

April 28, 2020 – 3:00 p.m.

Meeting held by Zoom due to no travel executive order by Gov. Whitmer related to coronavirus

Call to Order – Abel at 3:05 p.m.

Roll Call (+ indicates present)

Council

Abel+
Arnold+
Block+
Fraser+
Grow+
Hendricks+
Jocuns+
Komorn+
Lavigne
Loker+
Morris+
Thurin+

Additional Attendees:

Jennifer Hinze
Jeff Kirkey, ICLE
Jenny Colagiovanni, ICLE
Allen Peisner, MLS Technical Guru

OPEN ISSUES:

Minutes from last meeting approved through unanimous vote after motion by Fraser, seconded by Thurin.

Treasurer's Report by Arnold that MLS balance is \$60,336.

Report by Fraser and ICLE on 2020 annual conference. We are still looking for judge for ALJ panel/John Abbo? Topic descriptions are being collected from the speakers, and are due May 1, 2020. The consensus is to proceed fully with marketing the conference at this time. The contract with Soaring Eagle remains in effect, but could be modified or cancelled based on its terms if governmental regulation prohibits either side from performing. The group consensus is that marketing materials should reflect that a contingency plan will be executed if an in-person conference is not possible. Group discussion held about the benefits and detriments of a virtual program. ICLE reports a substantial benefit is the ability to watch programming on demand for three years.

Discussion about the contract for the 2021 annual conference at Firekeepers. ICLE is working on this, but the casino is not returning calls at present due to the Covid-19 crisis. Accordingly, plans for this conference are on hold.

NEW ISSUES:

Allen Peisner started a Zoom virtual cocktail hour for MLS members last Friday at 4:00 p.m. and reported it was successful. Group consensus is to continue that on Fridays during the Covid-19 crisis with the possibility of an educational component for MLS members beforehand. The plan is to do a Zoom presentation on the MSC DeRuiter v Byron Twp. case, allowing municipalities to impose reasonable zoning regulations under the MMMA, this Friday, May 1, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. John Fraser will moderate and will secure Heather Sumner, Catherine Kaufmann, or other municipal attorney(s) to present. An announcement will go out today or tomorrow. Andrew Brisbo was suggested as a future presenter.

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Motion to adjourn by Thurin. Seconded by Fraser. Motion passes unanimously at 4:18 p.m.

Next meeting scheduled for May 26, 2020 at 3:00 by telephone.

Meeting adjourned