

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

Date: September 27, 2018
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Location: DeVos Place
303 Monroe Ave, NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Council Members Present:

Larry Bennett
Rabih Hamawi
Jason Liss
Gus Igwe
Lauretta Pominville
Patrick Crandell
Nicole Wilinski
Renee Vander Hagen
Hal Carroll

1. CALL TO ORDER – 9:30 p.m. – Larry Bennett, Chairperson.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes from the July 23, 2018 council meeting were approved.
3. TREASURER’S REPORT – The need for adjustments was discussed, given that we spent about \$6000 more than we made this year. The dues increase will offset some of that. Large expenses are Shared Resources and the scholarship.

As of August 31, 2018:

Total membership is 1036. That is an increase of 56 attorneys from last year.
Total paid members increased by 56 from last year.

Revenue:

Year to Date August 2018 - \$20,645, which is up slightly from last year - \$19,325.00

Expenses:

Year to Date August 2018 - \$26,704.67, up from last year - \$17,755.01. The bulk of the increase is from administrative services incurred from using Madelyn and because last the annual meeting expenses were submitted late and recorded on this year’s tally, not last year’s.

Ending Fund Balance: \$27,077.87

Nicole developed the following Preliminary Budget for 2018-2019:

Funds in Account: \$22,000 approximately as of 10/1/18

Anticipated Revenue: \$29,015 (based on \$35 per member dues at 809 paid members)

Total: \$51,015

Estimated Expenses:

Admin expenses/Shared Resources:	\$ 8,000
Annual Meeting:	\$ 3,000
Holiday Meeting/Event:	\$ 3,500
Spring Meeting/Event:	\$ 3,000
Journal:	\$ 7,250
SBM – Leadership Summit:	\$ 2,000
Scholarship:	\$ 5,000
Mics. (phone charges, sponsorships, eblasts):	\$ 4,000
Total:	\$35,750

4. OLD BUSINESS – Following up with a series of emails between council members on the council’s googlegroup in mid-September concerning confusion regarding certain council members’ terms, Laretta sent the following email on September 18, 2018, which was adopted:

In an effort answer to Gail's question from earlier today with regard to her term ending date, I went back and reviewed what transpired with our election last year. Below please find Hal's email from 9/20/17 with the ballot attached for the 2017 annual meeting, which has six candidates for six positions. One of the six positions, however, was to fill the one year remaining on Nicole's two-year Council position as she transitioned to Treasurer. Consequently, one of the six positions was supposed to be designated following our meeting as filling Nicole's remaining one year. It doesn't look like that was done. I have also attached the draft minutes from the 2017 annual meeting of 9/28/17, which I believe were approved at our subsequent meeting in October 2017. There's no mention of one of six people having only a one-year term.

As you are aware, Matt LeBeau has withdrawn from Council leaving the second year of his two-year term vacant.

Can we ignore my prior motions with regard to Nick Andrews filling Michael Haddock's vacant Council seat? If so, I move: (1) that we ignore my prior motions concerning Nick Andrews, (2) that Michael Haddock filled the second year of Nicole's two-year Council term, and (3) that we appoint Nick Andrews to fill Matt LeBeau's

now vacant council seat to finish Matt LeBeau's second year of his two-year term ending in 2019?

Lastly, I have attached Hal's proposed ballot for next week, which has six open seats. With my proposal, we will have only five Council seats up for election, with five candidates, and all will have terms ending in 2020.

5. CHAIR REPORT – Larry Bennett, Chairperson. Larry expressed his enjoyment working with the council over the past year.
6. PROGRAM / MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE – Laretta advised that our section was actively working on plans with the Marijuana Section to jointly present a program.
7. EDITOR’S REPORT – Hal reported that the next issue of Journal is the October issue, that he is still waiting on material, but that the Journal will be sent out toward the end October.
8. NEW BUSINESS: The annual election was held and the following officers and council members were elected:

Officers:

Chairperson	-	Gus Igwe
Chairperson-Elect	-	Jason Liss
Secretary	-	Nicole Wilinski
Treasurer	-	Laretta Pominville

Council (terms ending 2020):

Patrick Crandell
Amy Felder
Rabih Hamawi
Steve Hickey
Gail Stork

As noted above, Nick Andrews was appointed to the Council by Larry Bennett and approved by vote of the members present to fill Matt LeBeau’s term ending 2019. Other council members with terms ending 2019 include Ann-Marie Earls, Robert June, Renee Vander Hagen and Milea Vislosky.

The passing of the gavel to Gus Igwe and presentation of a plaque to Larry Bennett then occurred.

Motion to adjourn made, seconded and approved at 9:45 a.m.