

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF THE  
INTERNATIONAL LAW SECTION OF THE  
STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN**

A meeting of the Council (“**Council**”) of the International Law Section (“**Section**”) of the State Bar of Michigan (“**State Bar**” or “**SBM**”) was held on May 21, 2014 at the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law located at 651 E. Jefferson, Detroit, MI 48226.

The following officers of the Council were present in person: A. Reed Newland, Chairperson; David B. Guenther, Chair-Elect; Daphne A. Short, Secretary; and, Lara Fetsco Phillip; Treasurer. A quorum of voting members of the Council were present in person. Names of each of the attendees will be filed with these meeting minutes.

**CALL TO ORDER**

A. Reed Newland, Chairperson of the Section, called the meeting to order at approximately 4:45 pm.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The Chairperson circulated an agenda for the meeting, which was approved as presented.

**NOTICE AND QUORUM**

Daphne A. Short, Secretary of the Section, presented a written notice of the meeting that was mailed or delivered to all members of the Council and to Members of the Section in accordance with the Section’s Bylaws. The Secretary said that the notice will be filed with the minutes of the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

The Secretary circulated a draft of the minutes of the Council meeting held on March 19, 2014. Upon motion made and supported, the Council approved the minutes without correction. The Secretary reported that approved minutes of the Section Council meetings are regularly posted on the Section website at [www.michbar.org](http://www.michbar.org) and that the approved minutes would also be posted to the Section website.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

Lara Fetsco Phillip, Treasurer of the Section, presented the unaudited financial statement of the Section for the five months ending April 30, 2014 and the related detailed trial balance for the same period, prepared by the Finance & Administration Division of the State Bar. As of the five months ending April 30, 2014, the revenues of the Section were \$14,250.00, and expenses for the same time period were \$4,026.67, resulting in Net Income of \$10,223.33. The Section’s ending fund balance as of April 30, 2014 was \$24,291.63. The Chairperson noted that the Section’s financial statements are generally reprinted in the *Michigan International Lawyer*.

## **2014 ANNUAL MEETING UPDATE**

The Chairperson introduced Chair-Elect David Guenther to present the topic of the 2014 annual meeting. The tentative date for the meeting is September 11, 2014. David reported that he has conducted a good amount of research on possible locations for the meeting such as the Inn at St. Johns or the Detroit Yacht club. David is concerned that the audio visual costs of these locations seem high as he strives to contain the meeting expenditures to the normal annual meeting budget (\$3500-\$4000). Lara Fetsco Phillip provided information about the Detroit Institute of Art (DIA) and the Detroit Symphony Orchestra (DSO) and reported that both of these locations would be willing to waive their facility rental fee. Pricing for these venues needs to be explored, but the Paradise Lounge at Orchestra Hall can accommodate up to 75 people. The annual meeting and program is currently planned to follow the same format as previous years with a luncheon followed by the program and a cocktail reception. Other suggested venues for exploration were Greenfield Village, Detroit Historical Museum, and the Detroit Opera House.

The planned topic for the meeting is “*Regulating the International Data Cloud: New Proposals and Initiatives.*” The topic will be relevant to practice both domestically and internationally as well as address data privacy concerns. Thoughts and suggestions are still being accepted on the topic. A meeting is planned for Friday, May 23rd to further discuss the annual meeting.

### **CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT**

The Chairperson began his report by reporting that the law school lunches have been conducted at three of the five area schools. Successful events have occurred at Wayne State, the University of Detroit-Mercy, and Michigan State University. Lunches will be planned in the Fall for the Thomas M. Cooley and University of Michigan campuses.

An ad-hoc committee is being formed to address the international dispute resolution topic discussed at previous meetings. The mission statement of the committee is “*Enhancing Michigan’s Role in International Dispute Resolution*”. The committee plans to meet over the summer. If you are interested in being part of this committee, please contact Reed.

The Chairperson also noted that he and Bruce Thelan will be serving as panelists at the Young Lawyer’s Summit on May 31<sup>st</sup> in Lansing. Aaron Ogeltree will be serving as a moderator to the panel.

Chair-Elect, David Guenther and Secretary, Daphne Short are planning to represent the Section at the State Bar Leadership Forum taking place on June 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> on Mackinac Island. The forum is a great opportunity for the Section to stay informed about the happenings of the State Bar and gain tools to increase membership and build the Section.

Quarterly meetings for the 2014-2015 are being planned for November, January, March, and May. If you have suggestions for topics and/or locations, please contact David Guenther or any other Section officer.

## **COMMITTEE CHAIR GOALS AND REPORTS**

The Chairperson invited the Section's Committee chairs to report on their activities.

### **INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMITTEE**

Aaron Ogeltree reported that the International Trade Committee would be interested in hosting one of the quarterly section meetings.

No other committees reported.

### **LAW STUDENT REPORTS**

There were no law student reports.

### **STATE BAR LIASON REPORT**

Peggy Costello, the Section's SBM liaison, shared comments about the status of the unified bar. The Supreme Court appointed a task force to investigate the matter. Hearings were conducted a few weeks ago but were not open to the public. Little information has been released regarding the hearings. The task force is expected to issue their report by June 6<sup>th</sup>. Any additional input regarding the topic should be submitted to the task force now.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Chairperson adjourned the meeting at approximately 5:20 pm.

### **DINNER AND PROGRAM**

The featured topic was "*Nuts and Bolts of Investment Treaty Arbitration: What Every Deal Maker Should Know About Protecting Cross-Border Investments*". Our program speaker was Council Member, Troy Harris, Interim Dean and Associate Professor of Law at the University of Detroit Mercy Law School.

The program was very well attended.

Respectfully submitted,

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Daphne A. Short, Secretary 2013-14  
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