

**State Bar of Michigan
Marijuana Law Section
Council Meeting**

**Monthly Meeting of April 17, 2017
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.**

**State Bar of Michigan
Michael Franck Building
306 Townsend St.
Lansing, MI 48933-2012**

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 2:07.

Attendance in person:

Dan Grow, Bob Hendricks, Bruce Block

Attendance by phone:

Matt Abel, Michael Komorn, Jennifer Grieco (SBM Commissioner liaison)

Absent: Mary Chartier, Bernie Jocuns, Barton Morris

Other attendees: John Liskey, Craig Aronoff, Members of MLS

1. Agenda amended to modify item #4 to add ratification of MGM Contract approval authorized by MLS Council in phone meeting of March 28, 2017. Motion made and passed unanimously to approve Agenda as amended.
2. Motion made and passed unanimously to approve March 20, 2017 minutes of MLS Council meeting.
3. Treasurer reports for six months ending March 31, 2017 were reviewed and approved.

4. Dan Grow initiated a discussion of the status of the MIOWIA/MLS joint event scheduled May 12-13 at James B. Henry Conference Center at Michigan State University in Lansing.

- Dan noted that Barton Morris had recently reported that only approximately 15 people had signed up so far. Dan observed that the MLS was responsible for 50% of any costs not covered by attendance.
- Bruce Block agreed to promote the event through his contacts with DARROW.
- Jennifer Grieco suggested that the MLS provide the Chair of the Criminal Law Section with all relevant information, including speakers, times, accommodations, etc. to communicate to their membership. Jennifer will provide contact information.
- The Council discussed a possible scholarship to the event for public defenders. No decision was made.

5. Dan Grow's authority granted at the MLS Council phone meeting on March 28, 2017 to submit the 2017 MLS Annual Conference – MGM contract to the SBM for approval was ratified. In other matters related to the Conference:

- Bob Hendricks advised the Council that Andrew Ittleman had agreed to present at the Conference on banking and related topics. He will appear at no fee, if the MLS pays his travel and lodging costs.
- Dan proposed a follow up phone call for the Council for April 28 at 2:00 pm to continue work on the Conference agenda and speakers. Dan will advise all Council by email.

6. Michael Komorn updated the Council on the MJ Journal. He reminded the Council that the quarterly budget of \$650 was approved, and the next issue is scheduled to be published on May 1, 2017. He sent an email to the MLS listserv soliciting articles for the new edition.

7. Committee update, Young Lawyers, Law Students.

- Dan Grow had discussed with Brandon Gardner a possible mechanism to allow questions to be posed to the listserv anonymously. After

discussion, the Council agreed that Brandon could accept questions from interested persons and pose those questions to the MLS. Dan will follow up with Brandon and develop details for this process.

- The Council discussed whether the MLS should automatically add new MLS members to the Young Lawyers Committee. Some new members are not young lawyers. The Council agreed that the Chair of the Young Lawyers Committee could establish a process to invite new MLS members to join the Young Lawyers Committee. Dan will discuss with Brandon.
 - The Bylaws of the MLS provide that law students who join the SBM can become members of the MLS as students. See Article III, Section 3.
8. Zoning & Property Committee. Bob Hendricks provided a brief update on this Committee from Ben Wrigley, its co-chair. The Committee has not been able to create a model form of municipal ordinance. Nonetheless, several municipalities have adopted MMFLA ordinances. So the Committee does not see the value in continuing to research that project, if there is already a solution. The Committee stands ready to undertake another project if requested by the Council.
 9. Council resignation – Karl Numinen resigned from his Council position as of April 17, 2017. Pursuant to Article VI, Section 6 of the MLS Bylaws, his position may be filled by the remaining members of the Council by majority vote. Karl’s position comes up for vote at the Annual Meeting in September 2017. Two possible replacement candidates were briefly discussed, but because three members of the Council were not available at this meeting, a full discussion of a replacement will be adjourned to the April 28, 2017 Council phone conference.
 10. Michigan Crim. Jury Instruction 15.3. Jennifer Grieco advised the Council that a proposed change to this jury instruction regarding specific elements of intoxicated driving will be addressed by the SBM Public Policy Committee and then the SBM Board of Commissioners on April 21. Craig Aronoff will advise Barton Morris of this status and determine if Barton’s previously drafted position paper on the science of marijuana’s effects on driving should

be submitted into this situation on behalf of the MLS. Contact information for such a submission will be provided to the MLS Council by Jennifer.

11. Other business. None.

The next meeting of the MLS Council will be May 15, 2017 at the State Bar of Michigan office at 2:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert A. Hendricks
Sec/Treasurer