

**STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN
GOVERNMENT LAW SECTION
MEETING MINUTES-March 2, 2018**

THE HENRY-DEARBORN

1. **Call to Order:** A meeting of the Government Law Section Council was called to order by Chair, Karrie Zeits on March 2, 2018, at 4:30pm.

2. **Attendance:**

Present: Chair, Karrie A. Zeits, Vice Chair, Steven P. Joppich, Secretary-Treasurer Gregory T. Stremers, Lori Grigg-Bluhm, Christopher Forsyth, Debra A. Walling, Carol Rosati, Kester K. So, Michael Watz, Mary J. Fales, Gerald A. Fisher.

Absent: Michael P. McGee, Sonal Hope Mithani, Catherine A. Mullhaupt, James E. Tamm, Jeffrey V. H. Sluggett, Audrey J. Forbush, Helen Lizzie Mills, Eric D. Williams, Anita Hitchcock, Past President-Mark E. Nettleton.

Motion to Excuse Absence: Kester So

Support: Christopher Forsyth

Council approved unanimous vote.

3. **Approval of Agenda:**

Motion: To approve agenda: Lori Grigg-Bluhm

Support: Gerald A. Fisher

Council approved unanimous vote.

4. **Approval of Minutes:**

a. January 6, 2018, Regular Meeting (TAB A)

Motion: To approve minutes: Christopher Forsyth

Support: Mary J. Fales

Council approved by unanimous vote.

b. February 10, 2018 Regular Meeting (TAB B)

Motion: To approve minutes: Debra A. Walling

Support: Carol Rosati

Council approved by unanimous vote.

Treasurers Report: a discussion was led by Greg Stremers on the treasurer's report and expenditures.

1. TO MML: \$2,986.75 for LDF. Case Association of Homebuilders v City of Troy.
2. Henry for Seminar: \$6170.27
3. TO MML \$1,616.25 for LDF. Case contribution Dexter v Chelsea Health and Wellness
4. Approved up to \$2000 proportional share for Amicus Brief Ray v Swager
5. A discussion was led by Mike Watza on a Garritty case (Michigan Gaming Commission v Moody-MMRMA case).

Motion: Gerald Fisher motioned to participate without costs

Support: Mike Watzka

Abtain- Steven P. Joppich and Carol Rosati
Council approved by unanimous vote.

5. **Old Business:**

A discussion was led by Lori Grigg-Bluhm on the Winter seminar:

- 87 attendees
- One attended canceled outside State Bar policy.
- Lori will send materials to those who paid but were not able to attend.
- Council stated the seminar was excellent and well planned.

a. **Winter Seminar-2018 March 2, 2018: the Henry-Afterglow**

b. **Summer Seminar-2018**

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

- Steve Joppich led a discussion on the Summer Seminar. A draft agenda was presented.
- Christopher Forsyth will check on the Iron Fish Distillery as an event.
- Debra Walling led a discussion on group discount for organizations bringing more members/encouraging younger attorneys. Also to offer registration to large sponsors such as Miller Canfield who has covered costs at reception for many years. Lori Grigg-Bluhm and Mary Fales will follow up with MAMA to discuss incentives and group registration form.
- Steve Joppich will contact the Great Lakes Water Authority regarding attendance

- Carol Rosati recommended and the Council agreed a casual Bar-B-Que family oriented dinner.

6. **New Business**

- a. Advertising on Council Website (Tab D)

A discussion was led by Gerald Fisher on advertising on GLS electronic sites-other section member placing solicitation material on site. Chair will discuss with State Bar representatives.

Motion by Debra A. Walling remove advertising to the extent possible.
Support: Gerald Fisher

Council approved by unanimous vote.

- b. ADR Summit Invitation (Tab E)

Discussion was led Chair in invitation to attend ADR summit.

Motion by Debra A. Walling to invite Peter Dorren as the Section Representative.
Support: Gerald Fisher
Council approved by unanimous vote.

- c. Governmental Immunity Legislation

Mary Fales led a discussion on creating a legislative exception to governmental liability for recreational facility and employees. S871-878, H5658-9, 5661. The proposed bill extends statute of limitations and removes immunity. Lori Grigg-Bluhm, Christopher Forsyth, and Mike Fisher to monitor.

7. **Council Comments:**

Council wished Mary Fales congratulations on her retirement from the Ann Arbor City Attorney Office.

Adjournment: The Council by consensus adjourned the meeting at approximately 5:20 pm