SBM State Bar of Michigan | GOVERNMENT LAW SECTION

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

In person at Antonio's Cucina Italiana, Canton Township MI, and via Zoom

A meeting of the Government Law Section was called to order by Chair Mills on February 11, 2022, at 5:06 p.m.

I. ATTENDANCE and EXCUSED ABSENCES

Present: Bluhm, Brown, Fisher, Forsyth, Joppich, King, Mills, Mullhaupt, Sluggett, So, Tamm, Watza, Walling, Williams
Also Present: Tom Schultz, Jacob Fox, Marcileen Pruitt, and Matt Kuschel
Absent: Forbush, McGee, Mithani, Nettleton, Sluggett, Zeits

Motion to Excuse Absences: Walling **Support**: Bluhm
Council approved by unanimous vote

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to Approve Agenda: Joppich **Support**: Fisher
Council approved by unanimous vote

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Walling indicated that the correct name of the law firm she joined is Rosati, Schultz and Joppich and Amtsbuechler. **Motion to Approve Corrected Minutes of the January 2022 Regular Monthly Meeting**: Walling
Support: Blum
Council approved by unanimous vote.

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT

Mills provided the following information for Council members:

1. The Section continues to do well financially with $79,00 in the Section's account
2. The following are expenses and revenue for the Winter Seminar:
    a. Zingermans: $5,800
    b. Facility Rental: $780
    c. Revenue: $6,190
3. There is also an expense of $6947.00 for preparing and filing an amicus brief in the *Peterson* case.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Amicus Invitation: *TPOAM v. Daniel Lee Renner*. Williams advised that at this point the Council will need to make a decision on participation. Williams stated that there the Amicus Committee did not think there was a strong municipal law issue

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involved in this case. **Motion to send a letter to the Court thanking the Court for the invite but respectfully declining participation.** Bluhm **Support:** Fisher **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

b. ***GLS Briefly*** **editor:** Mills advised that Jacob Fox continues to work on articles related to recent election law. *Briefly* is being viewed by more bar members than before. She also indicated that Fox is working on the March edition of *Briefly.*

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

a. Winter Seminar Recap—Council members provided comments on the seminar with several comments on audio and video. Kolb indicated that 38 attended via Zoom with 89 total registered, which is better than the 2020 seminar. Members thanked Kolb and Joppich for a job well done, and everyone agreed that we had good speakers and good topics.

b. 2022 Summer Conference – Mills offered an update on Mithani's behalf with other members adding to the discussion as indicated:

1. There will be a follow up meeting with MAMA representatives to discuss the agenda

2. Kimberly Papillon and Michelle Crockett have confirmed their attendance. Mithani and MAMA representative Vince Duckworth will be working on Panel Members.

3. Fisher informed members that Michigan Supreme Court Justice Elizabeth Welch has confirmed her attendance.

4. Forsyth indicated that grant requests are being made to Traverse City Rotary Charities and the Grand Traverse Regional Community Foundation.

5. Mills also added that that several law firms have provided contributions in the past and MAMA is willing to contribute more funds to reserve a larger meeting space. She asked Council members if GLS would be interested in reserving a larger conference room.

Motion to to reserve a larger conference room for the GLS/MAMA 2022 Summer Conference at the Grand Traverse Resort and Spa. Williams **Support:** Walling
Council approved by unanimous vote.

VII. NEW BUSINESS – Contract for the 2023 Summer Conference (Crystal Mountain)

Mills introduced this subject and requested a motion from Members.
Motion to execute a contract for the GLS/MAMA 2023 Summer Conference to be held at Crystal Mountain Resort. Tamm **Support:** Joppich
Council approved by unanimous vote.

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VIII. **CORRESPONDENCE –None**

IX. **COUNCIL COMMENTS** –Joppich thanked the Council for finding excellent speakers for the Winter Seminar.

X. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mills declared the meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Minutes taken by Forsyth

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