

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

**Meeting Date**

March 21, 2014 at 2:00 PM

**Telephone Conference Information**

1-866-434-5269, Passcode 9226568#

**I. Call to Order – Ron Nixon, Chair**

A. Council Members Present:

Steven D. Balagna  
Susanna C. Brennan  
Michael Gallo  
William Hartwell  
Christopher J. Mourad  
Ronald S. Nixon  
Carla Perrotta  
Robert L. Rothman  
Isaac T. Slutsky

B. Nate Steed provided his written vote in writing prior to the meeting.

C. A quorum of Council members was confirmed, and the meeting was called to order.

**II. Approval of St. John's Inn Contract**

A. The only concern about the ratification of the contract was the proposed date of the Annual Meeting (Thursday, September 24), which falls on Rosh Hashanah and may impact attendance. The other preferred date selected by the Council was September 11. Ron Nixon is authorized to check with St. John's Inn to find if that date or another suitable date in September is still available and book it. Ron will inform the Council of that date.

B. The proposed number of attendees is 75. If the attendance numbers are low, the Section has the option to cancel and pay a cancellation fee on a sliding scale basis. The Council will monitor registration numbers and discuss cancellation at a later time, if necessary.

C. Bob Rothman made a motion to otherwise approve the substance of the contract and authorize Ron Nixon to sign it on behalf of the Section, which was seconded by Steve Balagna and approved by the Council.

**III. Young Lawyers' Summit Sponsorship**

A. Hope Shovein, Young Lawyers' Section Chair, extended an invitation to the Section to partner with the YLS in the Summit. The following sponsorship levels are available:

- i. Vendor (\$100.00) sponsorships purchase a table with table cover, free parking, wireless internet access, recognition in Summit materials, breakfast and lunch for one, as well as attendance at our strolling dinner reception (vendors may also invite additional guests at \$25.00 each).
  - ii. Silver (\$175.00) sponsorships purchase, in addition to the vendor package, advertisement space in the official Summit program booklet.
  - iii. Gold (\$250.00) sponsorships purchase, in addition to the vendor package and advertisement space in the official Summit program booklet, a title sponsor of a Summit room or event.
- B. Steve Balagna made a motion to approve a sponsorship of \$250, which was seconded by Isaac Slutsky and approved by the Council. Isaac Slutsky volunteered to talk to Hope Shovein about table coverage.

## **VI. Adjourn**

- A. The meeting was adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

## Attachment to Minutes

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Ronald Nixon <[ron.nixon@kkue.com](mailto:ron.nixon@kkue.com)>  
**Date:** March 21, 2014 at 3:09:41 PM EDT  
**To:** Susanna Brennan <[susanna\\_brennan@yahoo.com](mailto:susanna_brennan@yahoo.com)>  
**Subject:** FW: Seminar Planning and St John's Contract

Susanna,

I attach Nathan's written vote for the minutes. Thanks!

Ron

**From:** Steed, Nathan [<mailto:nsteed@wnj.com>]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 21, 2014 1:08 PM  
**To:** Ronald Nixon  
**Subject:** Re: Seminar Planning and St John's Contract

Ron,

I have received the notice and reviewed the proposed contract and vote that we sign it.

Nathan Steed

On Mar 19, 2014, at 11:25, Ronald Nixon <[ron.nixon@kkue.com](mailto:ron.nixon@kkue.com)> wrote:

Voting Council Members,

We still have the outstanding matter of discussing and signing the St. John's contract, which is due Monday, and I need to call a Special Meeting.

I have attached the contract again for your review and comment. Please respond to me today your availability on Thursday or Friday and I will set up the call. I am not available from 2-3pm Thursday, but any other time is fine for me. I do not believe this will be a long call.

We need a quorum to authorize me to sign it or I cannot. I would be willing to take a vote by email, but I am not sure our section's by-laws permit proxy votes:

**SECTION 6. DEFINITION OF "ATTENDANCE."** For all purposes under these bylaws, "attendance" shall be deemed to include physical (in person) attendance, or attendance by such telephonic, electronic, videoconference, or other means of interactive communication as the Section or the Council may make available. The Section and the Council will use reasonable efforts to make attendance possible by telephonic, electronic, videoconference, or other means of interactive communication for members wishing to attend any meeting by telephone, electronic, videoconference, or other means of interactive communication.

**SECTION 7. QUORUM.** Attendance by the majority of voting members of the Council constitutes a quorum for both regular and special meetings of the Council.

If you absolutely cannot attend, please reply to the council with your comments and vote, and your opinion on whether this permits proxy votes.

Thank you,

Ron

Chair, IT Law Section

Ronald S. Nixon

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