

**STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN-LITIGATION SECTION
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
May 22, 2014 at 7:15pm**

P.F. Changes in Lansing, Michigan

The following council members were in attendance:

**Marcy Tayler
Steve Fox
Michael Donnelly
Kris Hulliberger
Brandon Evans
Paul Hudson
Thad Morgan**

I. Call to Order, Welcome and Announcements- Steve Fox

Chairman Steve Fox called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm.

II. Review and Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the March 2014 meeting were reviewed and approved.

III. Financial Report-Marcy Tayler

The Litigation Section continues to be in solid financial shape. It is anticipated that there will be a couple of larger expenditures in the next couple of months, to include the Summer Conference at Crystal Mountain and the Litigation Section Journal.

The council also approved an \$8000.00 expenditure for the Michigan Center for Civic Education. In addition, the council approved an expenditure of \$1800.00 for the State Leadership Conference which Steve Fox and Mike Donnelly will attend. The council also unanimously approved the Litigation Budget.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Litigation Technology Committee-No Report.

B. Programs and Education-Mike Donnelly

- a. There is a desire to continue with the Summer Conference. It was discussed that the Litigation Section may want to partner up with another section to increase attendance.

The new "institute style" conference will not cost the Section from a financial standpoint. We will, however, need to develop a committee to assist in planning.

The Litigation Section desires to bring value to our members and in order to do so we may consider bringing in members from the bench to participate in future conferences.

The council also discussed video type training for young lawyers on topics such as taking effective depositions and other basics. Podcasts on the Litigation Section web page may be an effective communication tool.

The ICLE web page was also discussed. It is an incredible resource. The Section will look into discounts for Litigation Section members.

A survey of the Litigation Section membership is being considered to see what the membership wants from the Section. Monkey.com was proposed as a tool to conduct the survey.

C. Publications Committee Update-Paul Hudson

The Section will plan a call for articles and tentatively plan an August 15, 2014 publication date.

D. Legislative Rules Committee-Mike Donnelly

Mike Donnelly explained how the sub-committee reports to the committee at large to provide a position. Once the position is approved, it goes to the State Bar and it becomes the official position of the State Bar.

E. Nominating Committee- No Report.

F. Public Service.

It was noted at the meeting that the Litigation Section had not been approached by Access for Justice for a contribution. Therefore, at this point in time, the Section will not go forward with a contribution.

V. New Business

The council discussed the voluntary/mandatory bar association issue. It was understood that the Supreme Court had issued an Order and an Opinion. It was agreed that there were political forces behind this issue and the council generally endorsed the idea that in order to bring value to bar membership, there should be a mandatory bar association in Michigan.

VI. Next Meeting.

The next council meeting is set for Thursday, September 18, 2014 as part of the Annual State Bar of Michigan Conference in Grand Rapids. All council members were encouraged to attend.

VII. Adjournment.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting which passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 pm.