

**State Bar of Michigan
Information Technology Law Section
Council Meeting Minutes**

November 13, 2014
Networking at 5:30 PM; Meeting at 6:00 PM

Host: Charles A. Bieneman, Bejin Bieneman PLC
300 River Place, Suite 1650, Detroit, MI 48207

Call-In Number **877-352-9775**, Conference Code **416 957 1129**

- I. Call to Order – Michael Gallo, Chair
 - A. Section Members Present
 - a. Michael McCandlish
 - b. Peter Keros
 - B. Council Members Present:
 - a. Steven D. Balagna
 - b. Susanna C. Brennan
 - c. Michael Gallo
 - d. William Henry Hartwell
 - e. Donna K. Mallonee
 - f. Christopher J. Mourad
 - g. Robert L. Rothman
 - h. Nathan William Steed
 - C. Council Members Excused:
 - a. Jeanne Marie Whalen
 - b. David R. Syrowik
 - c. Carla M. Perrotta
 - d. Keith A. Cheresko
 - e. Clara Lauren Seymour
 - f. Isaac T. Slutsky
 - D. Council Members Absent:
 - a. Daniel John Henry
 - b. Dalpreet Singh Saluja
 - E. A quorum of Council members was confirmed, and the meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.
- II. Meeting Minutes
 - a. Reading and approval of the last Council meeting minutes (September 24, 2014) – Christopher Mourad, Secretary. A motion to approve the minutes was made and seconded, then and approved by the Council.
 - b. Reading and tentative approval to post the September 2014 Annual Meeting Minutes on the Section’s web site, in anticipation of review and approval at the September 2015 Annual Meeting. A motion to post the minutes was made and seconded, then and approved by the Council.
- III. Treasurer and Council Membership
 - a. Michael Gallo nominated Donna K. Mallonee as the IT Law Section’s 2014-2015 Treasurer. A motion to name Ms. Mallonee as Treasurer was made and seconded, then and approved by the Council.
- IV. Treasurer’s Report – Christopher Mourad and Donna Mallonee
 - a. Unaudited 2013-2014 income statement indicates the Section’s fund balance should have a net increase of \$2,478.07 for the fiscal year, bringing the total fund balance to \$48,430.58
 - b. Budget for 2014-2015 was presented and discussed. Major discussion points included:
 - i. Planning for an 8th Annual Information Technology Law Seminar is underway! If expenses are comparable to 2014 (\$9,000), and a 15% increase in revenue (through sponsors or additional attendees) is possible (from \$5,257 to \$6,000), the 2015 cost to the Section would be \$3,000.
 - ii. All other amounts and assumptions from the 2013-2014 budget were carried forward to the 2014-2015 budget.
 - iii. A motion to approve the budget was made and seconded, then and approved by the Council.

- V. 2014-2015 Council/Section Meetings – Proposed dates and locations:
- a. **Thursday, November 13, 2014**, 5:30/6:00 PM – Host: Charles A. Bieneman, Bejin Bieneman PLC, 313-244-0676, bieneman@b2iplaw.com, 300 River Place, Suite 1650, Detroit, MI 48207
 - b. **Thursday, February 12, 2015**, 5:30/6:00 PM – Host: Susanna Brennan, Kelly Law Registry, brennsc@kellylawregistry.com, 248.952.0539 I M: 248.761.0709, 3331 W. Big Beaver Road, Suite 310 Troy MI 48084
 - c. **Thursday, May 14, 2015**, 5:30/6:00 PM – Host: Ronald S. Nixon, Kemp Klein Law Firm, ron.nixon@kkue.com, 248-619-2585, 201 W. Big Beaver Rd., Ste. 600, Troy, MI 48084
 - d. **Thursday, August 13, 2015**, 5:30/6:00 PM – Host: TBD. May be either a teleconference or ‘Social’ event that combines a Council meeting, an IT Law presentation, and includes an invitation to Section members
 - e. **Thursday, September 10, 2015**, Lunch at the *8th Annual Information Technology Law Seminar!*
- VI. Committee Reports
- a. Seminar 2014 – Michael Gallo
 - i. Survey results from the September 2014 Seminar were distributed.
 - ii. The Chair recommends a committee be formed to assist with compilation of ‘lessons learned’, and a task level project plan for this year’s event. The plan should include target dates or lead time recommended for each task, and budget estimates.
 - iii. Recommendations for the role of Moderator are welcome.
 - iv. Recommendations for speakers or topics are welcome.
 - v. Lessons learned: More, and earlier, communications for seminar awareness and registration
 - vi. A motion was made and approved to set the date of the seminar for September 2015.
 - vii. Michael Gallo to contact St. John’s regarding reservation and contract for September 10, 2015.
 - b. Newsletters/Social Media/Web Site – Michael Gallo
 - i. Due to the lack of entries for last year’s Edward F Langs writing competition, there is a significant challenge in identifying content for this year’s newsletters. Any suggestions or sources of articles would be appreciated.
 1. Michael Gallo will forward a form describing the competition to the Council for potential distribution to area law schools
 - ii. Michael Gallo to contact 2014 seminar presenters who submitted documents that appear suitable for inclusion in the newsletter
 - iii. As of October 2014, membership estimates are:
 1. Section Members – 467
 2. ListServe Email Addresses – 808
 3. LinkedIn Group Members – 209
 - iv. The State Bar of Michigan deployed a new web site that includes new landing pages.
 1. Michael Gallo will send an email to listserv addresses asking everyone to join the Section, and that those not members may be removed from the announcement listserv
 - c. Privacy Committee – Bob Rothman and Keith Cheresko
 - i. A meeting was held on October 29, at the offices of Jaffe, Raitt, Heuer & Weiss, P.C., and the presenter was Jeff Ingalsbe, an assistant professor at the University of Detroit Mercy (UDM) in the Center for Cyber Security and Intelligence Studies
 - d. Nominating Committee
 - i. It is never too early for nominations for next year’s Treasurer and Council members! The goal will be to nominate four Council members for 2015-2018, to include Steven D. Balagna and Christopher J. Mourad.
 - e. New business from the floor
 - i. Steve Balagna recommended consideration donation to a group like ‘Michigan Community Resources’, Justin M. Sheehan, 313 E. Grand River Avenue, Lansing, MI 48096, jshiehan@mi-community.org, 313-962-3171. MI-community.org
- VII. Adjourn: Michael Gallo made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded, then approved by the Council at 7:00 pm.