

**STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN - LITIGATION SECTION
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
September 19, 2013 at 10:30 a.m.**

Conference Call Number: 866-906-0123
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The following council members were in attendance:

Dari Bargy	Michael Donnelly
Thad Morgan	Marcy Tayler
Chris Hullinberger	Bernard Schaefer
Dan McGlynn	Bonnie Sawusch – Ex Officio
Elisa Gomez (Section Member)	
Tom Rombach (State Bar of Michigan Liaison)	

I. Call to Order, Welcome and Announcements – Dari Bargy

Chairman Bargy called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

II. Minutes – Minutes of May 22, 2013 Meeting

Bernard Schaefer moved and Marcy Tayler seconded to have the minutes of the last Council meeting approved. The motion passed.

III. Financial Report – Marcy Tayler

a. Treasurer's Report

Marcy Tayler reported that the Section's account balance was up slightly over last year. The current ending balance for 2012-2013 was \$132,358.33. She indicated this did not include the costs associated with the summer conference. There was no further discussion regarding the financials.

IV. ICLE Update

Lisa Geherin from ICLE reported that ICLE is going to discontinue the one off style seminars. With regard to the Litigation Section, ICLE is going to continue to run the Masters in Litigation Series, but not provide support for other seminars as in the past. She indicated that, as with other sections, ICLE is recommending that the Litigation Section go to an “institute” model. This would be a one-time a year seminar that would last one to two days and have many break-out sessions. She anticipated that this would have a substantial increase in attendance and would better serve the Section. General discussion ensued regarding the move to the institute model. Lisa then reported on the Spring Masters Program that was going to be given by the Cyber Sleuths.

V. Committee Reports and Staffing

a. *Litigation Technology Committee*

The group indicated that discussion would be needed as to whether or not the litigation technology committee would want to continue having litigation technology seminars in light of ICLE's new institute style format.

b. *Program/Education Committee – Lisa Gherin*

Lisa reported that the Cyber Sleuths have been a big pull in the past, with 175 attendees showing up for their last presentation in October, 2010.

A general discussion was had regarding continuing some sort of summer program or meeting outside of the ICLE Institute. The idea was generally well received by the group, although no action was taken at this time.

c. *Publications Committee – Paul Hudson/Dari Bargy*

It was reported that the newsletter would be ready to send out in the next few months. Paul Hudson would be taking over the program and ensuring that the publication was finalized and sent out. It was also reported that we have 1,000 members on LinkedIn and that we need to work to get more content.

d. *Legislative/Rules Committee – Dan McGlynn*

Dan reported that the inventory attorney rule was voted down by the representative assembly.

e. *Nominating/Membership Committee*

There were four new council members proposed for election (Michael Fawaz, Kevin Stoops, Brandon Evans and Paul Hudson) and two council members up for reelection (Hon. Donald Johnson and James Straub). Also, the following candidates were up for election to the Executive Committee: M.J. Stephen Fox – Chairman; Michael P. Donnelly, Vice Chair, Marcy A. Tayler, Secretary and Michael J. Butler, Treasurer. There was no quorum at the meeting and thus there was no vote taken.

Subsequent to the meeting, an e-vote was taken and all six proposed council members and all four proposed officers where elected.

VI. Old Business

a. *Litigation Section Strategic Plan*

A general discussion was had regarding the development of a strategic plan for the Section. There was considerable support for the idea that the Section should develop a strategic plan to ensure the future growth and viability of the Section. It was decided that Dan McGlynn, Mike Donnelly, John Mucha, Tom Cavalier and Elisa Gomez should be on the committee. This committee will oversee a revision of the Bylaws and also long-term planning. However, the committee should develop a specific scope for that committee to ensure that the goals are achievable.

VII. New Business

Bonnie Sawusch reported on the Supreme Court Committee report on the evaluation of case evaluation and mediation. It was agreed that Bonnie should add that subject to the Section's LinkedIn page in the discussion area.

Mike Donnelly closed the meeting with thanking, on behalf of the Section, Dari Bargy, for her service to the Section over the last several years and in particular her work as Chairman of the Section.

VIII. Adjournment

The motion to adjourn was passed and the meeting was adjourned at 11:56 p.m.