

**STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN
INSURANCE AND INDEMNITY LAW SECTION
COUNCIL MEETING**

June 23, 2015, 4:00 p.m.

Seikaly Stewart & Bennett - Farmington Hills, Michigan

1. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME - Kathleen Lopilato

Present in person: Kathleen Lopilato
 Larry Bennett
 Hal Carroll
 Adam Kutinsky

Present via electronics: Jim Thome
 Jason Liss
 Doug Young

The minutes of the last meeting were discussed. An electronic vote to approve the minutes will be conducted by our chair.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT - Paper Statement Furnished by Augustine Igwe.

As of May 31, 2015 there was \$16,775.00 in income and \$8,634.44 in expenses for the year. That adds \$8,140.56 to our previous balance. The current balance is \$39,520.27

3. CHAIR REPORT - presented by Kathleen Lopilato

- ◆ Leadership Forum - Adam, Gus and Kathleen attended the Leadership Forum on Mackinac Island. There was a great deal of positive networking with many overtures to have joint section programs. One of the potential joint programs involved the Litigation Section.
- ◆ There also were discussions about having the general membership invited to an event so that members could interact with council members. The thought was that we have already established an effective end of the year gathering.
- ◆ There was a discussion concerning Robert's rules of order and potentially adding a "Legislative Update" portion to our newsletter.

4. EDITOR'S REPORT - presented by Hal Carroll.

Hal has two articles pending, one is on property insurance appraisals and the second is on the Consumer Protection Act and No Fault claims. Hal has had conversations with another potential author regarding commenting on the Supreme

Court's pending opinion on the Affordable Care Act. There was also a discussion whether an article regarding co-insurance would be desirable.

5. MEMBERSHIP REPORT - presented by Kathleen Lopilato.

914 members as of May 31, 2015.

6. PROGRAMS - presented by Adam Kutinsky.

Our annual meeting program is on October 8, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. We are going to send out our regular announcement of the program in the July Bar Journal. A discussion was had regarding obtaining food and gifts for the event. There was general consensus that an E-Blast announcing the nature of our program would be effective in, perhaps not only increasing attendance at our program, but also increasing our visibility in light of the quality of the speakers we are having.

7. NEW BUSINESS

Hal discussed that we have six people up for election to the council, with one member (Sarah Wohlford) term limited. Attached is a memo (we are grateful to Hal for keeping this information) that contains all of the information regarding the terms of the Council members.

8. Our next meeting is the annual meeting.

9. Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Bennett, Secretary

Insurance and Indemnity Law Section

Officers and Council Members as of June 2015

Note: Terms end at the annual meeting in September

Commencing in September 2012, the size of the council is 10 elected members, 4 officers, and the immediate past chair.

OFFICERS

Chairperson	Kathleen A. Lopilato, <i>Auto-Owners Insurance Company</i>
Chairperson Elect	Adam B. Kutinsky, <i>Kitch, Drutchas, Wagner, Valitutti & Sherbrook</i>
Secretary	Larry Bennett, <i>Seikaly & Stewart</i>
Treasurer	Augustine O. Igwe, <i>Kaufman, Payton & Chapa</i>

COUNCIL MEMBERS

I. TERMS ENDING IN 2015

A. Eligibility: First elected 2009, term limited in 2015

Sarah E. Wohlford, *OFIR*

Term ends 2015

Eligibility: First elected 2009, term limited in 2015

B. First elected in 2011, term limited in 2017

Hal O. Carroll

Term Ends 2015

Eligibility: First elected in 2011, term limited in 2017

James K. Thome, *Vandevveer Garzia*

Term ends 2015

Eligibility: First elected in 2011, term limited in 2017

C. First elected in 2013, term limited in 2019

Joshua Terebelo, *Michigan Auto Law*

Term ends 2015

Eligibility: First elected in 2013, term limited in 2019

Doug Young, *Wilson Young, PLC*

Term ends 2015

Eligibility: First elected in 2013, term limited in 2019

D. First elected in 2014, term limited in 2021

Nicole Wilinski, *Plunkett Cooney*

Elected 2014 (to serve out remaining year of Gus Igwe's term, which runs to 2015)

Eligibility: First elected 2014, term limited 2021

II. TERMS ENDING IN 2016

Elaine M. Pohl, *Plunkett Cooney*

Ex officio – term ends 2016

A. Eligibility: First elected 2010, term limited in 2016.

Lauretta A. Pominville, *PrimeOne Insurance Company*

Elected 2010, 2012, term ends 2014

Eligibility: First elected 2010, term limited in 2016.

Kimberly Ruppel, *Dickinson Wright*

Elected 2010, 2012, term ends 2014

Eligibility: First elected 2010, term limited in 2016.

B. Eligibility: First elected in 2012, term limited in 2018

Barry Feldman, *Barry M. Feldman, PLLC*

Elected 2012, term ends 2014

Eligibility: First Elected 2012, term limited in 2018

C. Eligibility: First elected 2014, term limited in 2020

Jason Liss, *Fabian, Sklar & King*

Appointed Summer 2014 to finish out Cathy Heise's term which ended Sept 2014

Elected 2014, term ends 2016

Eligibility: First elected 2014, term limited in 2020