

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

**Meeting Date**

August 9, 2013 at 4:00 PM

**Telephone Conference Information**

1-866-502-8312, Passcode 374096#

**I. Networking**

**II. Call to Order – Karl Hochkammer, Chair**

- A. Council Members Present: Steven Balagna, Susanna C. Brennan, William Cosnowski Jr., Michael Gallo, Karl A. Hochkammer, William J. Lamping, Jr., Tatiana Melnik, Christopher Mourad, Ronald S. Nixon, Carla Perrotta, and Isaac T. Slutsky
- B. Council Members Excused: Claudia Rast
- C. Council Members Absent: Jeanne M. Dunk, Brian A. Hall, Daniel John Henry, Jeanne Marie Moloney, Dalpreet Saluja, and Nilay Sharad
- D. Section Members Present: Chris Enge, Charles Frayer, Donna Mallonee and Mark Malvin
- E. A quorum of Council members was confirmed, and the meeting was called to order at 4:06 p.m.

**II. Approval of January 11, 2013 Meeting Minutes – Michael Gallo, Secretary**

- A. Minor typographical corrections were noted. William Lamping, Jr., moved to approve the January 11, 2013 Council Meeting minutes, which was seconded by Steven Balagna and approved by the Council.

**III. Treasurer’s Report – William Lamping, Jr., Treasurer**

- A. The Treasurer reported various expected expenses were submitted since the last meeting, and all reported revenues and expenses to date are in line with expectations. Revenue to date is \$11,690.00. Expenses to date are \$4,377.99. Net Income to date is \$7,312.01. The current Section Fund balance as of July 31, 2012 is \$47,492.39.

**IV. Committee Reports**

- A. ICLE Seminar/Annual Meeting – Karl Hochkammer
  - a. As of August 8, 2013, Jeff Kirkey of ICLE reported that approximately 19 ‘in-person’ and five ‘webcast’ registrations are confirmed. As of this date last year, there were 16 ‘in-person’ registrations.
  - b. Section members, and all potentially interested parties, are urged to register and recommend the seminar to others, especially since this may be the Section’s last seminar through ICLE.
  - c. Looking ahead, next year’s Council will have to determine how to replace the IT Law Seminar as an annual event, review the impact to the Annual Section Member meeting, and make appropriate recommendations.

- B. Newsletters/Social Media – Michael Gallo
  - a. As of August 7, 2013, the IT Law LinkedIn group has 173 members.
  - b. As of August 7, 2013, the IT Law Section’s Announcement mailing list, which corresponds more closely to the number of Section members, has about 800 subscribers.
  - c. Council members are encouraged to show support by to the group's 'Discussions' tab. Contributions could be of interesting cases, upcoming Michigan events, new clips, ‘Like’ feedback on existing contributions, etc.
  - d. The fourth issue of the Michigan IT Lawyer for 2013 was released August 6, 2013, a few weeks behind schedule.
- C. Writing award – Michael Gallo, on behalf of Dave Syrowik
  - a. The 2013 Edward F Lang Award writing competition received 27 entries.
  - b. Michael Gallo petitions the Council and Section to consider the following:
    - i. For the 2014 Edward F. Langs Writing Competition, approving an increase in the total award from *\$1,500* to *up to \$3,000*, and the total number of awards from *three* to *up to six*. The actual number of awards and total award amount shall be dependent on the number of submissions deemed worthy of publication in *The Michigan IT Lawyer*.
    - ii. A revised version of the 2014 Edward F. Langs Writing Competition rules will be presented at the September 2013 Annual Section meeting for approval.
- D. Privacy Law Committee – Karl A. Hockhammer
  - a. Bob Rothman and Keith Cheresko Co-Chair the Privacy Law committee, and provided minutes of the committee’s organizational meeting, which was held on July 16.
  - b. About 20 members attended the organizational meeting.
  - c. Quarterly meetings are planned, to include a discussion of current developments and a deep dive into an aspect of privacy.
  - d. Susan Kornfield will host the next committee meeting.
  - e. *Please support the Privacy Law committee however possible, including use of Section resources and attendance at meetings*
- V. **New Business**
  - A. Council Member Vacancies
    - a. Karl A. Hockhammer as the Chair, with support from Ronald S. Nixon, as the Chair-Elect, appointed a Nominating Committee that will offer recommendations of Section members to fill 2013/2014 Council Member vacancies. Nominees will be presented at the Annual Section Meeting for approval.
    - b. Nominating Committee members shall include
      - i. Karl A. Hockhammer
      - ii. Ronald S. Nixon
      - iii. Tatiana Melnik

- c. Karl A. Hockhammer will:
  - i. Lead the Nominating Committee.
  - ii. Draft a memo encouraging Section members to self-nominate for open 2013-2014 Council Member positions. The memo will be posted on LinkedIn and sent via Section email distribution lists.
- B. Officer Vacancies
  - a. As is true every year, there is an opening for a Treasurer for 2013/2014
  - b. William Lamping, Jr. transitioned out of Michigan, and although Mr. Lamping will remain a Council Member, he will resign as a Section Officer at the end of this year's term. The result is that there is an opening for a Secretary for 2013/2014.
- C. Next Meeting
  - a. The next meeting is Wednesday, September 25, 2013, as a Lunch meeting at the IT Law Seminar in Plymouth, Michigan
  - b. Karl A. Hockhammer and Michael Gallo will create the agendas for the Section and Council Annual meetings. Examples:
    - i. Annual Section Meeting: Circulate attendance form. Identify Section members by raising hands to confirm quorum. Treasurer's Report. Section members approve 2012 Annual Meeting minutes, and 2013-2014 Council Members. Present old and new business, including proposed rule changes to 2014 Edward F. Langs Writing Competition. Adjourn.
    - ii. Annual Council Meeting: Confirm quorum (which includes new Council Members). Council members approve August 2013 Council meeting minutes, and 2013/2014 Council Officers. Incoming Chair recognizes contribution of outgoing Chair (everyone applauds). Present old and new business. Identify next meeting date. Adjourn.
- D. Tasks to be completed
  - a. Create and post 2011-2012 Report to IT Law web site (Ron Nixon and Charlie Bieneman)
  - b. Update the 2012-2013 Council List on web site (Karl Hochkammer)
- E. New Business
  - a. Charles Frayer asked whether Section resources (newsletter, web site, LinkedIn, etc.) can be used to promote the Privacy Committee. The answer is a resounding YES!

## **VI. Adjourn**

- A. Motion to adjourn was made by Ronald S. Nixon, seconded by Susanna C. Brennan, and approved by the Council at 4:54 pm.