



IMMIGRATION LAW SECTION

MINUTES
MAY 31, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.
Via [Zoom](#)

- I. Meeting called to order at 12:05pm
- II. Recording Secretary called roll of Council members
15 members present (2 joined post-roll call)
- III. [Minutes](#) from April 26, 2023 moved for approval by Abril Siewert and seconded by Brad Maze. Unanimously approved (15).
- IV. Agenda moved for approval by Abril Siewert and seconded by Brad Maze. Unanimously approved (15).
- 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*)
- VI. Reports
 - **Chair Report**
 - **Upcoming Meetings/Presentations**
 - **June 28-** Reggie Pacis will talk about employment immigration at August meeting
 - **July 26-** Sarah Yore-VanOoster will present on Congressional work and issues
 - **August 30-** Juliana Rivera will present and we will discuss the expansion of Special Immigrant Juvenile status to 21
 - **September 28-29** - Annual meeting
 - **October 25-** Ben (canadian attorney). See Vice Chair Report
 - **Vice Chair Report**
 - **Criminal Law Section Training-** Speaker will present to our section. Canadian attorney about the inadmissibility issues (based on criminal offenses) of getting into Canada on October 25
 - **Treasurer**
 - Budget Overview and Updates
 - Membership: 371 paid members, 1 new member in April

- Balance: \$32,605.75
- Upcoming Expenses
 - Publications (confirmed)
 - Mail chimp upgrades (confirmed)
 - Scholarships (confirmed)
 - Annual meeting (pending vote)
- Balance post-expenses: Approx. \$24,000

- **Sub-Committee Reports/Updates**

- SBM Journal/Publications - Brad
 - SBM is selecting 4 articles (based on total 10,000 word limitation for journal) and we will likely know by next week
 - Those articles not selected will be given the opportunity for publication in the Section Newsletter
 - Those selected will be contacted about edits
- Collaboration Between Sections - Rob, Pamela, Krista
 - YLS emailed a funding request for a summer event. Notice was too short. Arturo will be attending the event and will talk with their leadership.
- Talking Series - Ruby and/or Sarah
 - Best practices in immigration law practice: rules of ethics, communicating with clients. Sarah will loop in Farah A-K
- Scholarship - Arturo
 - Circulated document with criteria for selection to committee members. Hope to have decisions in next month or so
- Annual Meeting/Social Event- Brad
 - Logistics:
 - Pre-Reception, Thursday, September 28th at Weber's Inn, 3050 Jackson Ave, Ann Arbor, MI 48103 from 7-9pm
 - Multi-section annual meeting, Friday, September 29th at Weber's Inn, from 10am-4pm
 - Brad will follow up on how they want us to present (panel, keynote, etc.)
 - Motion to hold our section business meeting Thursday, September 28 from 6-7pm.
 - Discussion: difficulty for folks on west side, schedules
 - Motion failed 6-10
 - Motion for annual meeting Friday, September 29 9-10am
 - Motion passed 14-0-2
 - Motion \$2000 for reception by Bradley Maze, second by Kim.
 - Discussion: covers venue, food, publications and keynote if applicable. Overall budget is \$20-30K, Criminal Law Section
 - Would not cover gift to our speaker (if over \$100 in value we need a W-4)
 - Does not include members attendance
 - Passed unanimously (16)

- Brad motioned for allocating \$1000 for the joint section annual meeting to cover the \$25 registration fee for first 40 members who sign up and prioritizing young lawyers, non-profits, and law students. Abril seconded
 - Discussion: We can ask people to sponsor other attorney. Law students can attend as well. We need to let people know well in advance about when the registration will be opened
 - Motion passed 16-1

- **Congressional Liaison (Sarah and Ellie)**

- Working on a drive folder by district and federal agency. Forms for privacy release, additional forms, contact information
- Putting together a panel of congressional liaisons for how to best use their offices. We will have folks give their reports in writing and send it out with the agenda and use the whole meeting hour for the presentation
 - Sarah and Ellie will come up with a list

VII. Next Meeting: June 28th featuring Juliana Rivera re: SIJ

VIII. Adjourn at 1:06 pm