

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL LAW SECTION OF THE STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN

The annual meeting of the International Law Section ("Section") of the State Bar of Michigan ("State Bar" or "SBM") was held on September 12, 2012, at Detroit Yacht Club on Belle Isle in Detroit, MI, pursuant to notice duly circulated to all Section members.

The following officers of the Council were present in person: Margaret A. Dobrowitsky, Chairperson; Jeffrey F. Paulsen, Chairperson-Elect; A. Reed Newland, Secretary; David Guenther, Treasurer. A quorum of the Council were present in person. Names of each of the attendees will be filed with these meeting minutes.

CALL TO ORDER

Margaret A. Dobrowitsky, Chairperson of the Section, called the meeting to order at approximately noon.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

NOTICE AND QUORUM

The Secretary 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 annual meeting held on September 15, 2011. Upon motion made and supported, the Council approved of 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 and that the approved minutes would also be posted to the Section website.

PLAQUE PRESENTATION TO PAST CHAIRPERSON

The Chairperson-Elect, Jeff Paulsen, presented on behalf of the Section a Plaque to Past Chairperson (2011-2012) Margaret Dobrowitsky, for her long and dedicated service as Chairperson, Officer and Council member, and expressed his hope that she would continue to provide the Section the benefits of his experience for years to come.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer presented the unaudited financial statements of the Section for the eleven months

ended August 31, 2012 and the related detailed trial balance for the same period, prepared by the Finance & Administration Division of the State Bar. For the period, the revenues of the Section were \$12,750, and expenses for the same time period were \$9,014, resulting in Net Income of \$3,736. Upon motion made and supported, Council approved of the financial statements.

The Treasurer presented his findings from his analysis and comparison of our Section's finances generally with those of other seven other Sections of the SBM of similar size. (The 7 sections surveyed had memberships ranging from 305-612, while the ILS has between 400 and 450 members). In general, our finances were in line with those of the other Sections. A general discussion ensued respecting the sources of revenues (exclusively dues) and expenses (periodic and annual meetings, publications, mailings), and included a discussion of the possibility of a dues increase to increase revenues, as well as opportunities to reduce expenses, e.g., by eliminating printing and "hard copy" distributions of publications. No specific actions were taken.

The Chairperson thanked the Treasurer his work on comparisons of our Section's finances with those of other SBM Sections. He further noted that the Section's financial statements are generally reprinted in the *Michigan International Lawyer*, and available for review on the SBM's website.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Chairperson circulated the Nominating Committee's report. The members of the Nominating Committee were Jeff Paulsen, Reed Newland and David Guenther, each of whom were appointed to the Committee by the Chairperson, Margaret Dobrowitsky, pursuant to Section 3 of Article IV of the Section's Bylaws.

Pursuant to the Section's Bylaws, the Chairperson-Elect of the Section, Jeff Paulsen, automatically becomes the Chairperson at the end of the term of the current Chairperson, making Jeff Paulsen the Chairperson for the coming year.

Mr. Paulsen then advised that the Nominating Committee recommended, in accordance with the Bylaws and past practice, that the following members of the Section be nominated for election as officers of the Section for the coming year:

A. Reed Newland	Chairperson-Elect
David Guenther	Secretary; and
Daphne Short	Treasurer

Mr. Paulsen then indicated that the Nominating Committee recommended, in accordance with the Bylaws and past practice, that the following members of the Section be nominated for election to the Council of the Section for 3-year terms ending in 2015:

Tim Attala
Deborah Auerbach Clephane; and
Lara Phillip

Mr. Paulsen also reported that the Nominating Committee recommended the election of Douglas Duchek as a member of the Council for a 2-year term to fill the vacancy left if Daphne Short is elected Treasurer.

Pursuant to the Section's Bylaws, the Chairperson-Elect of the Section appointed the following ex-officio law student members of the Council with the approval of the Executive Committee:

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| • Cooley Law School | Nathan Chan |
| • MSU | TBD |
| • UDM | Weldianne Climo |
| • UM | TBD |
| • Wayne State | Eric Shovein |

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Paulsen then presided over the election of the officers and council members for the 2012-2013 year. Upon motion made and supported, all members of the Council in attendance voted in favor of the nominated persons who were thereupon elected to the positions so designated.

COMMITTEES

The Chairperson noted the Section had the following Committees, headed by the person(s) indicated opposite the Committee:

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| • Business & Tax | Colleen Freeburg |
| • Emerging Nations | Richard Goetz & Tim Kaufman |
| • Employment & Immigration | Debra Clephane & Linda Armstrong |
| • Human Rights | Andrew Moore |
| • International Trade | Christina Howard & Aaron Ogletree |

SBM-ILS LINKEDIN GROUP

Jeffrey Paulsen reported on the growth of the Section's LinkedIn Group as a means of increasing and improving communication among Section members. Over 90 members have joined since it was organized. The Chairperson encouraged members to share information related to international matters and use the LinkedIn site more.

NEW BUSINESS

The Chairperson-Elect presented Draft Goals, Roster and Council Meeting dates for the 2012-2013 year. Copies of the will be filed with these minutes. Although no specific actions were taken, the Section welcomes these initiatives and the opportunities to support them financially and encouraged the members willing to get involved to contact the Officers or Council members

for more follow up. The Section also anticipates further discussions on these topics.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Chairperson adjourned the meeting.

LUNCH AND PROGRAM

The section provided lunch, followed by the program entitled, *2012 U.S. Presidential Election-Impact on International Law and International Lawyers*. A more detailed copy of the Program's 3 panels and topics will be filed with these minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

A. Reed Newland
Secretary 2011-2012
International Law Section
State Bar of Michigan