

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

**Meeting Date**

May 1, 2014 at 6:00 PM

**Telephone Conference Information**

1-866-434-5269, Passcode 9226568#

**I. Networking**

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

A. Council Members Present:

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

B. Council Members Excused: None

C. Council Members Absent: Dalpreet Singh Saluja, Clara Seymour, Nate Steed, Brian Hall, Daniel Henry, David Syrowik

D. Section Members Present: Charlie Bieneman

E. A quorum of Council members was confirmed, and the meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

**II. Reading and approval of the last council meeting minutes (February 13, 2014 and March 21, 2014) – Susanna Brennan, Secretary**

A. Steve Balagna moved to approve both meeting minutes, which was seconded by Jeanne Whalen and approved by the Council.

**III. Treasurer's Report - Christopher Mourad, Treasurer**

A. Christopher Mourad presented the Treasurer's Report and Proposed Budget for 2013-2014.

B. Ron Nixon spoke with the State Bar, and our section's balance is in line with other sections.

**IV. Committee Reports**

A. Seminar 2014

i. Ron Nixon has signed the contract with Inn at St Johns.

ii. Printing and Marketing State Bar. Steve Balagna went through a list of marketing and registration expenses through the State Bar. Overall cost is around \$2,000 with marketing just to our Section. This doesn't include a simulcast or ability to view a recording of the meeting

afterwards. Advertising to other Sections is also critical – Business, IP, and Litigation – and would involve additional costs.

- iii. Discussion regarding partnering with the International Law Section and possibly sharing our seminar, or half of it, with their section. Concerns were expressed regarding having another section present at our signature event. Charlie Bieneman suggested partnering with them at one of their quarterly meetings. Ron Nixon will express our regrets to the International Law Section and discuss partnering in the future. Charge to students \$20, free if they join the Section. Charge to Section Members \$75, charge to non-Section Members \$125.
- iv. A budget for the seminar was discussed. Ron Nixon explained that if 75 people attended the Seminar, the facilities expense would be about \$7,500. Steve Balagna requested a budgeted amount of about \$5,000 for marketing and other expenses related to the seminars. Obtaining sponsors was also discussed to reduce the costs. Isaac Slutsky and Mike Gallo objected to approving a budget without an itemized list of estimated expenses. Ron Nixon pointed out that this was our first seminar, and we needed a flexible budget because there were going to be unanticipated costs.
- v. The decision was made to approve a total seminar budget of \$13,000, with all expenses to be reviewed for approval by the Chair or Treasurer, and with a preliminary estimate of expenses presented to the Council within 30 days of this meeting. If additional funds beyond the budget are needed, Council approval will be obtained with an itemized list of expenses to be provided to the Council prior to the vote being taken.
- vi. A motion was made by Steve Balagna, seconded by Chris Mourad, and passed unanimously.
- vii. Charlie Bieneman noted that Ward Clausen and Susan Kornfield would probably be very willing to present new topics at the seminar. Other speakers were discussed. Ron Nixon would like to schedule calls with the Committee to discuss speakers and topics and solidify the program in the next two or three weeks.

B. Newsletters/Social Media – Michael Gallo

- i. If anyone has any submissions for the next issue, please send to Michael in the next week. If your submission will be late, send Michael an email to let him know.

C. Privacy Law Committee – Bob Rothman and Keith Cheresko

- i. Next meeting is on June 5 at Jaffe Raitt.

**V. New Business**

A. Sponsorship Materials / Attending the YLS Summit - Isaac Slutsky / Hope Shovein

- i. Isaac is still planning on attending and will bring some marketing materials.

C. Spring/Summer Networking Event – Ron Nixon

- i. The Council will pass on holding this event this year. Past events have not been well attended.

C. Nominating Committee – Ron Nixon

- i. Isaac Slutsky, Bob Rothman volunteered to be on the committee.
- ii. There are some Council members whose terms are expiring this year who should be contacted about renewing: Isaac Slutsky, Jeanne Maloney, and Daniel Henry.
- iii. We need at least 2 more council members. We need to know who will be nominated by August 15, 2014.

D. New business from the floor

**VI. Adjourn**

- A. Motion to adjourn was made and seconded and approved by the Council at 7:33 pm.