

**STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN  
GOVERNMENT LAW SECTION  
MEETING MINUTES-OCTOBER 7, 2017**

**(Mika Meyers, Grand Rapids  
and via telephone conference)**

1. **Call to Order:** A meeting of the Government Law Section Council was called to order by Chair, Karrie Zeits on October 7, 2017, at 10 a.m.

2. **Attendance:**

**Present:** Chair, Karrie A. Zeits, Chair; Vice Chair, Steven P. Joppich Secretary-Treasurer Gregory T. Stremers; Ex Officio-Mark E. Nettleton; Carol Rosati, Debra A. Walling, Eric D. Williams; Michael Watzka, Lori Grigg Bluhm, Audrey J. Forbush, Catherine A. Mullhaupt, Jeffrey V. H. Sluggett, Michael P. McGee, Kester K. So

**Absent:** Christopher Forsyth, , James E. Tamm, Gerald A. Fisher, Mary J. Fales, ~~Catherine M. Mish~~, (vacancy) Anita Hitchcock, Helen Lizzie Mills

**Motion to Excuse Absence:** Bluhm. **Support:** Nettleton. Council approved unanimous vote.

3. **Approval of Agenda:**

**Motion:** Rosati. **Support:** Nettleton.

Council approved unanimous vote.

4. **Approval of Minutes:**

- a. September 9, 2017 with revision

**Motion:** Bluhm. **Support:** Rosati. Council approved by unanimous vote.

5. **Treasurers Report:** SBM Financials for June 2017 and July 2017 Received, Reviewed and Filed.

6. **Old Business:**

1. **Government Law Section:** **Motion:** Bluhm. **Support:** Mullhaupt. To notify State Bar to send out another notice of name change.

Council approved by unanimous vote. (Chair Karrie Zeits to notify State Bar)

2. **Winter Seminar:** discussion was held on the Winter Seminar

Co –Chairs Lori Griggs Bluhm, Mike Watzka, Deb Walling

### **Morning Session:**

- a. Name: "Up in Smoke"
- b. Deb Walling to review dates 1) Feb 2, 2018 or Feb 9, 2018
- c. Morning Session- Medical Marijuana new Act/LARA regulations and implementation
- d. Panel discussion LARA member, Economic Impact member; Prosecution (PAAM) or AG member; banking industry and regulatory (Plunkett-Cooney; Dykema-Gossett); State Bar MM section member; Zoning Attorney, proposed and sample zoning ordinances; Possible discussion election to legalize Marijuana-2018 effect on local government.
- e. Possible speaker-(Steve Joppich to contact MM industry person with site plan and details of different types of facilities.

**Afternoon:** Possible afternoon topics or to spill over to Summer Annual Meeting.

- a. **Drones.** Carol Rosati to discuss with Chris Johnson
- c. **Urban Farming and Zoning.** (Possible Speaker Professor Hand Land Use with Urban Farming)
- d. **Initiatory and Referendum Elections:** Abuse and how to deal with.
- e. **FOIA and OMA** update-Article on Reserve Officers written by Detroit Free Press (Invite the journalist?)

### **Summer Seminar-2018:**

- a. June 22-24, 2017
- b. Crystal Mountain Resort
- c. Justice Invitation Gerry Fisher to invite Justice Stephen Markman (June 22-afternoon; 1-2 day comp)
- d. Topics-See possible spill over topics above
  - **Michigan Association of Home Builders, et al v City of Troy.** Discussion led by Lori Bluhm regarding unpublished opinion Court of Appeals-Possible seminar interest topic, Appeal to Mich Sup Court etc.

### 7. **Council Calendar: (unchanged)**

- a. **November 4, 2017** (Host Stremers (office phone 810 987-7700), 316 McMorrans Blvd, Port Huron, and via phone conference )
- b. **December 2, 2017** Telephone conference
- c. **January 6, 2017** Telephone conference
- d. **February 2018** tentative dates for seminar-Debra Walling will check availability for seminar and location

e. **March 3, 2017** Telephone conference

f. **April 7, 2018** (Host Steve Joppich)

g. **May 5, 2018** -Council would like to have meeting in Lansing (Possible at Kester So's office or MSU law school.

8. **New Business:**

a. None

9. **Council Comments:**

a. Private Developer-Public Utility Contracts: Rosati commented on Sewer/Lagoon Private Development Contract issues, REU, contract legality, declaratory relief issues.

b. Vacancy: Karrie Zeitz commented on Council vacancy- Catherine Mish. Karrie asked Council to contact Christine Kolb, Ellen Ha, possible AG, In house-University or other governmental counsel for interest. Bring names of persons to next meeting.

c. First Net and ROW issues discussion led by M Watza.

d. US Supreme Court Justice: Requirements/procedures/interest in Seminar Attendance. Stremers to follow up.

10. **Adjournment:** The Council by consensus adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:20 a.m.

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