

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

**Council Meeting Minutes
July 30, 2008 @ 10 a.m.
via Teleconference**

- I. Call to order and comments from Chairperson: Kim Paulson convened the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

Council Members Present: Dave Syrowik, Chris Falkowski, Mark Malven, Jeremy Bisdorf, Anthony Targan, Vince Polley, Karl Hockhammer, Charlie Bieneman, Mary Anne Wehr, Ron Nixon

Also Present: Mike Gallo, Brian Hall

- A. Introduction of and comments from new Newsletter co-editors, Brian Hall and Mike Gallo – Brian Hall and Mike Gallo introduced themselves and indicated that they would be putting together a newsletter that published the 2007 Edward F. Lang’s Writing Award winning papers. As a result, the next newsletter would be a large newsletter but that the ultimate goal would be to publish smaller newsletters more frequently.
- B. Annual Meeting Report - Malven/Paulson/Bieneman: The annual meeting will be held in conjunction with the State Bar of Michigan annual meeting on September 17, 2008, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., at the Dearborn Hyatt Regency. In addition to our annual meeting, we will also be having a roundtable discussion on the life of an IT lawyer. In addition, the Nominating Committee was determined to be Kim Paulson, Chris Falkowski, Jeremy Bisdorf and Anthony Targan. The goal will be to obtain two new members to assume new Council positions and to obtain a nomination for the position of the Officer of Treasurer. Both Stephen Tupper and Kim Paulson will be completing their second three year terms and are not eligible for re-nomination.
- C. ICLE Seminar Report – Bieneman: Charlie Bieneman provided a report on the status of the ICLE Seminar and encouraged the Council members to sign up to attend the event and to promote the event amongst other attorneys. It was also decided that, in addition to the publicity provided by ICLE, we would seek to include information on the event in the Business Law Section E-Newsletter by providing Michael Khoury with more information on the event.

- D. E-Newsletter Report – Bisdorf: Ron Nixon provided an update on the E-Newsletter and stated that we would likely have a draft of the E-Newsletter into the State Bar of Michigan’s hands by the end of the week or the beginning of next week. Ron Nixon is working with Sam Frederick, of Foster, Swift, Collins, Smith to put together the information required for the Newsletter.
- E. Annual Report – Paulson: Kim Paulson indicated that she would be doing a comprehensive annual report this year and that she has been spending some significant time preparing it.
- F. Committee Reports –
1. Website – Raine: No Report.
 2. Programming – Bieneman: Charlie Bieneman indicated that there would be discussion as to whether or not he would continue serving as the Committee Chair for Programming. No significant plans for deviation in Programming are intended for over the course of the next year.
 3. Recruitment – Falkowski: Chris Falkowski mentioned that he was planning on participating in a golf outing, scheduled for October 4, where we have been asked to provide, potentially, a sponsorship. Discussion occurred as to whether or not we should engage in sponsorship. No formal decision was made as to whether or not to sponsor the event, and it was left to Chris to determine whether or not we would get good publicity for our upcoming ICLE event, later in the month. In addition Phi Delta Phi, a legal fraternity, has offered us an opportunity to participate in events at various law schools throughout the area over the course of the next year, and we would be pursuing that opportunity.
 4. Survey – Targan: It was determined that Anthony Targan will coordinate with Jeff Kirky at ICLE to determine the best method for providing a survey at our ICLE seminar.
 5. Edward F. Lang's Writing Award – Syrowik: The 2007 Edward F. Lang’s Writing Award recipients’ papers are being published in the next section newsletter. No 2008 contest is being held.
 6. Proprietary Rights – Syrowik: No Report

7. Spring Networking Event – Paulson: A significant amount of time is available to plan the next spring networking event. Discussions were held as to whether or not Kim Paulson would continue serving as the Chair of the Committee or whether a replacement would be found.
8. Publicity – Paulson: Kim Paulson indicated that the goal for the Publicity Committee was to develop a glossy tri-fold flyer describing the activities of the IT Law Section and that this was still the plan, though significant progress has not yet been made.

II. Comments/issues from the floor: None.

III. Adjournment: Adjourned at 11:05 a.m.