

August 25, 2020 – 3:00 p.m.

Meeting held by Zoom due to executive order by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer related to coronavirus.

Call to Order – Abel at 3:07 p.m.

Roll Call (+ indicates present)

Council

Abel+

Arnold+

Block

Fraser+

Grow+

Hendricks+

Jocuns

Komorn+

Lavigne+

Loker+

Morris+

Thurin

Additional Attendees:

Jennifer Hinze

Jenny Colagiovanni, ICLE

Cheyenne Benji

OPEN ISSUES:

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

July financial report discussed.

Report by Fraser and ICLE on 2020 annual conference. Livestream of previously planned plenary sessions ending with town hall-style question and answer segment will take place on Friday, October 23rd. Other sessions will be prerecorded. All sessions will be available for later viewing on demand. Conference registration will be available starting this week. Brochure and first email notification will go out next week. Sponsors will get same benefits they are paying for this year at next year's conference at no additional cost to them.

2021 annual conference to be held at Soaring Eagle. ICLE gives available dates. Abel motions to schedule conference September 23-25, 2021. Hendricks seconds the motion, which passes unanimously.

Group decides by consensus to hold 2022 conference at Grand Traverse Resort in Acme, Michigan, pending availability. Grow moves to hire ICLE to manage that conference. Motion is seconded by Lavigne and passes by unanimous vote.

Discussion about MLS getting a MERS subscription, with no action taken.

Discussion held about Michael Thompson case, as AG Dana Nessel is supporting clemency for him. Consensus of the group is that no additional action is needed, as we have already sent correspondence requesting clemency to both Governor Whitmer and the Parole Board and have listed our position on our SBM Website.

Discussion held about possible amicus brief in the *Sinclair* case. Komorn to email pleadings to the group for consideration.

NEW ISSUES:

Discussion held about pending expungement legislation. Legislature will likely take action in the next two months, so group decides taking a position at this time will probably not influence the outcome.

Discussion held about pending legislation regarding MMFLA excise tax, proof of financial responsibility requirements, and name change to MRA, with decision that no action is warranted.

Discussion held about marijuana product labeling requirements with group expressing concern about monitoring these, as some labels contain unreadable print size/lack of information.

Next meeting scheduled for September 22, 2020 at 3:00 by telephone/Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 4:13 p.m. by unanimous vote after motion by Grow, seconded by Loker.