

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

**Council Meeting Minutes  
November 20, 2008 at 6:00pm  
Buca di Beppo, Birmingham**

I. Call to order and comments from Chair – Chris Falkowski convened the business meeting at 6:30pm.

Council Members Present: Mark Malven, Mary Ann Wehr, Donald M. Crawford, Chris Falkowski, Jeremy Bisdorf, Karl Hochkammer, Charlie Bieneman, Kim Paulson, Bill Lamping, Ron Nixon, Dave Syrowik, John Tatum, Jerry Schwartz, Anthony Targan

II. Discussion/Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – Jeremy Bisdorf presented the April 1 and July 30 meeting minutes for approval. There was a motion and second to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed.

III. Treasurer’s Report – Charlie Bieneman presented the proposed 2008-2009 budget. After discussion there was a motion and second to approve the budget as modified. The motion passed.

IV. Discussion of ICLE Seminar – Chris Falkowski raised the topic of sponsoring an IT law seminar with ICLE again in 2009. There were extensive discussions. The members reviewed the results of the 2008 seminar and the general perception that it was a success. Possible topics and potential costs for 2009 were discussed. There was a motion and second to lock in a date with ICLE in November 2009. The motion passed. Topics will be subject to further work and input from the appropriate Committees.

V. Committee/Initiative Commitments – Chris Falkowski led the discussion and the following members reaffirmed or volunteered to work on the following committees or initiatives:

1. Programming – Karl Hockhammer, Charlie Bieneman, Mark Malven
2. Membership/Recruitment – Chris Falkowski (U of M), Mary Ann Wehr (MSU), Bill Lamping (WSU)
3. Survey – activities regarding surveys will be on hold
4. Annual Meeting – Mark Malven, Don Crawford. There was discussion and consensus that we should have the annual meeting in conjunction with the State Bar annual meeting again this year.
5. Newsletter – Brian Hall and Mike Gallo
6. E-Newsletter – Ron Nixon

7. Edward F. Lang Writing Award – Dave Syrowik. The rules for the award will be subject to further discussion with the intention of increasing flexibility.
  8. Proprietary Rights – Dave Syrowik
  9. Spring Luncheon – Anthony Targan, Jeremy Bisdorf. There was discussion and consensus to seek a new venue this year. Two casino venues will be evaluated.
  10. Publicity – after discussion, Kim Paulsen volunteered to head this committee
  11. Contracts – Chris Falkowski. We will continue to have a Contracts committee but it will be dormant this year.
  12. Section Liaisons and Public Policy – Chris Falkowski led discussion of having Section Liaisons and having a responsible person for public policy requests made to Section. Jeremy Bisdorf volunteered to be Section Liaison to the bar association and Mark Malven volunteered to coordinate public policy matters.
- VI. Comments/issues from the floor - None.
- VII. Adjournment - Adjourned at 7:30pm.