

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

Minutes of the Council Meeting  
February 28, 2012  
Southfield, Michigan

*Present:*

Mark Cooper	Gus Igwe (via phone)
Elaine Pohl	Lauretta Pominville
Amy Iannone	Kim Ruppel
Deb Hebert	Jim Thome
Dan Steele	Larry Bennett (phone)
Gary Bartosiewicz (via phone)	Cathy Heise (phone)
Hal Carroll	Adam Kutinsky
Kathleen Lopilato	

Welcome and call to order

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 p.m.

**I. Approval of the Meeting Minutes**

A. It was moved (Kim Ruppel) and seconded (Hal Carroll) to approve the minutes of the Annual Meeting of September 15, 2011. Motion carried (*unanimous*).

**II. Treasurer's Report**

A. Mark Cooper reported that the Section has a balance of approximately \$20,000.00.

**III. Chair's Report**

We have 561 members. The next Lawyers Weekly publication devoted to Insurance issues will be at the end of next summer. We have new lawyers seeking mentors. Anyone interested in being a mentor should contact Mark Cooper.

We have the following Committee Chair "volunteers" and members:

Program Committee: Elaine Pohl (c); Loretta Pominville, Nicole Wilinsky, Kim Ruppel, Mark Cooper and Jill Krolikowski.

Membership Committee: Amy Iannone (c); Dan Steele, and Kathleen L.

Publication Committee: Hal Carroll (c); and Larry Bennett

#### **IV. Editor's Report**

- A. The Editor reported on items that will be included in the next edition. Deadline is March 9, 2012
- B. There was discussion about the possibility of additional advertisements in the Journal.

#### **V. New Business**

- A. Geoff Brown is investigating potential for increasing listserv capacity;
- B. The next Annual State Bar meeting will be from September 19, 2012 through September 21, 2012 in Grand Rapids. We have submitted request for our usual day and time. Will check in to trying to avoid same time as Negligence Section.
- C. Program Committee will work on following through with strategic plan of having at least 2 meetings with another section. Steps taken to work with ADR section. Discussions also ongoing with Litigation Section. Amy Iannone discussed possible evening program.
- D. Meetings for 2012 were discussed. Dates set for: April 17, 2012 at 3 pm in Lansing; July 24, 2012 in Southfield at Jaffe; the September annual meeting; and Holiday gathering with business meeting for last week of November, 2012.
- E. Strategic Plan committee formed to include Adam Kutinsky (c), Mark Cooper, Hal Carroll, Laretta Pominville, and Elaine Pohl. Will work on 5 year plan goals.
- F. Discussion of Annual meeting program ideas: PIP, provider suits, etc.
- G. Discussion of possible involvement in judicial training sessions.

#### **VII. Adjournment**

It was moved (Laretta Pominville) and seconded (Elaine Pohl) that the meeting be adjourned at 4:53 p.m. *Motion carried* (unanimous). Meeting adjourned.