

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

Meeting Date

November 29, 2012 at 6:00 PM

Meeting Location

Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn LLP
39400 Woodward Avenue
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304

Telephone Conference Information

1-866-502-8312, Passcode 374096#

I. Food and networking

II. Call to Order – Karl Hochkammer, Chair

- A. Council Members Present: Karl A. Hochkammer, Michael Gallo, Susanna C. Brennan, William J. Lamping, Jr., Jeanne Marie Moloney, Isaac T. Slutsky, Tatiana Melnik, William Cosnowski Jr., Carla Perrotta, Ronald S. Nixon.
- B. Council Members Excused: Steven Balagna, Dalpreet Saluja, and Christopher Mourad.
- C. Council Members Absent: Jeanne M. Dunk, Claudia Rast, Brian A. Hall, Daniel John Henry, and Nilay Sharad.
- D. Section Members Present: Charles A. Bieneman, David Syrowik
- E. The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:18 p.m.

III. Reading and approval of meeting minutes from August 23, 2012 and September 27, 2012, Council – Michael Gallo, Secretary

- A. Ron Nixon moved to approve the September 27, 2012 Council Meeting minutes, which was seconded and approved
- B. William Lamping moved to approve the August 23, 2012 Council Meeting minutes, which was seconded and approved

IV. Treasurer's Report and Proposal of 2012-2013 Budget – Bill Lamping, Treasurer

- A. The proposed budget for 2012-2013 was presented, and is roughly equivalent to the Section's 2011-2012 budget. The 2012-2013 budget includes:
 - 1. An estimated net loss of \$2,000 for the 2013 ICLE Seminar
 - 2. An estimated total net income of \$560 for the fiscal year
- B. The unaudited Treasurer Report for 2011-2012 includes:
 - 1. A net loss of \$1,722.99 for the 2012 ICLE Seminar

2. A total net income of \$1,465.49 for the fiscal year
3. A total fund balance of \$40,180.38 as of September 30, 2012

V. Committee Reports

A. 2012 ICLE Seminar/Annual Meeting – Karl Hochkammer

1. There was a mix of review on the 2012 ICLE Seminar, but overall the seminar feedback indicates the event was well received. Attendance was down from the previous year, but that serves as a challenge for outreach to a larger population.
2. A programming committee to support efforts for the 2013 ICLE Seminar, Section Meeting presentations, and the Spring Networking Event, will include Mark Malven, Ron Nixon (2013 Seminar Moderator), Karl Hochkammer, Charlie Bieneman and William Cosnowski.
3. Mr. Hochkammer will reach out to the Section membership for volunteers to participate as committee members, speakers, sponsors, etc., for the 2013 Seminar.

B. Newsletters – Michael Gallo

1. If anyone is interested in participating in publishing, editing or writing for the Section's publication, *The Michigan IT Lawyer*, volunteers are always welcome.
2. A more concerted effort will be made to improve the use of the Section's social media sites such as LinkedIn and Facebook.

C. Writing Award – Dave Syrowik

1. Dave Syrowik agreed to continue chairing this effort for 2012-2013.
2. Michael Gallo will send a copy of the writing award notice to Carla Perrotta and William Cosnowski for distribution to Michigan Law Schools.

D. Proprietary Rights – Dave Syrowik

1. Proprietary Rights is no longer a standing committee

E. By-Law Amendments

1. Candace Crowley notified Charles Bieneman that the Section's amended bylaws were approved by the State Bar of Michigan's Board of Commissioners at a November 16, 2012 meeting, causing the bylaws to be effective. The bylaws were to be posted on the IT Law Section's web site November 2012.
2. Going forward, a link to the Section's bylaws will be included in the *Michigan IT Lawyer*, near the entry for the Section's Mission Statement.

VI. New Business

A. Meeting Schedule for 2012-2013

1. At least three regular Council meetings should be scheduled for 2012-2013. If a speaker and topic is included, a much larger attendance is likely.
 2. The Chair will identify future meeting dates. Possibilities for 2012-2013 meeting dates include: November 2012, January to March 2013, March to June 2013, and the September 2013 Annual Meeting
 3. When posting the schedule for Council meetings, a meeting invitation should also be sent to Section members.
- B. Approval of Execution of State Bar's Diversity and Inclusion Pledge
1. The State Bar of Michigan has requested participation in the State Bar's Diversity and Inclusion Pledge.
 2. William Cosinski moved to approve that the Section Chair acknowledge the Section's support for the State Bar's Diversity and Inclusion Pledge on the State Bar of Michigan web site.
- C. Discuss Possible New Committees / Initiatives for 2012-2013
1. Strategic Planning - Karl Hochkammer will contact Ann Vroomman, Director of Research and Development for the State Bar of Michigan (avrooman@mail.michbar.org, 517-346-6410) to talk to the Council regarding strategic planning for the Section.
 2. Relationships with other Sections or groups that hold successful events – If any Section member knows of an effort which can be jointly sponsored, that would be considered by the Section. Karl Hochkammer plans to outreach to other Sections who might have an interest in co-sponsoring an event.
 3. Facilitating recruitment / job search activities – The Council supports use of the Section's LinkedIn site for recruitment and job posting and job search efforts.
- D. Business from the Floor
1. Susanna Brennan presented information about the Automotive Technology Summit on December 6. The information can be posted on the LinkedIn site.
 2. William Lamping presented interest in the legal issues related to vehicle technologies that may impact organizations or individuals changing face of vehicle development (technology user interface, heads-up displays, telematics, safety technology, adaptive cruise control, infotainment, self-driving vehicles, etc.).

VII. Adjourn

- A. Motion to adjourn was made, seconded and approved at approximately 8 pm.