

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

Minutes of the Council Meeting
November 10, 2009
Southfield, Michigan

Present:

Tim Casey
Hal Carroll
Catherine Heise
Adam Kutinsky
Deb Hebert
Augustine Igwe
Elaine Pohl
Kathleen Lopilato (via phone)
Gary Bartosiewicz (via phone)
Stephen Fox (via phone)
Dan Steele (via phone)
Sarah Wolford (via phone)

Welcome and call to order.

The meeting was called to order at 4:16 p.m. by Tim Casey and opened with a reading of the anti-trust statement.

I. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- A. It was moved (Kathleen Lopilato) and seconded (Deb Hebert) to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2009 annual meeting. *Motion carried* (unanimous).
- B. It was moved (Cathy Heise) and seconded (Adam Kutinsky) to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2009 council meeting. *Motion carried* (unanimous).

II. Treasurer's Report

- A. Kathleen Lopilato reported that the Section has a balance of \$7,175.05 as of September 30, 2009.

III. Chair's Report

- A. It was reported by Tim Casey that council member Steve Fox attended the Cooley Law School program on behalf of the Section in Grand Rapids. The school anticipates similar programs on its other campuses and the Section will consider participation in those, including the preparation of materials to provide to attendees.
- B. It was suggested and agreed to create a Law School Committee, chaired by Steve Fox.
- C. Tim Casey reported on a request for donations from Community Legal Resources and it was decided not to make a donation.
- D. Tim Casey initiated discussion on the neutrality of the Section and the lack of restrictions on council or section members to become involved.
- E. Tim Casey addressed the need for further discussion of the Section, possibly through committees, to review and report on pending legislation and regulations of interest.

IV. Website Manager Report

- A. No report. Questions about the website may be directed to Tim Casey.

V. Editor's Report

- A. Hal Carroll reported that he is preparing for the next issue of the Journal and the most recent edition was especially well-received.

VI. Committee Reports

- A. Construction Risk. Deb Hebert reported on the joint breakfast seminar with the Real Property Section scheduled for January 14, 2010 at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham.
- B. No other committee reports were made.

VII. Old Business

- A. No report was made.

VIII. New Business

- A. Tim Casey solicited input regarding a summer conference or seminar, including possibly working with other groups or sections. Discussion was held regarding a survey of the Section regarding potential interest. There was a consensus to conduct communications with ICLE about co-sponsoring an event. Tim Casey agreed to follow-up in that regard and report at the next meeting.
- B. The next meeting was scheduled for January 12, 2010 at 4:00. The meeting will be held at Jaffe Raitt's office in Southfield.

VIII. Adjournment

It was moved (Hal Carroll) and seconded (Deb Hebert) that the meeting be adjourned at 5:45 p.m. *Motion carried* (unanimous). Meeting adjourned.