present:**

<b><u>Council Members</u></b>		<b><u>Past Chairs</u></b>	
<b><u>In Person</u></b>	<b><u>Zoom</u></b>	<b><u>In Person</u></b>	<b><u>Zoom</u></b>
	Lorri B. King (Chair) Brian P. Foley Gregory J. Gamalski Thomas A. Kabel Aileen Leippandt Jason C. Long (CLE) Michael A. Luberto Brandy Mathie Brian Page (Land Title) Dawn M. Patterson J. Scott Timmer Roxana Gale Zaha  Cathy LaMont (Immediate Past Chair)		Brian P. Henry Ronn S. Nadis David E. Nykanen Jerome P. Pesick Nicholas Scavone Kim Shierk
		<b><u>Section Administrator</u></b>  Karen Schwartz	
		<b>Other Attendees</b>	
		Michael Vogt	

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Chairperson King welcomed new member, Aileen Leipprandt. Chairperson King welcomed back CLE Chair Jason Long and Land Title Standards Liaison Brian Page. Zoning and Land Use Special Committee Co-chair Michael Vogt was also welcomed to the meeting.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Chairperson King proposed unanimous consent of the minutes from the June 17, 2020 Council meeting. Cathy LaMont moved to support the Motion and Tom Kabel seconded. No members raised an objection, so the Motion passed unanimously.

**Consent Agenda:**

Chairperson King proposed unanimous approval of the Consent Agenda as to the following reports: Administrative, Committee on Committees, Membership Committee, Michigan Electronic Recording Commission, Pro Bono Committee, Publications Committee, Sponsorship Committee, and Technology.

Chairperson King moved to approve and receive the Consent Agenda without discussion. Greg Gamalski moved to support the Motion and Jason Long seconded. No objections were raised so the Motion to approve and receive the Consent Agenda without discussion passed unanimously.

**Standing Committee Reports:**

The following Standing Committee reports were discussed:

**Budget and Finance Committee Report:**

Ms. Patterson presented the Treasurer's Report for July Council Meeting.

Membership has increased by 58 members. Dues were raised, so income should increase. There is \$21,947 in net income year-to-date. A loss of approximately \$9,410 is anticipated by the end of September 2020, based on additional expenses. This is an improvement over original projections. The original profit/loss projection for 2019-2020 was a loss of \$49,266. The revised profit/loss projection with current financials and SC20 canceled is a loss of \$10,034.00 (a difference of \$39,232).

**Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Committee:**

Mr. Long presented the CLE Committee Report for review and discussion. He highlighted specific points in his report.

The 2020-21 Groundbreaker/Real Estate Outlook is being chaired by Scott Lesser. It is scheduled to be held at the Detroit Athletic Club on November 17, 2020. In addition to a keynote speaker, a panel discussion about the impact of COVID-19 on the real estate market is being planned. Scott is looking for presenter with private development experience. The program will be discussed further at the CLE meeting on August 5, 2020, in part to determine if the program will be presented virtually or in-person.

Jessica Hallmark is chairing Homeward Bound again this year. It is scheduled to be held at the MSU-MEC in Troy in January, though a contract is not yet signed. The plan is to focus on recent and pending legislation. Last year on Legislation at MSU. Will be on Legislation.

Brian Foley is the Chair for the Winter Conference in Austin, Texas. Brian is reaching out to faculty originally scheduled for the 2020 Summer Conference to be presenters at the Winter Conference.

The Real Property Academy I was originally scheduled to be in Grand Rapids in October 2020. The CLE committee decided to postpone it to October 2021. The May 2021 date at MSU-MEC in Troy remains on the calendar.

Summer Conference 2021 will be co-chaired by Brandy Mathie and Cathy Riesterer. It is scheduled to be held at Grand Traverse Resort.

The CLE Committee is expected to make decisions about in-person events at its August meeting, and those recommendations will be brought to Council at its September meeting.

**Legislation Committee:**

Tom Kabel presented the Legislative report. He advised that Michael King and Dawn Patterson are new members of the committee. It held a kick-off call earlier in the month.

Tom reported that there is no new proposed legislation to consider.

An amendment to extend the effective date of the recent amendments to the Marketable Record Title Act is still in Ways and Means. Chairperson King reported that Tabitha Zimney advised that the current MRTA amendment is likely to pass.

Nick Scavone reported a call was held with Tabitha about MRTA. Stakeholders in the legislative efforts include condominium interests, real estate brokers, Michigan Land Title Association, homebuilders and bankers. He advised that an overhaul is unlikely to be passed in this legislative session, and unlikely by March 2021. The passage of the amendment extending the effective date to 5 years is unlikely to impact the Section's ability to get its proposed bill passed.

Tom Kabel reported that the bill to remove condominiums from MRTA will likely move forward.

Tom Kabel also advised that none of the bills of interest to the Section, including those in which the Section has taken a formal position, have had any activity.

Chairperson King reminded everyone that the next Council meeting would take place on September 16, 2020 at noon.

Nearly every Council member made and seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael A. Luberto, Secretary