

**State Bar of Michigan
Public Corporation Law Section**

**Minutes of February, 2014
The Baronette Renaissance Hotel, Novi, Michigan**

Call to Order

Council Meeting of the Public Corporation Law Section was called to order by Section Chair, Mary Joan Fales on February 7, 2014 at approximately 4:08 p.m., immediately following the conclusion of the Winter Seminar at The Baronette Renaissance Hotel in Novi.

1. **Approval of the Agenda:** Motion by S. Schultz and supported by D. Walling to accept the Agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
2. **Approval of Minutes of January 11, 2014 Regular Meeting:** C. Rosati moved to approve the minutes, supported by Professor Fisher. Motion passed unanimously.
3. **Motion to Excuse Absences:** Moved by M. Nettleton and supported by M. Watza to excuse all absences. Motion passed unanimously.

Attended In Person : Mary Fales, Debra Walling, Lori Bluhm, Prof. Fisher, Jim Tamm, Carol Rosati, Kester So, Dan Matson, Mike Watza, Jeff Sluggett, Mark Nettleton, Catherine Mish, Steve Schultz and Phil Erickson.

Excused: Bill Beach, Kay Schloff, Eric Williams, Angela Wheeler, Karrie Zeits, Mike McGee and Chuck McKone.

4. **Treasurer's Report:**

Three months ending December 2013 revenues and expenses and general ledger were distributed, discussed, and placed on file.

5. **New Business:**

We discussed the summer seminar and M. Watza and L. Bluhm gave a brief update on a recent MAMA educational meeting. M. Watza confirmed that Justice Viviano from the Michigan Supreme Court has confirmed his attendance at the summer seminar for the Friday session. M. Watza continues to explore getting someone to do a session on legislative analytics and we had further discussions on the viability of having a topic on urban farming. M. Fales suggested we send out post card save the date notices well in advance of the seminar.

We briefly discussed proposed amendments to Ad. Order No. 1998-5 and MCR 1.111 and SB 743 and agreed to defer further discussion and potential action or positions to the next meeting.

Steve Galbraith, Chair of the Negligence Section discussed "dark money" issues and what is happening at the Secretary of State level and politically. In connection with this

discussion, several comments and questions were raised about the State Bar and the services it provides and the mandatory and voluntary bar issues that might be raised by the State legislature. The Council agreed not to take any formal positions on any of the issues at this time.

6. **Chairperson's Report**

M. Fales reported that she received information on a LSS/U of D Mercy Black Law Student Association Fund Raiser and made that available to the council members.

7. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:41 p.m.