



IMMIGRATION LAW SECTION

MINUTES

April 5, 2023 at 12:30 p.m. ("March" Meeting)
Via Zoom

- I. Meeting called to order at 12:37 p.m. by Chairman Bradley Maze
- II. Recording Secretary roll call of Council members
 - Council members present:
 - Bradley Maze
 - Abril Valdes Siewert
 - Kimberly Buddin
 - Arturo Alfaro
 - Christopher Dutot
 - Alexander Gibson Vernon
 - Sarah Yore- VanOosterhout
 - Mani Khavajian
 - Rebecca Olszewski
 - Ellie Mosko
 - Rebeca Ontiveros-Chavez
 - Caterina Amaro-Luedtke
 - Council members not present
 - Ruby Robinson
 - Farah Hobballah
 - Krista Hurst
 - Marva de Armas
 - Jonathan Contreras
 - Robert Mirque
 - 12/18 Council members present. Quorum reached
 - 25 section members in total present via zoom
- III. Motion to approve of the [Minutes](#) from February 22, 2023 by Kimberly Buddin. Seconded by Mani Khavajian. Minutes approved.
- IV. Motion to approve of the agenda by Abril Valdes Siewert. Seconded by Bradley Maze. Agenda is approved.

V. Membership open comment (*if you have any announcement, updates, ideas or opportunities you wish to share with the section please type "Stack" in the chat and your name will be added to the queue*)

- Board member Mani Khavajian brought up a concern with criminal courts: Criminal courts (probation) are contacting ICE to verify immigration status— Judges are writing an order for PSI directing probation officers. Concern about discrimination based on national origin. Troy and Rochester Hills District Court
 - Public Policy Committee Chair, Kimberly Buddin will check with State Bar about what advocacy we are able to engage in. Members suggest perhaps we can write a letter as a section to either the courts, MDCR, or AG
 - Set as old business to follow up on for next meeting
- We will be sending out an email to Executive Committee with a “get to know you” survey. And we will feature a new EC member each month.
- Board member Rebecca Olszewski thanked the section for sending a letter of support for La Casa Amiga Legal Clinic’s grant application.

VI. Reports

- **Chair Report**
 - See Publications report
- **Vice Chair Report**
 - None
- **Treasurer**
 - Budget Overview and Updates
 - [SBM ILS Event-Expense Proposal](#)
 - New members since last meeting.
- **Sub-Committee Reports/Updates**
 - SBM Journal/Publications - Brad
 - Collecting articles. We have 2 submitted articles, waiting on 11 people. April 10th deadline
 - Reviewing articles after
 - Collaboration Between Sections
 - Young Lawyers Section event this summer
 - Please reach out to other sections that you have membership in!
 - Talking Series - Ruby and/or Sarah
 - April 26th meeting: Elisa Pérez-Arellano, LMSW of Inclusive Empowerment Services, LLC
 - Topic: Understanding the link between mental health and physical health within the immigrant population.
 - Suggestions for educational content during our monthly meetings? Email Sarah at syore@lia-michigan.org to suggest a topic or speaker.
 - Scholarship - Arturo
 - Committee met to discuss qualifications.
 - Annual Meeting/Social Event- Brad
 - Multi-sectional meeting (overnight) in Ann Arbor
 - Immigration panel + Q & A
 - Employment, Family-based, crimmigration
 - Social event

- Summer Social Event: Tigers game, bar crawl, etc.

- **Congressional Liaison**

- No updates

VII. Next Meeting: April 26, 2023

VIII. Adjourn at 1:01pm