

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

Thursday, April 4, 2019  
Meeting at 6:00 PM

2019 Bejin Bieneman, PLC | 2000 Town Center, Ste. 800 | Southfield, MI  
and Teleconference

- I. **Call to Order** –Joellen Shortley, Chair
  - A. Council Members Present: **Keith Cheresko, Michael McCandlish, Robert Rothman, Joellen Shortley, Jeanne Whalen**
  - B. Council Members Present by Phone: **George Kimball, Liz Storm**
  - C. Council Members Excused: None
  - D. Council Members Absent: **Kellie DeMeritt, Onika Celestine, Kip Lanning, Adam Rubin, Daniel Ungar, Kimberly Crouch, Kathy Ossian**
  - E. Section Members Present:
  - F. Others Present: **Kathy Kelly (by phone)**
  - G. A quorum of Council members was confirmed, and the meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.
  
- II. **Meeting Minutes**

Meeting minutes from January 31, 2019. Motion by Keith Cheresko and supported by Joellen Shortley to approve the Minutes, with minor changes to correct attendees, approved unanimously.
  
- III. **Treasurer’s Report** – Budget, membership update, and year-to-date activity were presented. Membership has decreased.
  
- IV. **2019 Conference** – September 12, 2019; Topics are situated and speakers are in process. Advertising materials to come. Bob Rothman will put together a summary for Liz Storm to include in the next newsletter.
  
- V. **Young Lawyers Summit Participation** – May 17-19, 2019; The section indicated its intent to participate (send representatives), but haven’t heard further.
  
- VI. **Review of Steve Balagna Presentation** – January 31, 2019; Steve put on a good presentation and received good follow-up questions. For future presentations, the council will consider methods for broadcasting to a wider audience.
  
- VII. **Committee Reports**
  - a. **Privacy**– Keith Cheresko, Bob Rothman. Just had a meeting; next one is June 26.
  - b. **Communications**– Liz Storm, Daniel Ungar, Adam Rubin. Newsletter is in process. We will use State Bar resources for formatting this time. Need to post something for Facebook (Facebook and LinkedIn accounts are maintained on behalf of the section).
  - c. **Membership**- Kellie DeMeritt, Kathy Ossian. Gifts to distribute to potential members have been purchased. This area needs further attention.

- d. **Bylaws-** Michael McCandlish, Robert Rothman. Comments to the current bylaws are in process. The committee will present substantive comments to the council for input.
- e. **Strategic Planning-** Joellen Shortley. Working with two past chairs on a draft strategic plan. The council would like to conduct a dinner for past chairs to get input/help with respect to strategic planning.

- VIII. **Recruiting New Council Members and Treasurer** – The board discussed potentially restructuring the size of the council (as part of bylaw revisions), or potentially renaming the section (and reframing its purposes) to include data privacy and security. Joellen will look into what would be required to change the name of the section.
- IX. **New Business.** A joint meeting with the IP section may occur in the fall. A new Technical Committee was proposed for consideration. Possible resources would be the Young Lawyer’s Section or State Bar resources. Kathy Kelly suggested that the health care section’s IT committee has an admin, but it is not known whether she is employed by the State Bar. Kathy Kelly and Keith Cheresko will look into this
- X. **Meeting Adjourn.** Motion by Bob Rothman supported by Keith Cheresko to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 p.m. Next meeting: May 23 (in person).