

GENERAL PRACTICE - SOLO AND SMALL FIRM SECTION
STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN

Minutes of the Annual Meeting
September 18, 2014

Meeting called to Order at 9:40 a.m. by the Chair, Tanisha Davis.

Present: Council Members: Tanisha Davis, Chair; Michael A. Gunderson, Vice Chair; Mary Ericson; Treasurer, Maury Klein, Editor; Leslie Hoenig; Elizabeth Silverman and John Holmquist.

Section Members: Odey Meroueh, Lillian Hughes, Legal Assistant for J.R. Hughes, Hon. Edward Sosnick (retired), William Roy and Tom Rombach.

1. Call to Order

2. Acknowledgment of Section Members and call for new members:

A motion was made and unanimously passed to re-elect John Holmquist and Elizabeth Silverman as Council Members whose terms shall expire September 2017.

3. Treasurers Report.

Mary Ericson, Treasurer, indicated that we had additional revenue of \$6,285.00 from the seminars that we organized. As of August 31, 2014, we had an ending fund balance of \$20,208.76.

4. Call for Election of Council Members and Vacancies

It was proposed that the new Officers of the Section be:

Mike Gunderson-Chair
Mary Ericson-Vice Chair
Tanisha Davis-Secretary
Leslie Hoenig-Treasurer

The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the proposed new executive officers of the Section.

Odey Meroueh asked to be considered for the open Council position. A motion was made, seconded, and the membership unanimously voted to confirm Odey Meroueh as a new Council Member.

5. Mary Ericson presented to the Council and membership the status of the Bylaw changes to change the Section name to Solo and Small Firm Section and to allow Council to appear by phone for council meetings. A motion was made and seconded to adopt the recommendation to change the name of the section to Solo and Small Firm Section and further to amend the By-laws

to allow Council members to appear by phone. The motion was made, seconded by Michael Gunderson and passed unanimously.

6. The new Chair, Michael Gunderson, presented the Outstanding Achievement Award for Lifetime Achievement to William Roy and Edward Sosnick. Tom Rombach, the newly elected State Bar President, assisted in presenting the awards and congratulating the recipients.

7. Michael Gunderson made a motion to continue the Newsletter upon the same terms and conditions that we have done in the past seconded by Leslie Hoenig which was approved unanimously. Mr. Klein abstained from the vote.

8. Incoming President's Report-Mike Gunderson reported that he would like to establish a mutual mentorship between the Senior Lawyers, Solo and Small Firm Section and the Law School graduates and younger lawyers wherein the senior lawyers could provide expertise regarding substantive law information about specific judges, court, and procedures in exchange for young lawyers providing information and advice regarding technology, blogging, marketing and research. Mr. Gunderson indicated that he will explore the possibilities and opportunities to forward this agenda in the upcoming year.

End of meeting. The Section joined the Criminal Law Section Program we co-sponsored: "Drunk & Drugged Driving in Michigan". The program was moderated by Opollo Brown, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Wayne County Prosecutor's Office. Speakers were Kenneth Stecker, Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor, Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan and Michael Nichols, The Nichols Law Firm.

Next Council meeting will be Thursday, October 16, 2014

Minutes prepared by Elizabeth Silverman