



GOVERNMENT LAW SECTION

SEPTEMBER MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

September 9, 2023 , 2023 – 10:00 AM

A meeting of the Government Law Section was called to order by Chair Mithani at 10:00 a.m.

Call to Order

1. Attendance and Excused Absences

Present: Bluhm, Brown , Chubb, Fisher, Forbush, Forsythe, King Kolb, McGee, Mills, Mithani, Nettleton, Sluggett, Steele, Thomas, Watza, Williams

Absent : James, Joppich , So, Tam,

Motion to Excused Absences: Forsythe: Support by : Nettleton

Council approved by unanimous vote

2. Approval of Agenda Watza - motion to made to amend the attendance Support_____ Motion by Sluggett to approve agenda , Support_____

3. Election of Officers

a. Report of Nominating Committee (*1 attachment*)

b. Call for Nominations from the floor *Called by Mithani*

Motion by McGee; support by Nettleton

Chair position turned over from Mithani to Forbush

4. Approval of June 23, 2023, Minutes (*2 attachments*)

5. Treasurer's Report (*2 attachments – Month Ending July 31, 2023*)

Note: year-end Financial Reports expected from State Bar in mid-late October

6. Amicus Committee Williams did not have anything new to present; there will future presentation regarding clarification on potential amicus requests. Aaron mentioned possible request related to sixth Circuit opinion regarding civil forfeiture and that Wayne County has

petitioned a rehearing en banc; it is being reviewed in house by Oakland /county and Macomb county. Fisher- MML supported the Peterson motion but due to its unlikely success MML will not provide any money. Council had already approved \$4000 but the invoice is actually only \$2000

7. **Briefly** Mithani – June issue produced, and September issue forthcoming McGee assisted; Kristin – there are two attorneys from her firm who want to contribute

8. **Old Business**

9. **New Business**

- a. Monthly Meeting Schedule – Chair Forbush will send out the new dates/schedule
- b. 2024 Winter Conference - date is February 16, 2024
- c. GLS Website Maintenance

10. **Council Comments**

Fisher – Bocci Ball trophy needs more spaces; currently at shop ; materials have been ordered. Cost is \$100.00

Nettleton motion to approve \$100; support Mills; Unanimous approval by Council

Mithani – discussed the Stormwater case and fees; CO ,Special; Masters report upheld the fees; additional amicus may be necessary

Bluhm – discussed International Outdoor billboard case success

2010 Homebuilders Cases appellate brief;

Brown – opening at GLWA

Forsythe – he is a finalist for Traverse City Manager

Adjournment

Chair Forbush declared the meeting adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

Minutes taken by King