

STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN
BUSINESS LAW SECTION
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

September 25, 2008

The Annual Meeting of the Business Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan was held at the Sheraton Detroit Novi in Novi, Michigan on September 25, 2008, pursuant to notice duly given.

1. Call to Order and Determination of Quorum. Section Chairperson, Michael Khoury, called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m. and determined with the other officers present that a quorum existed.

2. Approval of Minutes of September 20, 2007 Annual Meeting. Mr. Khoury called for a motion to approve the Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on September 20, 2007. Pursuant to motion duly made and seconded, the Minutes were approved.

3. Treasurer's Report. Robert Wilson indicated that a written report of the Treasurer had been prepared. He stated that the Section is financially sound and asked that anyone with expenses turn them in as soon as possible as the fiscal year end is September 30, 2008.

4. Chairperson's Report. Mr. Khoury reported that the year had been very busy. He stated that the Small Business Forum is successful and very popular. He reported that the Michigan Supreme Court asked the Section twice for input on Supreme Court cases during the past year. The Business Law Institute event moved to Dearborn this past summer to see if Southeast Michigan would attract additional attendees. The Institute will be held in Grand Rapids next year. The Institute is substantively excellent and is put on with the assistance of ICLE. There have been several leadership transitions: Jerry Schwartz has taken over the Regulation of Securities Committee and Richard McDonald will take over as Publications Director. Mr. Khoury stated that the *Business Law Journal's* publication used to be irregular. However, with Bob Wilson as Publications Director for the last eight years, the *Journal* has been published on a regular basis and the quality has gotten dramatically better. Mr. Khoury thanked Mr. Wilson for his great work and service to the Section.

With respect to his initiatives, Mr. Khoury reported the following:

A. The e-newsletter has been successful and is being distributed as regularly as possible at the beginning of each month. The Section is always looking for interesting articles. The template from our e-newsletter has been copied by several sections.

B. The Section has continued its outreach efforts. A joint event took place with the D. Augustus Straker Bar Association, Young Lawyers Section, and the Hispanic Bar Association.

C. A professional writer has been identified to write the Section history. General funds from the Section will not be used for this project and we are currently looking for sponsors for the project.

5. Chairperson's Resignation. Mr. Khoury tendered his resignation as Section Chairperson and introduced Diane Akers, the new Section Chairperson, and presented her with a gavel to begin her term as Section Chairperson.

6. Presentation to Outgoing Chairperson. Ms. Akers thanked Mr. Khoury for his leadership and work as Section Chairperson. Mr. Khoury was presented with a plaque and gift from the Section as tokens of appreciation.

7. Nominations of Council Members. The following persons were presented for nomination as council members by Jeffrey S. Ammon:

a. Christopher Maeso, Edwin Lukas, Judith Greenstone Miller, Douglas Toering, and Robert Wilson were nominated to serve a new term to end in 2011. Marguerite Donahue was nominated to serve the remaining two years of a term to end in 2010. Richard McDonald was nominated to serve the remaining one year of a term to end in 2009.

8. Election of New Council Members. Pursuant to a motion duly made and seconded, the nominations of the Council Members, as stated above in Item 7, were unanimously approved.

9. Other Business and Announcements. Mr. Ammon thanked Michael Kennedy, Patrick Mears and Michael Khoury for their service to the Section.

10. Meeting Adjournment. There being no further business to come before this meeting of the Business Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan, upon a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

By: _____
Dee Dee Fuller, Secretary