

**STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN YOUNG LAWYERS SECTION**  
**MARCH 8, 2012 MEETING**  
**UNIVERSITY CLUB, EAST LANSING**  
**6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order at 6:15
- II. Approval of Minutes (November 17, 2011 and January 19, 2012 Meeting)
  - Motion by Felicia, Second by Mwanaisha, no discussion, no opposition, minutes are approved
- III. Officer Reports
  - a. Chair: Brandy Robinson
    - i. Re-Cap of SKIP Mock Trial—great event, great turnout—script of mock trial was based on the movie Shrek—kids played all the roles (jury, judge, lawyers, court officer)
    - ii. Re-Cap of Annual MLK Competition with Straker—Held at Cooley Law School, gives opportunity to young people to show their skills. Issue this year was if MLK was still alive today would he be in support of Occupy WallStreet.
    - iii. Election Information—Will be in March edition of SBM Bar Journal—Deadline is April 30, 2012 for signatures and petition to be submitted to SBM
    - iv. Reminder Regarding Email Voting—Scale Back on e-mail voting, difficult to deal with administratively for both secretary/treasure and SBM. Technically e-mail voting is not allowed pursuant to by-laws.
    - v. Programming for Remainder of Year /BOC & Annual Reports
      - 1. Law Day Contest
      - 2. Retreat Ideas
      - 3. Have a fairly light calendar so far this year, educational programs are very low
      - 4. History of a lot of programs and have a reputation to uphold. BOC gives us time to update them on what we are doing.
  - b. Chair-Elect: Felicia Johnson
    - i. Outstanding Young Lawyer Award—nominations are due April 20, 2012, encourage people to nominate—Also will be looking for volunteers to help read through nominations.
    - ii. ABA Awards of Achievement—Send completed project info forms to Felicia
    - iii. If anyone is interested in smaller scale back to school project, let Felicia know. Would be towards the end of August.

- c. Vice-Chair: Hope Shovein
  - i. *Inter Alia* update—Next deadline is May 4 and August 10 for next two issues
  - ii. List-serv update—send to Hope, easy to send out
- d. Secretary-Treasurer: Andrea Irons
  - i. Update on Section Finances
  - ii. E-mail Voting
  - iii. Need a receipt for every reimbursement
  - iv. Recap of Fundraiser for HFM-raised \$3580
  - v. Budget Request—FAN Run
  - vi. 3 tickets to Night at the Movies Fundraiser
- e. ABA-YLD District Rep: Marisa Wiener—mid-year meeting over 400 young lawyer attendees, networking and educational programs, will be a more detailed report in *Inter Alia*
- f. ABA-YLD House of Delegates Rep: Marisa Wiener—2 resolutions passed at Mid-year meeting, contact Marisa for details or questions.

#### IV. Committee Reports

- a. Media—Facebook needs to be updated
- b. Diversity –Lansing Black Lawyers Association hosted student/attorney fundraiser. Want to start a database of all diverse legal groups in the state. Discussion of having representatives from different diverse legal associations at the summit.
- c. Outreach—Council Members went up early in the morning before the bar exam and passed out mugs, pencils, pens, and ear plugs.
- d. Summit
  - i. June 15-16 at Westin Book-Cadillac in Detroit
  - ii. Programming (Brandy, Hope, Mwanaisha, Syeda)—scheduling needs to be set in stone soon—discussion of pushing start time back—some programs might need to be removed—discussion on flash drive and solo practice—discussion of moving to Friday or eliminating speed networking—discussion of shortening programs—Discussion about needing a break before dinner—Discussion of dancing during cocktail hour—having in-house entertainment—still no key note speaker, any suggestions—discussion of pet peeves of trial courts not being consistent for every judge.
  - iii. Sponsorship (Alex, Kara, Nick, Shenique)—Nick has a substantial sponsorship, Wayne State Law School Alumni Association is interested, Real Prop section wants to sponsor again—waiting to hear from westlaw, lexis, Cooley, Paul Gooble, and law firms. Still need a lot more money in sponsorships.
  - iv. Entertainment / Networking (Brent, Lori, Mwanaisha, Syeda)—waiting on quotes and have networking games they are looking at.
  - v. Publicity (Brent, Hope, Lori)--Facebook
  - vi. Outstanding Young Lawyer Award (Felicia, Brandy)

vii. Logistics (Alex, Felicia, Kara, Shenique)

V. Council Member Reports

- a. Erika Anderson-Hayes—Law Day event, students coming to court house to observe mock trial, requesting \$600, Motion for \$600 by Erika, second by Felicia, no discussion, motion carries
- b. Syeda Davidson—not present
- c. Nicholas Even—not present
- d. Stephanie Farkas—no report
- e. Kara Hart-Negrich—updated small claims court self help packet for the state bar
- f. Jennifer Harvey—Jump Start your Career April 19, 2012, budget request from November was \$750. Motion for additional \$50 by Jennifer, Second by Shenique, no discussion, motion carries
- g. Mark Jane—Meeting with ED of WCB to put on seminar that has been done in the past, budget request to come in April
- h. Maureen McGinnis—Reached out to contact person regarding DV program, more info to come. Got all info to set up a swearing in trip to USSC.  
--Program regarding alternative careers with political speakers (local and county politicians who are judges) Motion to request up to \$250 for “me running for public office” by Maureen, second by Erika, discussion by Felicia regarding what is going to be discussed at the event. 1 nay by Felicia, no abstentions, motion carries
- i. Shenique Moss—If you need a bowling shirt, let Shenique know ASAP—April 20, 2012 at Royal Scot Lanes at 3:30pm
- j. Alexandra Nassar—Celebrity reading program with Flint Public Schools. March 22, 2012—Drop everything and read, motion for approval by Alex, Second by Shenique, no discussion , motion carries Trying to get a Veterans Court in Genessee County, not yet Choose Law Day program is happening again in Genessee County(April).
- k. Donald Rencher—no report
- l. Derek Russaw—Working on program with association of defense counsel, service to the bar. Speaker, cocktail hour, networking, food and drink. Looking for around \$500. Going to be in May.
- m. Brent Seitz—Appellate advocacy stand alone program
- n. Bonnie Shaw—no report
- o. Mwanaisha Sims—will be another request for July Bar for I am YLS project. At swearing in ceremonies want people to speak on behalf of YLS at these ceremonies.
- p. Lori Smith—Reading Program, using books for a second group of students  
-veterans court is up and running in Macomb County
- q. R. Paul Vance—Wills for Heros May 11, 2012 for Flint Firefighters.
- r. Marisa Wiener—not present

VI. Old Business

Two requests from Cooley Law School for CLIO and Just the Beginning Foundation.

VII. New Business

a. Budget Requests

FAN Run, motion for \$500 by Andrea, second Alex, discussion of not spending money as a general sponsorship by Felicia. Nay is Felicia, Mwanaisha, Mark, Bonnie, Shenique. Brandy and Jennifer are abstaining. Motion carries.

b. Review of Calendar—send information to be put on facebook and website

VIII. Announcements / Kudos—Donald was voted top 500 under 35 by Ingham County

-Lori got a new job, will get everyone new information.

IX. Adjournment—at 8:26

**Next Meeting: Friday, April 20, 2012 at 3:30 p.m.  
Royal Scot Lanes in Lansing  
Bowling starts at 3:30 p.m. meeting to follow**