

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

Date: May 10, 2017

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Location: Collins Einhorn  
4000 Town Center, 9<sup>th</sup> FL, Southfield, MI 48075

**Present In Person**

Jim Thome  
Hal Carroll  
Nicole Wilinski  
Patrick Crandell  
Rabih Hamawi  
Loretta Pominville  
Larry Bennett  
Augustine Igwe  
Jason Liss  
Adam Kutinsky  
Doug Young

**Present Via Telephone Conference**

Renee Vander Hagen  
Doug Young  
Gail Storck

**Absent**

Steven Hicks  
Kathleen Lopilato

1. CALL TO ORDER - 4:15 p.m. – Adam Kutinsky, Chairperson
  
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - presented by Augustine Igwe - Council Meeting November 29, 2016; motion moved to approve the minutes, seconded and unanimously passed, subject to circulation of the minutes to members who had not previously received a copy.
  
3. ANNUAL REPORT – Due May 31, 2017, will be completed and submitted to the State Bar by Adam Kutinsky, who circulated a form of the report.
  
4. TREASURER’S REPORT - presented by Jason Liss – Balance as of March 31, 2017 - \$43,2016.99 (last year \$39,991.43).
  
5. EDITOR’S REPORT - presented by Hal Carroll – April issue has been distributed and E-Blast soliciting contributions for the next issue has been sent. Any person with ideas for

topics should contact Hal. An article on the marijuana law was suggested and discussed generally. Due date for the next issue is June 15<sup>th</sup>.

6. BAR LEADERSHIP FORUM – June 9 & 10, 2017, Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island – Laretta Pominville and Larry Bennett will attend and represent the Section.
7. THE 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL YOUNG LAWYERS SUMMIT – Held on April 28-29, 2017 at Crystal Mountain Resort, Thompsonville, MI, with Chief Justice Stephen J. Markman, Michigan Supreme Court, as Keynote Speaker. The Section sponsored the Summit at the Gold Level standard, which was organized by Laretta Pominville. Rabih Hamawi gave an encouraging report of the Summit, could be a good source for recruiting young lawyers into the Section.
8. UPDATED BYLAWS - This has been approved, which, among other things, includes law students as members.
9. NEXT ANNUAL MEETING – will be organized by Larry Bennett, Chairperson Elect.
10. COMMITTEE REPORTS
  - Program Committee – Nicole Wilinski will contact Renee VanderHagen to review and discuss programs. Doug Young and Laretta Pominville were added to the committee and Larry Bennett will also participate.
  - Publication Committee – Hal Carroll and Adam Kutinsky are involved in this committee.
  - Membership Committee – Rabih Hamawi and Patrick Crandell are involved in this committee, who presented a brief overview of their efforts with the Young Lawyers Section.

Any member who does not serve on a committee will be required to submit annually an article to Hal Carroll for publication.
11. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – presented by Patrick Crandell, who gave a brief overview of the latest development to add declaratory actions to the Business Court docket.
12. STATE BAR SECTION BRIEFS – Adam Kutinsky indicated that occasionally the State Bar will ask the Section to provide information or brief on a legal issue. He will circulate the request to the Section members upon receipt.
13. STUDENT LAW PARTICIPATION IN SECTION – General discussion ensued regarding this matter.
14. SECTION LAW STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP – Adam Kutinsky has been in contact with the Wayne State Law School and investigated how to establish a law student scholarship program. It appears to be a simple process that has to be approved by the State Bar. A

general discussion ensued which centered on a potential annual scholarship fund of \$5,000 based on an essay contest. Adam Kutinsky will investigate further and report to the Council.

15. NEW BUSINESS – None
16. NEXT MEETING – July 11, 2017, location to be determined.
17. ADJOURNED – 5:12 p.m.