

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

January 9, 2020, 2020  
Teleconference Meeting at 6:00 PM  
Call-In Number **877-352-9775**, Conference Code **416 957 1129**

- I. Call to Order – M. Gallo called the meeting to order at 6:03.  
**Council Members Participating:** Keith Cheresko, Kellie DeMeritt, Christopher Falkowski, Michael Gallo, Katherine Kelley, Michael McCandlish, Kathryn Ossian, Adam Rubin, Joellen Shortley, Elizabeth Storm, Jeanne Whalen  
  
**Council Members Absent:** Onika Celestine, Karl Hochkammer, George Kimball, Clifford Lanning, Daniel Ungar  
  
**Section Members Participating:** Eric Kociba
- II. Meeting Minutes
  - a. The October 24, 2019 Council meeting minutes were approved with corrections. J. Falkowski moved to approve, K. Ossian seconded, approved unanimously.
- III. Treasurer’s Report
  - a. M. Gallo reported. that the section account balance increased from \$59K at the end of 2018 to \$64K at the end of 2019., M. Gallo will send out an updated financial report to the section council together with draft minutes when available.
- IV. Remaining 2019-2020 Council/Section Meetings – Proposed dates listed below, but if needed, additional meetings are possible. Preferably, meeting sites can provide a teleconference phone, a room big enough to seat about 15 people around a conference table, and a contact to coordinate a food order that would be paid for by the Section.
  - a. **Thursday, April 2, 2020**, 5:30 PM to 6:00PM – This council meeting will take place at Western Michigan University, Cooley Law School in Auburn Hills, 2630 Featherstone Rd., Auburn Hills, MI 48326, prior to Artificial Intelligence Event, see below, Section V, paragraph b.
  - b. **Thursday, July 9, 2020**, 5:30 PM Networking/6:00 PM Meeting – Host: Michael McCandlish, Bejin Bieneman PLC, 2000 Town Center, Suite 800, Southfield, MI 48075
  - c. **Thursday, September 10, 2020**, Lunch at the *13<sup>th</sup> Annual Information Technology Law Seminar!*
    - i. *M. Gallo has reserved space for this event at the Inn of St. Johns.*
- V. Reports
  - a. **“Foreign Privacy Protection Laws and Conflicting U.S. Immigration Practice: A Migraine for Attorneys”**
    - i. This event was held at Wayne State University Law School on Wednesday, November 20, 2019 as a joint seminar with the International Law Section. M. Gallo and K. Cheresko reported. There were 28 registrants, and 31 attendees. It was a successful event, with a high level of engagement.
  - b. **“A Legal Look at New Technologies: Artificial Intelligence, Autonomous Vehicles and Robotic Process Automation”**
    - i. J. Shortley, K. Ossian, K. Kelley, E. Storm, M. McCandlish
    - ii. The event is scheduled for April 2, 2020, and will include: 5:30 – 6:00 PM/Section Council Meeting; 6 to 6:30 PM/Networking; 6:30 to 7:30 PM Panel Presentation; 7:30 to 8 PM/Q&A
    - iii. The event will take place at Western Michigan University, Thomas M. Cooley Law School, 2630 Featherstone Rd., Auburn Hills, MI 48326.

