

**State Bar of Michigan
Information Technology Law Section**

Council Meeting Minutes

April 29, 2009 @ 5:30 p.m.

Brooks Kushman P.C., Southfield

- I. Call to order and comments from Chairperson** - Chris Falkowski took roll. 10 Council members were in attendance, constituting a quorum.

Council Members Present: Chris Falkowski, Jeremy Bisdorf, Charlie Bieneman, Mark Malven, Bill Lamping, Vince Polley, Dave Syrowik, Anthony Targan (by phone), Karl Hochkammer, Matt Jakubowski, John Tatum (by phone), Samuel Freerick (by phone), Brian Hall (by phone), Ron Nixon, Mary Ann Wehr (by phone).

II. Upcoming Events

1. Spring Networking Event-Anthony Targan summarized plans for the event, to be held May 20.

2. ICLE Seminar – Charlie Bieneman shared open planning items. At present, none of last year’s sponsors will be repeating this year. Charlie sought help with seeking sponsors. Also discussed funding for seminar. ICLE states costs will be approximately the same as 2008. Last year we had \$2400 surplus, after accounting for the sponsors. There is currently in the budget a \$5000 expenditure for 2009 seminar. There was a motion and second to approve up to an additional \$2000 expenditure. Motion was unanimously approved.

3. Annual Meeting-Mark Malven reported that planning is largely complete, except for speaker.

- III. Discussion/Approval of Previous Minutes from 2/25/2009 meeting** - Mark Malven had previously circulated the meeting minutes for review. Motion and second to approve. Motion was unanimously approved.

- IV. Treasurer’s Report** – Charlie Bieneman presented and led discussion of the Treasurer’s Report.

V. Committee Reports

1. Programming – Charlie Bieneman. Most of the work is done for year, only annual meeting speaker remains
2. Membership/Recruitment –Chris Falkowski reported on status
3. *Michigan Computer Lawyer* Newsletter – Brian Hall and Mike Gallo. Next issue will be in May; maintaining bi-monthly schedule.
4. E-Newsletter – Ron Nixon and Samuel Frederick reported on status.
5. Edward F. Langs Writing Award – Dave Syrowik reported that they are expecting 15-20 papers this year. Will be looking for judges and would welcome volunteers. Mary Ann Wehr and Mark Malven volunteered.
6. Publicity – Chris Falkowski noted the good publicity efforts for the Annual Spring Networking Event
7. Website – Chris Falkowski solicited input on website.
8. Section Liaison –Jeremy Bisdorf described the administrative services available from the state bar organization. He also highlighted the following upcoming events:
 - May 8 – 21st Annual Business Law Institute
 - May 14-16 – 49th Annual Probate and Estate Planning Institute
 - June 9 – ICLE Mediators Training
 - June 12-13 SBM Leadership Convention
 - July 23-25 – IP Law InstituteJeremy also initiated a discussion of the section having lower dues for younger lawyers. After discussion, there was a motion and second to set the dues at \$0 for law students and lawyers in practice less than 3 years. Motion was approved.
9. Public Policy –no report
10. Contracts – no report

VI. Meeting was adjourned at 6:15pm