

STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN
BUSINESS LAW SECTION
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

September 24, 2009

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 24, 2009, pursuant to notice duly given.

1. Call to Order and Determination of Quorum. Section Chairperson, Diane Akers, called the meeting to order at approximately 4:20 p.m. and determined with the other officers present that a quorum existed.

2. Approval of Minutes of September 25, 2008 Annual Meeting. Ms. Akers called for a motion to approve the Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on September 25, 2008. Pursuant to motion duly made and seconded, the Minutes were approved.

3. Treasurer's Report. Ed Lukas indicated that a written report of the Treasurer had been prepared. He stated that the Section's finances are sound. He reported that the fiscal year ends on September 30, 2009 and asked that all reimbursements for 2008-2009 be submitted to him as soon as possible, but no later than the first few days in November.

4. Chairperson's Report. Ms. Akers thanked everyone involved in the Section for their efforts.

Ms. Akers stated that during her tenure, she created the Section's Ad Hoc Committee on Climate Change and Sustainability. The Committee presented a program on climate change on Earth Day in April of 2009. The program was well-attended and received positive feedback. The program will be an annual event co-sponsored with the Environmental Law Section. Ms. Akers will continue to Chair the Ad Hoc Committee and work on the Earth Day program.

Ms. Akers reported that the Environmental Law Section has proposed that a formal relationship be established between the Business Law Section Council and the Environmental Law Section Council. She stated that there are many commonalities between the two Sections and liaison relationships are proposed.

Ms. Akers expressed how impressed she is by the group of people involved with the Section. She stated that over the last year she has observed business lawyers making great contributions to business law without any fanfare.

Ms. Akers thanked Michael Khoury for his efforts in getting the e-newsletter off the group. Our Section's e-newsletter has become a model for other Sections. Jeff Van Winkle and Erica Bell will take over the production of the e-newsletter.

Ms. Akers stated that the Section is making better use of its website. She reminded members to forward information regarding upcoming events to Terri Shoop for posting on the website.

Ms. Akers commented that the Section's programs and publications are top notch and she received positive feedback and recognition from other Sections.

5. Chairperson's Resignation. Ms. Akers tendered her resignation as Section Chairperson and introduced Dee Dee Fuller, the new Section Chairperson, and presented her with a gavel to begin her term as Section Chairperson.

6. Presentation to Outgoing Chairperson. Ms. Fuller thanked Ms. Akers for her leadership and work as Section Chairperson. Ms. Akers 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 G. Ann Baker:

a. Jim Carey, Judy Calton, Rick McDonald, Cynthia Umphrey and Thomas Morris were nominated to serve a new term to end in 2012.

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. None.

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 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

By: _____
Robert Wilson, Secretary