

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

Minutes of the Council Meeting  
March 4, 2008  
*Grand Rapids, Michigan*

*Present:*

Hal O. Carroll  
Mark G. Cooper  
Elaine Murphy Pohl (phone)  
Geoff Brown (phone)  
Martin Brown  
Ed Freeland (phone)  
D. Andrew Portinga  
Tim Casey (phone)  
Amy Iannone  
Dan Steele (phone)  
M.J. Stephen Fox (phone)

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Welcome and call to order

- A. Hal Carroll called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

**I. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

- A. It was moved (Mark Cooper) and seconded (Andrew Portinga) to approve the January 22, 2008 council meeting minutes. *Motion carried* (unanimous).

**II. Treasurer's Report**

- A. Elaine Pohl reported that as of January 31, 2008, the Section has \$5,750.00 from dues payments plus approximately \$400.00 in expenses for the first issue of the journal, leaving a balance of approximately \$5,347.00.

**III. Anti-Trust Statement**

- A. The proposed Anti-Trust Statement was discussed among the Council. Tim Casey raised the concern over the breath of the statement and proposed a number of changes. Amy Iannone and Mark Cooper also spoke in opposition to the proposed statement as being too broad. It was determined that Tim Casey will meet with Martin Brown to discuss compromise language or a new proposal and Kathleen Lopilato will also be consulted.

**IV. Membership Report**

- A. It was reported by Hal Carroll that there are currently 240 members in the Section.

**V. Chairperson's Report**

- A. Hal Carroll reported some suggestions on archiving the journal and other relevant materials for the Section and distributed copies of the office letterhead for the Section.

**VI. Website Manager Report**

- A. Geoff Brown reported that all minutes and the journal are online and he discussed various Listserv options and recommended that the Section adopt an announcement list for all members and a council discussion list. Geoff Brown will perform further investigation on using an outside vendor for this service and report at the next meeting.

## **VII. Mission Statement**

- A. Language was proposed by Hal Carroll for the Section's mission statement and it was tentatively approved for final approval at the next meeting.

## **VIII. Editor's Report**

- A. Hal Carroll reported that issues of the journal were sent to the head of the District Court Judges, but he has not received a response. Hal Carroll also reported that there has been some interest in advertisements, but no commitments to date. Finally, the editorial policy for the journal was discussed and Timothy Casey had several changes and he will provide that document for review at the next meeting.)

## **IX. Committee Report**

- A. Membership Committee. Prerana Bacon was not present to report on the Membership Committee, so her discussion was tabled to the next meeting.
- B. Other Committee Reports. Amy Iannone reported that she has received interest from 30 individuals for the Construction Risk Committee, Timothy Casey reported 17 interested persons in the Coverage Committee and Martin Brown reported on progress in establishing a Regulatory Committee.

## **X. Bar Leadership Form**

- A. The Bar would like for the Chair and the Chair-Elect to attend the leadership forum. Hal Carroll will get the specifics on the cost and budget as well as the agenda for discussion at the next meeting.

## **XI. New Business**

- A. No new business was discussed.
- B. The next meeting was scheduled for May 6, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. The meeting will be held somewhere in the Lansing area to be determined.

## **XII. Adjournment**

- A. It was moved (Martin Brown) and seconded (Andrew Portinga) 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