

STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN
BUSINESS LAW SECTION
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
September 13, 2011

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 13, 2011, pursuant to notice duly given.

1. Call to Order and Determination of Quorum. Section Chairperson, Robert Wilson, called the meeting to order at approximately 5:10 p.m. and determined with the other officers present that a quorum existed.

2. Approval of Minutes of September 23, 2010 Annual Meeting. Mr. Wilson called for a motion to approve the Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on September 23, 2010. Pursuant to motion duly made and seconded, the Minutes were approved.

3. Proposal for Amendment and Restatement of Section Bylaws. An Ad Hoc Committee of the Section, made up of Ann Baker, Marguerite Donahue, Dee Dee Fuller and Robert Wilson, reviewed and revised the Bylaws of the Section. The Council approved the Amended and Restated Bylaws at the Council meeting held on May 6, 2011. The Bylaws were presented to the membership for approval. A motion was made to approve the Amended and Restated Bylaws, a copy of which are attached to these Minutes. Pursuant to motion duly made and seconded, the Amended and Restated Bylaws were approved.

4. Treasurer's Report. A written report of the Treasurer is attached to these Minutes. Jeff Van Winkle stated that the Section's finances through July are healthy and that we remain within budget. Mr. Van Winkle reported that the fiscal year ends on September 30, 2011 and asked that all reimbursements and expenses for the 2010-2011 fiscal year be submitted to him as soon as possible. Mr. Van Winkle also advised the Chairs and Directors that they will be asked to prepare a budget request for the December Council meeting.

5. Chairperson's Report. Mr. Wilson thanked everyone involved in the Section for their efforts.

Ms. Wilson stated that one of his goals during his tenure was the review and update of the Bylaws. Mr. Wilson thanked the member of the Bylaws Committee for their hard work over the past year.

Mr. Wilson reported on his goal of considering what the Section can work to improve the business climate in Michigan. Mr. Wilson reported that the Section will continue to work on this matter. He thanked Doug Toering for his efforts on this issue over the past year and stated that Mr. Toering will address this matter further during the Council meeting.

6. Chairperson's Resignation. Mr. Wilson tendered his resignation as Section Chairperson and introduced Edwin Lukas, the new Section Chairperson, and presented him with a gavel to begin his term as Section Chairperson.

7. Presentation to Outgoing Chairperson. Mr. Lukas thanked Mr. Wilson for his leadership and work as Section Chairperson. Mr. Wilson was presented with a plaque from the Section. Mr. Lukas indicated that each year the Section presents the outgoing Chair with a gift as a token of appreciation. Mr. Wilson has asked that a donation be made to Access to Justice in lieu of receiving a gift. The Section will make a donation to Access to Justice in the amount of \$400 in Mr. Wilson's name.

8. Nominations of Council Members. The following persons were presented for nomination as council members by G. Ann Baker to serve three year terms until the September 2014 Section Annual Meeting:

Christopher Maeso; Edwin Lukas; Matthew Allen; Douglas Toering; and Jennifer Powell.

The following person was presented for nomination as a council member by G. Ann Baker to serve a one-year term (vacancy created by Cynthia Umphrey) until the September 2012 Section Annual Meeting:

Julia Dale.

9. Election of New Council Members. Pursuant to a motion duly made and seconded, the nominations of the Council Members, as stated above in Item No. 8, were unanimously approved.

10. Other Business and Announcements. None.

11. 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 5:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

By: Marguerite Donahue
Marguerite Donahue, Secretary