

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 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:

2021 Annual Conference plan was reviewed with Jeff and Jenny from ICLE and Arnold.

Discussion held regarding confirming Sinclair to receive an award at the event but no honorarium will be presented. Abel will present the award to him.

2022 Annual Conference: Jeff indicated we are waiting for a contract yet.

2023: Discussion held regarding venues. Would like to decide on location in the next month.

Jeff and Jenny will look into the targeted choices in Kalamazoo.

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 still in a holding pattern.

Amicus: Nothing reported.

Philanthropy and Social Equity: Nothing reported.

Social: Nothing reported.

Webinar: Discussion held on hosting a joint webinar with the Immigration Law Section. Other webinar suggestions were Donovan to speak on real estate and Roma to address a social equity topic.

Young Lawyers: Nothing reported yet. Loker reported he will work on setting up a meeting.

September 3rd Conference at NMU: Arnold reported she will focus on this set up after the Annual Conference is over. Arnold will work with Hinze to get registration options open with the State Bar. Discussion held regarding lodging. Decision made to get a room block at the Landmark Inn. Discussion was held regarding expenses for presenters. Discussion held that presenters will be reimbursed for two nights and for business mileage. Discussion held regarding hosting a social event.

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:

Motion to adjourn. Motion passed.