

**State Bar of Michigan  
Computer Law Section**

**Council Meeting Minutes  
November 6, 2007 @ 6:00 p.m.  
Sweet Lorraine's - Southfield, MI**

- I. Meeting called to order at 6:50 p.m. by K. Paulson
  - A. Election results and welcome of new member and guests – Ron Nixon and Karl Hochkammer were introduced. They will be serving a one-year term. At next year's meeting, they will be eligible for re-election.
  - B. Section name change update – K. Paulson informed the Section that approval of the Section name change to "Information Technology Law Section" was on the agenda for the State Bar of Michigan Board of Commissioners Meeting scheduled for November 16, 2007.
  - C. K. Paulson provided a report on the Leadership Forum and Section Orientation. Kim reported that she had learned many things about the benefits provided by the State Bar of Michigan during the Leadership Forum. Of particular importance, she highlighted the encouragement for strategic partnerships, the offering of survey services through the State Bar, the offering of publicity services through the State Bar, the ability to obtain a Membership List from the State Bar and the ability to engage in certain public policy initiatives. Discussion on Section Membership Profile followed.
  - D. Discussion of new initiatives for 2007-08
    1. Website Review – Paul Raine will head this committee and Jeremy Bisdorf and Charlie Bieneman will participate. The goal of this particular committee will be to review the current Section website and suggest ways it can be improved and revised.
    2. Substantive programming/podcasts – It was determined that the Section should concentrate on at least one major signature event and discussions were held concerning the possibility of hosting an ICLE seminar. Charlie Bieneman will head this committee and Mark Malven and Karl Hochkammer volunteered to participate, along with K. Paulson.

3. Recruitment – Chris Falkowski is heading efforts to reach out to the various law schools. We are considering having our next meeting at Cooley in January. In addition, we are considering developing a tri-fold brochure for use in recruitment efforts. Mary Anne Wehr and Don Crawford volunteered to participate on this committee and Don volunteered to undertake the efforts to develop the publication.
  4. Surveys – It was determined that we would benefit from having multiple small surveys sent out at various points throughout the year to get information from our membership. If it is determined that a longer survey is also desired, then it would only be done once per year. A. Targan volunteered to head this committee and Don Crawford and Ron Nixon volunteered to participate in the development of appropriate surveys.
  5. Liaisons/Contacts – K. Paulson mentioned that it would be helpful to have various members of the Section involved with representing the Section’s interests in various other State Bar sections or affiliated organizations, such as Automation Alley.
  6. Public Policy – K. Paulson mentioned that there were opportunities made available to the Section for the State Bar to participate in providing feedback on matters of public policy relating to Section interests.
  7. Committee/Project Reporting – K. Paulson indicated that it was her goal to have Committee Reports completed by the 1<sup>st</sup> of every month. Otherwise, she would make an effort to contact Committee Chairpersons to receive reports. Once in receipt of all reports, K. Paulson would aggregate them into a single document and forward them to the Council via the Listserv.
- E. M. Malven distributed a 2007-08 proposed budget and discussion followed. John Tatum moved to approve the budget, Charlie Bieneman seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.
- F. Committee Reports

1. Annual Meeting – M. Malven indicated that the event was well-attended and went well.
  2. Newsletter - M. Jakubowski will be chairing activities relative to the newsletter and discussions were held as to how to best improve content.
  3. Edward F. Langs Writing Award – Discussions were held on ways to solicit more entries. It was determined that we should attempt to get more entries by educating the law schools as to the competition. It was determined that Chris Falkowski should make this effort when working in his recruitment activities.
  4. Proprietary rights – The topic for this year will be “The Top 10 Websites for Tech Lawyers.”
  5. Spring Networking Event – K. Paulson indicated that we will likely hold the next Spring Networking Event at The Dirty Martini, as the past two previous events have been successfully held there.
- G. Due to time constraints, K. Paulson was unable to provide a presentation regarding the University of Dayton conference. It was determined that we would attempt to have her put together a summary in the form of a podcast recording and the Section voted to provide her reimbursement for the seminar.
- H. Discussion of upcoming meetings – It was determined that the end of January would be the likely date for the next meeting and the likely location is Cooley Law School. It was also determined that the Section as a whole prefers evening meetings, as opposed to afternoon lunches.
- II. Comments/Issues from floor - None
- III. Jeremy Bisdorf moved to adjourn, Ron Nixon seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Attached is the attendance list for the meeting.

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Attendance

1. Kim Paulson - President
2. Jeremy Bisdorf - Secretary
3. Ron Nixon – Council Member
4. Don Crawford – Council Member
5. Vince Polly – Council Member
6. Karl Hochkammer – Council Member
7. Steve Tupper – Council Member
8. Dave Syrowik – Council Member
9. Matt Jakubowski – Council Member
10. Paul Raine – Ex Officio
11. Melanie Dunn – Council Member
12. Anthony Targan – Council Member
13. John Tatum – Council Member
14. Mary Ann Wehr – Council Member
15. Charlie Bieneman – Council Member
16. Mark Malven - Treasurer

Excused

Christopher Falkowski  
Jerome M. Schwartz