

**MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 18, 2008 GENERAL PRACTICE SECTION**  
**COUNCIL MEETING**

**PRESENT:** Clark Davis, Chris Carlson, Bill Cataldo, Maury Klein, and Elizabeth A. Silverman, Bill Roy, Richard White, Fred Sackllah and Shel Stark

**ABSENT: Excused:** Lynn Carlino

I. Minutes of Prior Meeting:

The minutes of the November meeting of the General Practice Section had not yet been reviewed by the council and the matter was passed. The Secretary will email copies of the minutes to all council members.

II. Chair's Report:

A. Upcoming meetings

The Chair has made arrangements for a member of the Armenian American Bar Association to speak to the council at the January meeting. A representative from the Women's Lawyer's Association will speak at the February meeting.

B. Section Name Change

Fred Sackllah researched the requirements to effectuate the council's decision to change the name of the Section to "General Practice-Solo and Small Firm Section." A petition was circulated and signed at the meeting. The Chair will submit the petition to the State Bar Association in Lansing for publication in the Michigan Bar Journal.

C. Real Estate Broker's License for Attorneys

Fred Sackllah reported that his research revealed that an attorney is authorized to perform all of the functions of a realtor such as preparing a Purchase Agreement, performing a title search, and preparing closing documentation. Attorneys are not yet allowed to list real estate for sale or obtain a purchaser for real estate and receive a real estate commission. Mr. Sackllah reported that he would continue his research.

D. The Music Man.

The Chair is involved in the production and performance of the The Music Man on February 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, and 15<sup>th</sup>. Section members who are interested in attending should contact the Chair prior to January 15, 2009 if interested in complimentary tickets. The production will take place at Lakeland High School, 1630 Bogie Lake Road, White Lake, MI (3 miles south of M-59)

III. Treasurer's Report-

Chris Carlson reported that as of the end of October the section had funds of \$20,000.69. As of the end of November, the section had funds of \$26,944.84.

IV. Newsletter Report-

The current newsletter was circulated among the council members. The newsletter will publish the names of the 2 individuals who were chosen to be recipients of the ICLE Membership's which were awarded in conjunction with attendance at the September 2008 Solo and Small Firm Conference. Robert Constan of Dearborn Heights and Larry T. Dressel of Waterford were randomly chosen to be the recipients of the ICLE Membership drawing.

## V. Guests-

Shel Stark was present as representative for ICLE to discuss with the council whether there would be a contribution to the 2009 Annual Meeting and Solo Practice workshops. After discussion it was agreed that our Chair, Clark Davis, will contact the State Bar representative seeking to obtain a discount for General Practice members who attend the 2009 seminar. A motion was made and unanimously passed to donate \$3,000.00 to defray the cost of the seminar at this point. Clark Davis will request that Max Hoffman attend the next General Practice council meeting in January to speak with the council regarding benefits to be obtained by the General Practice members for their continuing support of this seminar.

## VI. New Business

There have been a discrepancy in the notices circulated to the council members regarding the time of the council meetings. This has resulted in some council members arriving at the meeting at differing times. An informal poll was conducted and it was determined that it would be most convenient for the majority of the members for council meetings to begin at 6:00 p.m., rather than 6:30 p.m., as was the prior custom.

## VI.

There being no further business brought before the council, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of the General Practice Section council will be held on Thursday, January 15, 2009, at 6:00 pm., at the Sea Grille.