

**STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN
GOVERNMENT LAW SECTION
MEETING MINUTES
June 21, 2019**

Annual Meeting followed by Organizational Meeting
The Inn at Bay Harbor, Bay Harbor, MI

Call to Order: The Annual Meeting of the Government Law Section Council was called to Order by Vice-Chair Stremers on June 21, 2019, at 5 p.m.

1. **Approval of Agenda:**

Motion to Approve Agenda: Walling **Support:** McGee
Approved by unanimous vote.

2. **Approval of Minutes:**

a. June 22, 2018 Annual Meeting Minutes (Tab A).

Motion to Approve Minutes: Walling **Support:** Fisher
Approved by unanimous vote.

3. **Annual Report of the Chair (Tab B):**

In Chair Joppich's absence, Stremers noted his contributions to the Council during his year as chair, including his proposed bylaws changes to improve Council functionality and financial reporting by making new office terms effective October 1 to coincide with the SBM fiscal year and adding the position of deputy secretary-treasurer, encouraging law students and young lawyers to join the GLS and attend events, promoting in-person Council meetings for increased engagement, and establishing amicus brief and social media committees.

4. **Approval of Proposed Amendments to Bylaws (Tab C):**

a. Proposal #1—To amend Article 5, Section 5.3

b. Proposal #2—To amend Article 4, Sections 4.1, 4.3.3, and 4.3.4, and Article 5, Section 5.3

Motion to Approve both Proposal 1 and Proposal 2: McGee **Support:** Tamm
Approved by unanimous vote.

5. **Election of Officers:**

Discussion led by Vice-Chair Stremers.

a. Report of Nominating Committee (Joppich, Stremers, Mullhaupt)

b. Call for Nominations from the Floor. Hearing None:

i. **Motion to close nominations: Fales Support: Bluhm
Approved by unanimous vote.**

ii. **Motion to elect Officers and Directors through the 2021 term year as
proposed by the Nominating Committee: Bluhm Support: Fales
Approved by unanimous vote.**

c. Traditional Passing of the Gavel:

Incoming Chair Greg Stremers accepted the gavel and thanked Past Chair Steve Joppich for his hard work.

Adjournment: The Annual Meeting was adjourned by consensus at approximately 5:10 p.m.

Call to Order: The Organizational Meeting of the Government Law Section Council was called to Order by Chair Stremers on June 21, 2019, at 5:10 p.m.

1. **Attendance and Excused Absences:**

Present: Chair Gregory T. Stremers, Vice-Chair Catherine A. Mullhaupt, Secretary-Treasurer Helen Lizzie Mills, Lori Grigg Bluhm, Mary J. Fales, Gerald A. Fisher, Christopher Forsyth, Michael P. McGee, Mark E. Nettleton, James E. Tamm, Debra A. Walling, Michael Watza, Eric Williams, Karrie A. Zeits.

Absent: Steven P. Joppich, Audrey J. Forbush, Anita Hitchcock, Sonal Hope Mithani, Carol Rosati, Jeffrey V. H. Sluggett, Kester K. So.

Motion to Excuse Absences: Fales Support: Walling. Council approved by unanimous vote.

2. **Approval of Agenda:**

**Motion to Approve Agenda: McGee Support: Nettleton
Council approved by unanimous vote.**

3. **Approval of Minutes:**

a. May 4, 2019, Regular Meeting Minutes (Tab B).

**Motion to Approve Minutes: Fales Support: Watza
Council approved by unanimous vote.**

4. **Treasurers Report (Tab C):**
Mullhaupt led a discussion on the SBM Financial Reports for October 1, 2018 through May 31, 2019. Received, reviewed and filed.
5. **Amicus Committee Report:**

Williams and Mullhaupt discussed her chart on Amicus Brief Payments During GLS FY 2018-2019, noting payments made after the May 31, 2019 SBM Financial Report and reporting \$1,000 in open obligations.
6. **GLS Briefly Editor Report:**
Mills discussed the need for article ideas and authors.
7. **Social Media Committee Report (Tab D):**
Stremers led brief discussion on Social Media Committee's proposed survey for section members, consideration of the SBM section leaders' survey, and SBM staff who can assist sections with different aspects of social media.
8. **Old Business:**
 - a. ***Michigan Bar Journal Government Law Issue 2020 Editorial Committee Report:***
Williams, Bluhm and Fales briefly discussed the submission and editing process.
9. **New Business:**
 - a. 2019-2020 Meeting Schedule (Tab E)
 - b. Amicus Requests from MTA: *New Covert Generating Co. v Covert Township* and *Livingston County Hockey Assoc. v Genoa Township* (Tab F)

Stremers noted that the requests had been received (Greg--I can't remember if we simply noted the requests for later action or if there was any determination to not participate due to financial restrictions. Not sure why I don't have notes on this???????)

7. **Council Comments:**

No comments offered.

Adjournment: The Council by consensus adjourned the meeting at 5:31 p.m.

Minutes taken by Mullhaupt