

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

February 17, 2023, held at Summit on the Park, Canton Township post Winter Seminar

A meeting of the Government Law Section was called to order by Chair Mithani on February 17, 2023, at 3:58 p.m.

**I. ATTENDANCE AND EXCUSED ABSENCES**

**Present:** Bluhm, Brown, Fisher, Forbush, Forsyth, James, Joppich, King, McGee, Mithani, Sluggett, Tamm, Watza,

**Absent:** Kolb, Mills, Nettleton, So, Steele, Williams, Zeits

**Motion to Excuse Absences:** McGee                      **Support:** Fisher  
**Council approved by unanimous vote**

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion to approve the agenda:** Bluhm                      **Support:** Joppich  
**Council approved by unanimous vote**

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion to Approve Minutes of the January 2023 Regular Meeting:** Tamm   **Support:** Watza

**Council approved by unanimous vote**

**Motion to Approve Minutes of the January 19, 2023 Special Meeting:** Fisher  
**Support:** Tamm

**Council approved by unanimous vote**

**IV. TREASURER'S REPORT**

Secretary-Treasurer Forsyth provided a report on both the December 22 and January 23 Financials, which both showed a large fund balance. Forsyth also discussed the expenses for the Winter Seminar and indicated that the Section probably will break even for the event.

**V. AMICUS REPORT: None provided**

**VI. PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE**

Chair Mithani indicated that Committee Chair Mills will be stepping away from chairing the Publications Committee, and asked members if they would like to serve on the Committee.

**VII. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. **2023 Winter Seminar – Debrief**: Members indicated that the issues and attendance were all great with the panel presentation, in particular, being outstanding. Several members discussed the technical difficulties in managing the virtual component of the seminar. However, members did not decide on whether to continue to offer a virtual option.
- b. **2023 Summer Conference (June 23-24, 2023 – Crystal Mountain)**
1. Vice-Chair Forbush advised members that she and Secretary-Treasurer Forsyth will be attending a virtual meeting on Tuesday February 21<sup>st</sup> with MAMA board chair Vince Duckworth and other MAMA members to discuss the conference agenda. Vice-Chair Forbush indicated that there may be some confusion over the conference agenda as some of the topics covered are also being discussed at a MAMA conference held in April. Member Bluhm indicated that Ana Schwab has confirmed her participation in the PFAS topic.
  2. Member Fisher told the Council that the Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice cannot attend. Members suggested Justice Bernstein as a good alternative.
- c. **ADM File No. 2021-35-SBM Position** Chair Mithani told the members that the State Bar will not be taking a position on this. She further advised that the Attorney General is requesting GLS to submit a position. Member Bluhm indicated that MMRMA and MML will be providing positions. Member Brown is working on a draft position that will be shared with members at the March regular meeting.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. **Public Policy Committee Referral of ADM File No. 2022-03** No comment provided.
- b. **E-Blast Approval – Real Property Section** – Although no motion made, consensus of members was to authorize Chair Mithani to send the e-blast.

**IX. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Council members asked if the materials presented at the seminar are available. Chair Mithani will provide materials if asked. Attendees can email her directly.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Mithani declared the meeting adjourned at 4:28 p.m.