

STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN SECTION MINUTES

Instructions: Please report to the Bar office five business days from the Council meeting date.

Section: *WORKERS' COMPENSATION*

Date and Time of Meeting: *12-7-12 12:00 P.M. (FOLLOWING WINTER SEMINAR)*

Location of Meeting: *INN AT ST. JOHN'S PLYMOUTH, MI.*

Attendance:

Member	Present	Absent	Excused
Teresa L. Martin, Chairperson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Charles W. Palmer, Vice Chairperson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
J. William Housefield, Jr., Secretary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Christopher J. Rabideau, Treasurer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dennis P. Flynn, Grand Rapids	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mark Mouhsin Sesi, Mount Clemens	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kevin P. Kales, Royal Oak	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Matthew R. Conklin, St. Joseph	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Timothy J. Esper, Detroit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ella S. Parker, Grand Rapids	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Phillip Frame, Lansing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kristin Alana Lusn, Royal Oak	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Andrea Hamm, Detroit	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Agenda:

Please check the left-hand box if the item has an addendum or attachments, for example a listing of additional information, exhibits, schedules, and/or reports.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Item: <i>DR ILKA'S FEE. 750.00</i> Action Taken: <i>PASSED</i>
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Next Meeting: *2-1-13 @ 9:00 A.M. DIMONDALE/DETROIT*

Date and Time:

Location:

Submitted by: *J. WILLIAM HOUSEFIELD JR P-30815*

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Minutes of WC Section Council Meeting - December 7, 2012

Members Present: Martin, Palmer, Housefield, Rabideau, Flynn, Conklin, Parker, Frame.
Guest: Jack Nolish.

1. Teresa Martin called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.
2. **Secretary's report:** Bill Housefield submitted the minutes of the November 2, 2012 Council meeting. It was noted that since distribution of the proposed minutes, it was pointed out that Dr. Ikea is spelled Ilka. In addition, an electronic vote was taken following the November 2, 2012 meeting, and by a recorded vote of ten to zero, it was agreed that Dr. Ilka's fee for speaking, lodging, and traveling would be increased to \$650.00. Subsequent to that vote, another itemization was submitted by Dr. Ilka that was tabled until the December 7, 2012 meeting. At the December 7, 2012 meeting, Dr. Ilka's fee of \$500.00 for speaking; \$150.00 for lodging, and \$100.00 for travel for a total of \$750.00 was discussed. Following discussion and motion to approve payment of \$750.00 to Dr. Ilka, the motion passed. Following discussion and motion to accept the minutes as submitted, the motion passed.
3. **Treasurer's report:** Chris Rabideau stated that he had not received any updated financials from the State Bar, who were somewhat late in getting financials distributed to the various Sections. He did, however, furnish us with a preliminary report from the State Bar of Michigan ending October 31, 2012 reflecting an ending fund balance of \$84,016.96. Following discussion a motion to accept the treasurer's report as submitted, the motion passed.
4. **Annual meeting:** Ella Parker reported continued progress in scheduling the Summer meeting at Boyne Highlands. She indicated that the meeting would take place June 20, 2013 to June 22, 2013. She hopes to have information concerning the dates, accommodations, etc., in the upcoming newsletter. She mentioned some problems with early check-in and was attempting to secure early check-in for Council members on Thursday, since they are responsible for holding a meeting that day prior to the cocktail party and dinner. A discussion was held as to whether the Section should look at meeting Friday, Saturday, Sunday as opposed to Thursday, Friday, Saturday. That issue was tabled for further discussion.

The topic of speakers was then discussed. Someone recommended an I-pad presentation, and Matt and Ella indicated they would look into this possibility. Someone also suggested Professor Larry Langton, the history professor that spoke at the 100th anniversary celebration. Those that attended the celebration commented on how interesting Mr. Langton was as a speaker. It was decided that

he would be approached about the possibility of coming up and speaking to the Section on Friday, the 21st. Ella pointed out that we cannot, or do not, usually offer speaker fees, but we do offer room accommodations.

5. **Hall of Fame:** A general discussion was held about the committee makeup for selecting potential members for induction into the Hall of Fame. Current members on the Council that had served more than four years could not recall any specific rules or guidelines as to selection of committee members. Past committee members usually consisted of past chairpersons and representatives from the East side of the state and the West side of the state. It was felt that representation on the committee should be equally balanced and that the committee should report to the Council in a timely fashion relative to members that were to be nominated. Following additional discussion, a motion that for the foreseeable future, the Hall of Fame Committee should consist of four members. Those members should be the immediate two past chairpersons as well as the current chair and the current vice-chair. Should anyone of the members be unable or refuse to serve, the Council shall appoint a replacement. The motion was passed unanimously by those members present.

6. **New Business:**

Proposal to amend Section 6 of the bylaws: Chuck Palmer submitted a proposed amendment to Section 6 of the current bylaws. He stated that he had reviewed most other Sections providing for electronic or e-mail voting and made a recommendation based on the language contained within those other Sections. A discussion was held as to the requirements for notice to the Section, notice to the State Bar, publication, and voting at the annual meeting. A general consensus could not be reached as to the exact requirements. A motion to table the issue until further clarification could be obtained was passed.

A motion to reimburse Secretary Housefield for lunch in the amount of \$151.52 was passed unanimously.

Thereafter, the meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
J. William Housefield, Jr.
WC Section Council Secretary