

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**February 23, 2021 – 3:00 p.m.**

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

Call to Order –Fraser at 3:05 p.m.

**Roll Call** (+ indicates present)

**Council**

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

**Additional Attendees:**

Jennifer Hinze+  
Jeff, Kirkey, ICLE+  
Jenni Colagiovanni, ICLE+

**OPEN ISSUES:**

The 2021 Conference was discussed and the Agenda reviewed. Jeff K. of ICLE, and Allison discussed that they are still waiting to hear about several speakers. Michelle volunteered to talk to her contacts at MDARD. A discussion was held regarding giving John Sinclair an award. Previously agreed to do so. Abel will reach out to Mr. Sinclair and offer him two night stay with other expenses covered. Agreed Sinclair should present and be offered award on Friday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. It was further agreed that we would like to have the schedule completed by mid-March. A discussion was held regarding obtaining sponsors. Jeff indicated they have a short write up they can forward to council to utilize in reaching out to other sponsors. Discussion held that it would be a great conference for secure transport and safety compliance operations to attend and/or sponsor. A discussion was held on offering Sinclair an honorarium. No

monetary amount was agreed upon. Matt Abel motioned to have Sinclair's registration and 2 night stay covered by the Section. Reiser supported the motion. Motion passed.

The Minutes from last month's meeting were accepted.

The Secretary/Treasurer's Report was accepted.

### **Standing Committee Reports:**

Legislative Committee: Fraser indicated they are waiting for draft 8 and are currently in a holding pattern until it is received.

Amicus: Komorn and Fraser discussed the protocol/procedure for taking cases. It was discussed that if the Amicus Committee deems the case appropriate, it should be brought to counsel for a vote. Specific cases were discussed: Dupree, Sinclair and Thue. Fraser stated that a written statement from the committee would be the best course of action to take in order to move forward.

Philanthropy and Social Equity: Thurin indicated they are working on getting a committee meeting scheduled.

Social: Peisner discussed a summer river party. Donovan discussed working on getting more committee members.

Webinar: Reiser reported that they have held two webinars already and have two scheduled for March.

Young Lawyers: Lavigne and Loker reported that they are working on adding members and compiling a list of those who join. Fraser suggested a mentorship program would be appropriate.

The 2023 conference was briefly discussed as to where it should be held. Suggestions were Detroit, Ann Arbor and Kalamazoo.

September 3<sup>rd</sup> Conference at NMU is proceeding well per Arnold. Arnold motioned to have the proposed costs approved. Peisner seconded the motion. Motion passed. Hinze will work on lodging proposals and with the State Bar for contracts on same. Arnold will send out a save the date email to the listserv.

Abel discussed the John Sinclair legal milestone award. A discussion was held as to how to proceed. Hinze indicated she had spoken to Darrin Day and Jennifer Hatter at the SBM and is awaiting a response as to what they find out. Abel will write a proposal as to why it should be considered and will also contact the liaison to the Board of Commissioners. Discussion held on a call for action needed and a resolution. Agreed that it should not include any financial offers at this time.

**NEW ISSUES:**

Fraser discussed that the Criminal Law Section has requested that the Cannabis Law Section collaborate on their conference per their email request. After discussion, it was agreed that CLS has enough going during that time frame that it was not wise to collaborate at this time.

Motion to adjourn by Peisner. Motion passed.