- iv. Originally there was a concern that we may need an insurance rider of \$197, but M. Gallo followed up with the State Bar, and an insurance rider will not be needed.
- v. Registration - Keith Cheresko will set up Eventbrite registration for this event. Should we e-blast the IP Law Section. Save the Date e-newsletter. There will be a newsletter after each meeting.
- vi. Moderator: Kathy Ossian.
- vii. Panelists: Emily Frascaro, Jennifer Dukarski and Bill Jobes. Kathy will organize an initial meeting with the panelists for Monday, January 13 to determine an event title and start narrowing down the topics for the panel discussion.
- viii. We will use Cranks Catering. There is a price adder for orders for less than 50 people. We will target an attendance of at least 50 people. J. Shortley is organizing the catering.
- ix. We will NOT seek co-sponsorship of this event. We will, with consent of respective section leadership, invite other sections to this event. J. Shortley will contact the IP Law section leadership. K. Kelley will contact Health section leadership. With approval, we will send eblasts, announcing our event, to these sections.
- x. Marketing/Publicity: L. Storm will include a "save-the-date in the next newsletter and include additional information in subsequent emails. We will send out eblasts to the IT Law Section, and pending approval from section leadership, the IP Law Section and the Health Law section. J. Shortley will speak with Professors that she knows at Cooley and have them invite students. Council members should invite colleagues and other interested parties.
- xi. Membership: K. DeMeritt will attend and reach out to new potential members.
- c. **Michigan Bar Journal** –The IT Law Section will generate content for an Information Technology Law themed issue of the Michigan Bar Journal for May 2022.
  - i. C. Falkowski will lead team and manage the interface to the Michigan Bar Journal. K. Cheresko and L. Storm volunteered to assist.
  - ii. Identify authors for three or four articles of ~2,500 words each, with a maximum combined total of 10,000 words
  - iii. Work with those authors and an editor from the State Bar Journal Committee to ensure the articles meet Michigan Bar Journal standards, per the attached general article guidelines
  - iv. Ensure the articles are submitted to the Michigan Bar Journal in a timely manner.
- d. **Privacy Committee**
  - i. Bob Rothman and Keith Cheresko Committee are planning a meeting targeted for January 16. A location for the meeting needs to be confirmed.
- e. **Bylaws Committee**
  - i. Committee includes Robert Rothman, M. McCandlish, K. Hochkammer and C. Falkowski, M. McCandlish will contact R. Rothman and request him to lead this effort. Target is to have a draft of the updated bylaws for the council to review during their April 2, 2020. Alternatively, establish a timeline for developing the draft. After approval by the council, we will need approval of State Bar this summer. Target date for Bar approval is June, which would allow us to seek section approval at our annual meeting.
- f. **2020 IT Law Seminar**
  - i. Committee members are Katherine Kelley, Joellen Shortley, Kellie DeMeritt, Keith Cheresko, Elizabeth Storm, and Michael Gallo
  - ii. Need to document tasks and target dates, and select a moderator, speakers and topics
  - iii. J. Shortley will set up a telephone conference. Key issues are topics and speakers.
- g. **Strategic Plan Committee**
  - i. George Kimball is leading this effort. M. Gallo recommends identifying 3-5 strategic items and that the section focus on communications, e.g., publishing a newsletter regularly, e-invites, etc. G. Kimball has a short two-page strategic plan.
- h. **Education and Training**
  - i. We should consider Internet/skype events. For example, we could do live or web-based training. ICLE and the State Bar may have studios that would support production of podcasts and webinars.

- ii. We should consider producing internet/skype events, for example, live or web-based training. ICLE or State Bar may have studios. As a trial run, K. Ossian will ask the panelists for the April 2 AI event if any of them are interested/willing to create a 2-5-minute video.
    - iii. Kathy is still on the steering committee of the University of Dayton School of Law, program in law and technology, June 12, 2020, K. Ossian will share information.
  - i. **Communications** (Newsletters/Social Media/Web Site)
    - i. Elizabeth Storm and Daniel Ungar.
    - ii. Objectives include: 1. Target to publish a newsletter after each council meeting; 2. Update the Section's Facebook, LinkedIn and Instagram accounts as appropriate; 3. Support marketing needs of the Annual Seminar (e-invite, 'press' release) and 4. Support Special Events as needed (speaker list, 'press' release, survey)
    - iii. In addition to SBM services, should consider an 'Appreciation' for significant services provided by Section Members.
      - 1. We could present plaques or certificates to section members who make significant contributions to the section during the annual meeting/conference.
      - 2. Alternatively, we could present gift cards up to a certain dollar limit to section members.
      - 3. M. Gallo will investigate this.
    - iv. We are Seeking volunteers to provide content (in addition to a message from the Chair).
  - j. **Nominating Committee** – Committee members are Joellen Shortley, Kathryn Ossian and Karl Hochkammer. The committee needs to determine whether anyone will meet the quota of six (6) consecutive years as a voting Council Member or may not to seek renewal for another term. At a minimum, the committee needs to identify Treasurer and Council nominations. M. Gallo recommended that the committee consider Eric Kociba, and Justin Fischer-Short as new council members. Ideally, the treasurer nominee(s) would come from current council members.

VI. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm. K. Cheresko moved to adjourn, C. Falkowski seconded, unanimously approved.