

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

Date: May 21, 2018
Time: 4:30 p.m.
Location: Mario's Restaurant, Detroit, MI
Minutes: By Jason J. Liss, Secretary

Present:

Larry Bennett
Pat Crandell
Annie Earls
Rabih Hamawi
Gus Igwe
Bob June
Matt LaBeau
Jason Liss
Lauretta Pominville
Renee VanderHagen
Milea Vislosky
Nicole Wilinski (call-in)

1. CALL TO ORDER – 4:30 p.m. – Larry Bennett, Chairperson.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – motion to approve minutes passed.
3. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Per Nicole:

- We have revenue of \$20,365 to date, up about \$1,000 from last April.
 - Our balance is \$36,127.85, down about \$4,000 from last year. That is due in part to utilizing Madelyn and the expense of the speaker at the annual meeting. Both worthwhile expenditures.
 - Total membership is 982 – we are up two members.
4. NEW BUSINESS. The following topics were discussed:
 - Discussion whether to continue use of Madelyn Lawry's services. Nicole reported that the cost for the last two quarters was under \$3,000, inclusive of expenses. A motion was made and approved to continue using Madelyn Lawry's services until decided otherwise.

- Discussion whether to adopt a special membership rate of \$15 for nonmember attendees of future events. A motion was made and approved to adopt this special membership rate for nonmembers attending future events.
- Renee volunteered to attend and set up a table at the Young Lawyer Section (YLS). Renee will determine and submit the cost to the Committee for approval.
- Larry volunteered to attend the State Bar Leadership Forum on Mackinaw Island.
- Larry proposed having next meeting in Traverse City at 4:30-5:30 p.m., prior to our section's joint summer reception at the Grand Traverse Resort on August 9th with Women Lawyers Association (WLM) event and the Negligence section. Larry advised he would attend our business meeting in person and those wishing to do so could attend by telephone.
- Larry proposed holding four events per year. He and Nicole will work together to flush out the details.
- Discussion regarding our section's annual business meeting at the NEXT Conference in Grand Rapids in September. The Committee agreed to select and announce the winner of the scholarship in August and then present it at our annual meeting in September. The topic is Bad Faith in Michigan and it has been advertised at Cooley Law School.
- There was a discussion about populating our section's SBM Connect page. There was general agreement that the content of our Facebook page should be duplicated on our SBM Connect page. Patrick suggested that the Journal be republished on our SBM Connect page and made searchable. Larry would like to our SBM Connect page to emulate those of the Business and the Real Estate sections.
- **Larry raised the issue of a Dues increase and a motion was made and approved to increase our section's annual dues to \$35.**

5. EDITOR'S REPORT – Hal advised that he has commitments for at least two articles dealing with cyber liability for the Journal's upcoming July issue. Hal advised that the deadline for the Bar Journal article is in November. Matt volunteered to write the 2,500 word article on the issue of indemnity.
6. PROGRAM / MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE – No separate report.
7. LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE – No Report.

Motion to adjourn made, seconded and approved at 5:17 p.m.