

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

Minutes of the Organizational Meeting
First Annual Meeting of Members
December 4, 2007
Southfield, Michigan

Present:

Hal O. Carroll	Dan Steele
Mark J. Cooper	Geoffrey M. Brown
Elaine Murphy Pohl	Bill Liedel
Deb Hebert	Mark Dailey
Charles A. Fedewa	Devin Day
Martin Brown	Matthew Herstein
Ed Freeland	Steve Hickey
D. Andrew Portinga	Carol Schley
Tim Bahorski	Amy Witt
Anastasia Gale	Noreem Slank
Katherine Gustafson	Doug Chapman
John Egan	Kathleen Lopilato
Tim Casey	Augustine Igne
Amy Iannone	Clair Hoehn
Ken Vance	Jim Thome
Dyck Van Koevering	Jeffrey M. Myles
Maryanne Foster	Lauren Wawizyniak
Joe Milanowski	Denise Mitcham
Lauretta Pominville	M.J. Stephen Fox (phone)

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Welcome and call to order.

- A. Hal Carroll, Acting Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m. Mark Cooper confirmed that a quorum as present.
- B. Hal Carroll presented an overview of the new Insurance and Indemnity Law Section, discussed the tentative plans for the Section and solicited volunteers for the Council and various committees.

I. Voting Process

- A. Deb Hebert proposed officer election first by voice. It was moved (Ed Freeland) and seconded (Deb Hebert) that the officer voting take place in this manner. That motion was then tabled for the adoption of bylaws. It was moved (Tim Casey) and seconded (Dan Steele) that the proposed bylaws be approved. *Motion carried* (unanimous).
- B. It was moved (Elaine Pohl) and seconded (Tim Bahorski) to amend the bylaws to increase the number of members of the council by amending Article III, Section 5 to increase the number of Council members from 10 to 12. *Motion carried* (unanimous).
- C. It was moved (Mark Daley) and seconded (Dan Steele) to amend the bylaws by allowing the Council to create categories of non-voting membership, referred to as adjunct members, for persons other than members of the State Bar of Michigan by adding that provision to Article IV, Section 1. *Motion carried* (unanimous).
- D. The motion for election of officers was removed from the table and the following officers were elected:

Chair:	Hal Carroll
Chair Elect:	Tim Casey
Secretary:	Mark Cooper
Treasurer:	Elaine Pohl

These officers were elected unanimously.

Additionally, the following council members were elected by unanimous voice vote:

Ed Freeland	M.J. Stephen Fox
Deb Hebert	Kathleen Lopilato
Amy Iannone	Martin Brown
Dan Steele	Andy Portinga

II. New Business

- A. The next member membership meeting will be in September at the annual State Bar meeting.
- B. The next meeting of the council may be held in Lansing for geography reasons.
- C. A general discussion regarding possible use of List Serve was discussed.

- D. Other various general topics were open for discussion including guidelines for drafting articles in the Section newsletter, possible committees for the Sections and the issue between balance policyholder and insurer counsel.

III. Adjournment

It was moved (Tim Casey) and seconded (Dan Steele) that the meeting be adjourned at 5:15 p.m. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark G. Cooper, Secretary