

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

**Monthly Meeting of November 21, 2016
2:00 – 5:00 p.m.**

**Michael Franck Building
306 Townsend St.
Lansing, MI 48933-2012**

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 2:07.

Attendance:

At SBM: Dan Grow, Mary Chartier, Bruce Block, Matt Abel, Bob Hendricks

By phone: Bernie Jocuns and Michael Komorn

Absent: Barton Morris, Karl Numinen

1. Motion made and passed unanimously to approve August and September minutes.
2. Treasurer reports were not yet available due to year end on October 31, 2016. An informal report of the Firekeepers conference financial results showed revenue of \$30,906 and expenses of \$28,077.11, for a net income of \$2,828.89. Expenses of Paul Armentano are yet to be submitted.
3. Firekeepers conference was discussed.
 - The Council agreed to schedule a conference next year and endeavor to use Firekeepers. Dates should be as close as possible to October 19-21, with Thursday afternoon through Saturday afternoon as the preferred times. Dan will contact Firekeepers on possible dates.
 - Mary will contact MLS membership and solicit interest in volunteering to organize the next year event.
 - Discussion of possible format revisions and possible expense reimbursement revisions. No decisions taken.

4. Discussion of Doug Mains proposal to schedule an education session for new legislators to introduce the new lawmakers to the law of marijuana in Michigan. To be organized by Doug and attended by any available members of the Council. The Council approved and Dan Grow will authorize Doug Mains to begin the organization of the event at an expense of not more than \$1,000, unless increased by the Council. Doug should submit a plan and a proposed budget to Dan.
5. Discussion of the possible role of the MLS in the development of the MMFLA Board, rules and regulations. Council agreed that Bob H will draft a letter for Dan Grow to send to LARA requesting a meeting in the near future with Dan, Mary and Bob to inform them of the MLS and its potential capabilities.
6. Discussion of establishment of liaison between MLS and the Marijuana Policy Project. Council agreed that Bob and Dan Grow will attend the December 15 MPP event in Grand Rapids and introduce themselves and the MLS to the MPP staff in attendance. Bob will set the event up with Karen O'Keefe of MPP and Dan.
7. The January and February 2017 MLS Council meetings will be held on Jan 16 and Feb 20 at Mary Chartier's office in Lansing from 2:00 to 5:00.
8. Discussion of MLS member attendance at MLS Council meetings. The Council determined that the MLS website will include notice that the MLS Council meetings for December 2016 through August 2017 will be held from 2 to 5 pm on the 3rd Monday of each month at the SBM offices (or A/C offices in Jan and Feb). The website will advise any members interested in attending any meetings to contact a Council member to confirm the date, time and location. Bob will work with SBM staff to update MLS website.
9. Discussion of Amicus Committee and other Committees. Dan Grow will request Karl Numinen to seek out a MLS member willing to write amicus briefs. Dan Grow will contact the chairs of all existing Committees and obtain their agreement to submit monthly status reports to the MLS Council Chair.
10. Motion made and passed unanimously that the outgoing Chair of the MLS (or their designee) will act as the liaison with CDAM. The first such liaison will be Bernie Jocuns.
11. Mary reported that the next date available for a marijuana theme issue of the Michigan Bar Journal is August 2018, which was secured by Mary for the

MLS. Mary noted that, in the interim, any lawyer may seek to publish in the Bar Journal at any time.

12. Mary and Dan will contact the Education and Outreach Committee to explore an April 2017 one-day conference by the MLS on current topics (potentially including MMFLA Rules and Regs) and to establish a working group to organize the conference.
13. The status of the MRPC proposed amendments was discussed. Bob will determine status from SBM staff and report to Council.
14. Discussion of possible future Representative Assembly proposals including standard jury instructions. Dan will contact Matt Newburg to determine if Matt is interested in this project.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert A. Hendricks
Sec/Treasurer