

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

Minutes of the Council Meeting  
May 6, 2008  
*Lansing, Michigan*

*Present:*

Hal O. Carroll  
Mark G. Cooper  
Amy Iannone  
Tim Casey  
Deb Hebert  
Martin Brown  
Steven Hicks  
Geoff Brown  
Dan Steele  
Ed Freeland (phone)  
Elaine Murphy Pohl (phone)  
D. Andrew Portinga (phone)

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Welcome and call to order

A. Hal Carroll called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.

**I. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

A. It was moved (Deb Hebert) and seconded (Martin Brown) to approve the March 4, 2008 council meeting minutes. *Motion carried* (unanimous).

**II. Treasurer's Report**

A. Elaine Pohl reported that through March 31, 2008, the Section has \$5,153.38 from dues payments.

### **III. Anti-Trust Statement**

- A. The proposed Anti-Trust Statement was discussed among the Council. An amended version was proposed by Martin Brown and discussion on the topic was had. It was moved (Martin Brown) and seconded (Dan Steele) to adopt the amended Anti-Trust Statement. *Motion carried* (unanimous).

### **IV. Membership Report**

- A. It was reported by Hal Carroll that there are currently 247 members in the Section.

### **V. Chairperson's Report**

- A. A general discussion was had concerning marketing of the Section including that Hal Carroll will be speaking to the Michigan Association of Justice (formerly MTLA). Deb Hebert suggested that email versions of the journal be sent members of all State Bar Sections or in the alternative, the Section heads. Geoff Brown is to get a quote on the cost of doing that and will report back at the next meeting.

### **VI. Website Manager Report**

- A. Geoff Brown reported that the minutes and the journal are up to date on the Section website, although the Mission Statement is currently not online. A general discussion was had about using an announcement list and Geoff Brown will report additional details on that at the next meeting.

### **VII. Mission Statement**

- A. The Mission Statement for the Section was proposed and discussed. It was moved (Dan Steele) and seconded (Amy Iannone) to adopt the Mission Statement. *Motion carried* (unanimous).

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

- A. Hal Carroll gave a general report on discussions with outside sources, including a professor at the University of Detroit Law School, about authors and contributing to articles.

## **IX. Committee Report**

- A. Membership Committee. Steven Hicks was encouraged to volunteer as the new head of the membership committee and he agreed to do so.
- B. Construction Risks Committee. Amy Iannone reported that she has 27 people interested and has proposed holding an organizational meeting. It was moved (Deb Hebert) and seconded (Dan Steele) to approve a Construction Risks Committee. *Motion carried* (unanimous).
- C. Regulatory and Legislative. Martin Brown reported that he is trying to arrange an interview with the new insurance commissioner and is working on obtaining a member of the insurance department as a speaker at the State Bar Annual Meeting.

## **X. Bar Leadership Form**

- A. It was reported that Hal Carroll applied for a scholarship to attend this event and was turned down, but Tim Casey received one. Hal Carroll and Tim Casey reported on the anticipated costs for attending the event and it was decided that the Council will evaluate the Council subsidizing these costs after the June 13 and 14, 2008 meeting takes place.

## **XI. Annual Meeting**

- A. Tim Casey reported that the Section will hold its meeting at the Annual Meeting on Friday, September 19, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Tim Casey has suggested two speakers, Michael Lynch to speak on indemnity issues and someone from the State Insurance Department. He also reported that the room charges are \$150.00 plus food and beverage.

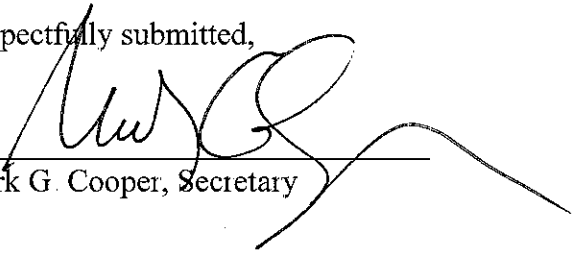
## **XII. New Business**

- A. It was discussed that a nominating committee is necessary for the elections to be held at the State Bar meeting.
- B. The next meeting was scheduled for July 15, 2008, at 4:00 p.m. at Jaffe, Raitt, Heuer & Weiss, P.C., 27777 Franklin Road, Suite 2500, Southfield, Michigan 48034.

**XIII. Adjournment**

- A. It was moved (Deb Hebert) and seconded (Tim Casey) that the meeting be adjourned at 5:55 p.m. *Motion carried* (unanimous). Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Mark G. Cooper, Secretary