

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

Council Meeting Minutes

March 29, 2012 at 5:45 PM

Location

39533 Woodward Ave., Suite 140
Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48304

I. Call to Order – Charles Bieneman, Chair

Council Members Present: Charles A. Bieneman, Ronald S. Nixon, Michael Vincent Gallo, Susanna C. Brennan, William Cosnowski, Jr., Daniel John Henry, William J. Lamping, Jr., Tatiana Melnik, Jeanne Marie Moloney, Carla Perrotta, Claudia Rast, Isaac T. Slutsky, and David R. Syrowik.

Ex-Officio Members Present: Chris Falkowski

Council Members Absent: Charles Bieneman noted the excused absences of Karl A. Hochkammer, Nilay Sharad Dave, Brian A. Hall, and Vincent I. Polley. Also not present: Jeanne M. Dunk.

Others: Steve Balagna

The meeting was called to order at approximately 5:45 p.m.

II. Reading and approval of prior meeting minutes – Ron Nixon, Secretary

Mr. Nixon presented the minutes for the January 26, 2012 council meeting. A motion for approval was made, seconded, and unanimously approved.

III. Treasurer’s Report – Michael Gallo

Mr. Gallo presented the treasurer’s report through February 29, 2012. He noted the approved expenditure of \$500 for co-sponsoring the Health Care Law seminar and a \$589.40 reduction in income because of a variance between ICLE’s preliminary estimate of income from the 2011 annual seminar and the amount actually received.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Recruiting – Ms. Brennan

Ms. Brennan presented the efforts of the recruiting committee since the last meeting. Ms. Brennan, Mr. Cosnowski, Mr. Bieneman attended an event at Wayne State University Law School that was attended by 15 to 20 law students. A similar event at Michigan State University had less attendance. The committee is planning visits to other schools (University of Michigan and University of Detroit-Mercy (UDM)). Mr. Falkowski also spoke at UDM.

B. By-laws – Mr. Cosnowski, Jr.

No activity to report. Mr. Cosnowski noted that any by-law changes need to be correlated with the State Bar by-laws.

C. Seminar Committee – Mr. Bieneman (for Mr. Hochkammer)

The committee reported that a list of topics have been selected for the seminar.

The committee is looking for speakers for two topics: litigating software disputes from a trade secret perspective and an update on software patent law since *Bilsky*

D. Paul Raine Memorial – Kim Paulson

Discussion tabled in the absence of Ms. Paulson.

V. New Business

Mr. Lamping noted that he is looking for more material for the Section's Facebook and LinkedIn pages.

VI. Adjourn

There being no further business for discussion, Mr. Nixon moved to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Cosnowski seconded the motion, and all present approved. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:11 p.m.

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