

**STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN
GOVERNMENT LAW SECTION**

**Minutes of December 2, 2017, Meeting
(via telephone conference)**

1. **Call to Order:** by Chair Karrie Zeits on December 2, 2017 at 10 a.m.
2. **Present:** Chair, Karrie A. Zeits, Vice Chair, Steven P. Joppich, Secretary-Treasurer Gregory T. Stremers, Past Chair-Mark E. Nettleton, Christopher Forsyth, Debra A. Walling, Eric D. Williams, Michael P. McGee, Kester K. So, Helen Lizzie Mills, Sonal Hope Mithani; Gerald A. Fisher, Michael Watza, Mary J. Fales, Catherine A. Mullhaupt, James E. Tamm, Jeffrey V. H. Sluggett, Audrey J. Forbush,

Absent: Anita Hitchcock, Carol Rosati, Lori Grigg Bluhm,

Motion: Fisher **Support:** Tamm **Motion to excuse absences. Council approved unanimous vote.**

3. Approval of Agenda: **Motion:** Forsyth **Support:** Maulhaupt. **Approved unanimous vote.**

4. Approval of minutes:

November 4, 2017: **Motion:** Fisher **Support:** Tamm. **Council approved unanimous vote.**

November 10, 2017 **Motion:** Fales **Support:** Mullhaupt. **Council approved unanimous vote.**

November 20, 2017. **Motion:** Mills **Support:** Joppich. **Council approved unanimous vote.**

5. **Treasurers Report:** None. Next report expected January 2018.

6. **Old Business:**

- a. Winter Seminar 2018-February 9, 2018, The Henry, Dearborn.

Mike Watza led a great discussion covering the Winter seminar agenda. The seminar will include a continental breakfast. Deb Walling reminded to include a notice of valet parking.

Motion: Fisher **Support:** Nettleton: Approved an e-blast to the Government Law Section, Real Property Section and Marijuana Section. **Council approved unanimous vote.**

Motion: Nettleton **Support:** Walling to pay for lodging for speakers if requested and if over 100 miles. **Council approved unanimous vote.**

a. Summer Seminar-2018

- (1) June 22-24, 2018
- (2) Crystal Mountain
- (3) Topics

A discussion was held by Steve Joppich. Topic for Summer Seminar -Eminent Domain – UCPA as the general theme.

- a. Possible panel discussion regarding good faith offers, appraisal process, court process, special assessment process, coordination of financing sources, grants, USDA, bonding, other financing sources, MTT challenges.
- b. Possible speakers Stacy L. Hissong, Jerome Pesik, Jason Long
Pat McGow, Terry Donley, finance Bobbi Bendzinki

7. **New Business**

State Bar referral of comment on SB 0653. A discussion was held regarding SB 0653. The State Bar may take a position pending Keller review. No action taken by Council.

Senior Council Members: Gerry Fisher led a discussion whether to amend the Section by-laws to allow Senior Membership to encourage continued participation on Council. Gerry will review the by-laws and report back to council.

Amicus Committee: Amicus committee be comprised of Chair, Karrie A. Zeits, Secretary-Treasurer Gregory T. Stremers, Past Chair-Mark E. Nettleton, Eric D. Williams, Sonal Hope Mithani and Gerald A. Fisher to assist the Chair with bringing amicus request information to the Council.

8. **Council Comments:**

Government law section membership is up to 706. Up from July 2017 of 611/589 paid. Government law section web site lists all members.

9. **Adjournment:** The Council by consensus adjourned the meeting at approximately 10:53 a.m.