

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

October 8, 2015, 9:15 a.m.  
Suburban Collection Showplace - Novi, Michigan

1. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME - Kathleen Lopilato

Present in person:

- Kathleen Lopilato
- Larry Bennett
- Hal Carroll
- Adam Kutinsky
- Jason Liss
- Doug Young
- Wendy Drum
- Moheeb Murray
- Nicole Wilinski
- Renee Vander Hagen
- Donald McCann
- Deborah Hebert
- Lauretta Pominville
- Jerome Rock
- Carol Schley
- Howard Gurwin
- Michael Hale
- Steven Hicks
- Augustine Igwe
- Catherine Heise
- Monique Merritt

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

2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT - presented by Kathleen Lopilato

The President's Report included a request for suggestions for programs as there are adequate funds to conduct such programs.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT - There was approximately \$45,000.00 in our account.

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

The next issue of the Journal is scheduled for the end of October and there are adequate articles for this issue. Discussion again was had about consideration for a mandatory article for each council member. This discussion will be continued at the next meeting.

5. ELECTION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS AND OFFICERS - An election was then conducted.

A. Council Members that were elected to new two year terms are:

Hal O. Carroll, *Law Offices of Hal O. Carroll*  
Steven A. Hicks, *Speaker Law Firm, PLLC*  
James K. Thome, *Vandever Garzia, PC*  
Renee T. Vander Hagen, *First Mercury Insurance Company*  
Doug Young, *Wilson Young, PLC*  
Nicole Wilinski, *Collins Einhorn Farrell, PC*

B. The current officers of the section were re-elected for a second year:

Chairperson: Kathleen A. Lopilato, *Auto-Owners Insurance Company*  
Chairperson Elect: Adam Kutinsky, *Dawda, Mann, Mulcahy & Sadler, PLC*  
Secretary: Larry Bennett, *Seikaly, Stewart & Bennett, P.C.*  
Treasurer: Augustine O. Igwe, *Kaufman, Payton & Chapa*

5. MEMBERSHIP REPORT - presented by Kathleen Lopilato.

841 members as of October 8, 2015.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Adam Kutinsky and Kathleen Lopilato announced the creation of the Hal Carroll award for leadership. The initial recipient was Hal Carroll, for all of his substantial contributions to the growth of the Section; the growth and quality of the Journal; and his general contribution to the Section.

7. The meeting was then adjourned to conduct the Section's annual meeting program.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Bennett, Secretary