

**INSURANCE AND INDEMNITY LAW SECTION  
OF THE  
STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN**

Minutes of the Council Meeting  
January 22, 2008  
*Southfield, Michigan*

*Present:*

Hal O. Carroll  
Mark G. Cooper  
Elaine Murphy Pohl  
Tony Balavitch  
Prerana Bacon  
Deb Hebert  
Geoff Brown  
Martin Brown (phone)  
Julie Robertson  
Ed Freeland  
D. Andrew Portinga (phone)  
Tim Casey (phone)  
Amy Iannone  
Dan Steele (phone)  
Kathleen Lopilato  
M.J. Stephen Fox (phone)

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Welcome and call to order

- A. Hal Carroll called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

**I. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

- A. It was moved (Deb Hebert) and seconded (Kathleen Lopilato) to approve the December 4, 2007 membership meeting minutes. *Motion carried* (unanimous).
- B. It was moved (Ed Freeland) and seconded (Deb Hebert) to approve the December 4, 2007 Council meeting minutes. *Motion carried* (unanimous).

## **II. Treasurer's Report**

- A. Elaine Pohl reported that she has received a report from the State Bar and as of December 31, 2007, the Section had \$5,500 from dues payments which will cover four issues of the newsletter which is estimated to cost \$997.20 per issue.

## **III. Membership Report**

- A. It was reported by Hal Carroll that there are currently 222 members in the Section with four new anticipated members.

## **IV. Speaker List Report**

- A. A list of various volunteers for speaking engagements was reviewed. This subject will be further discussed by committees.

## **V. Website Manager Report**

- A. Geoff Brown discussed that the State Bar wants a mission statement from the Section which will be discussed at the next Council meeting. It was also generally discussed that there are various options for the Listserv and free services through Google and Yahoo. It was determined that Geoff Brown will obtain costs and the State Bar's position on using an outside service and report to the Council at its next meeting. It was moved (Deb Hebert) and seconded (Kathleen Lopilato) that Geoff Brown is named as the Website Manager. *Motion carried* (unanimous).

## **VI. Council Member Terms**

- A. As required by the Bylaws, it was necessary to stagger the terms of the various Council members and through random drawing, it was determined that the terms of Ed Freeland, Steve Fox, Martin Brown and Amy Iannone on the Council will be for one year and the terms of Kathleen Lopilato, Andrew Portinga and Dan Steele will be for two years.

## VII. Anti-Trust Statement

- A. Martin Brown discussed that an antitrust statement as a part of the meeting and incorporated as part of the Section policies was necessary. Various questions and discussion followed about whether this proposed antitrust statement would apply to just employees of insurers or every member of the Section. Proposed changes were noted on the draft antitrust statement and will be distributed by Hal Carroll at the next Council meeting for discussion.

## VIII. Committees

- A. It was moved (Hal Carroll) and seconded (Ed Freeland) that the following individuals be appointed as chair-designates of their respective committees:

Amicus Committee:	Deb Hebert
Indemnity Law:	Noreen Slank
Insurance Coverage Law:	Tim Casey
Membership:	Prerana Bacon
No-Fault/PIP:	Dan Steele
Program:	Tim Casey
Publication:	Hal Carroll
Regulatory:	Martin Brown

In addition, a standing legislation committee, a carrier committee and a construction risk committee were all discussed. The regulatory committee will discuss the proposition of merging with a standing legislation committee and report to the Council on that proposal. Amy Iannone will evaluate and report to the Council about the formation of a construction risk committee and Tim Casey will explore and report back to the Council on the creation of a carrier committee.

## IX. Editor's Report

- A. The cost of ring binders was reported by Hal Carroll at \$1,030 for 100 binders. It was determined that ring binders would not be used for the first issues of the journal.
- B. Rates for full and half page advertising for the *Journal* were discussed. A \$300 rate for a full-page ad was approved for Hal Carroll to use if approved for such an advertisement, and it was determined that formal rates for full and half page advertisements will be addressed by the Council at a later date in the event that the demand for such advertisements actually develops.
- C. Likewise, smaller advertisements were left for Council discussion later in the event that the demand arises.

**X. Membership/New Category for Non-Lawyers**

- A. This issue was assigned to the Membership Committee. The Committee will review this issue with the State Bar and make a report and recommendation at the next counsel meeting.

**XI. New Business**

- A. No new business was discussed.
- B. The next meeting was scheduled for March 4, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. at Miller Johnson, 250 Monroe Avenue, SW, Suite 800, Grand Rapids, MI 49503

**XII. Adjournment**

- A. It was moved (Hal Carroll) and seconded (Elaine Pohl) that the meeting be adjourned at 5:30 p.m. *Motion carried* (unanimous). Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mark G. Cooper, Secretary