

STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN
BUSINESS LAW SECTION
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

September 20, 2012

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 20, 2012, pursuant to notice duly given.

1. Call to Order and Determination of Quorum. Section Chairperson, Edwin Lukas, called the meeting to order at approximately 5:11 p.m. and determined with the other officers present that a quorum existed.

2. Approval of Minutes of September 13, 2011 Annual Meeting. Mr. Lukas called for a motion to approve the Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on September 13, 2011. Pursuant to motion duly made and seconded, the Minutes were approved.

3. Treasurer's Report. A written report of the Treasurer is attached to these Minutes. James Carey reported that the fiscal year ends on September 30, 2012 and asked that all reimbursements and expenses for the 2011-2012 fiscal year be submitted to him as soon as possible. Mr. Carey also advised the Chairs and Directors that they will be asked to prepare a budget request for the December Council meeting. Budget requests should be sent to Mr. Carey in advance of the December meeting.

4. Chairperson's Report. Mr. Lukas thanked his fellow officers, committee Chairs and Directors for their efforts. Mr. Lukas reported on the events of the Section over past year. Mr. Lukas discussed the significant role the Section and specifically Diane Akers, has played in getting the Business Courts legislation passed. Mr. Lukas spoke to Section members about how the Section has adapted to changing times with social media and online tools. He outlined the many educational tools the Section provides to its members, including the *Michigan Business Law Journal*, the Business Law Institute, Business Boot Camp, and the Small Business Forum seminars.

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

6. Presentation to Outgoing Chairperson. Ms. Donahue thanked Mr. Lukas for his leadership and work as Section Chairperson. Mr. Lukas was presented with a plaque and gift from the Section.

7. 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 2015 Section Annual Meeting:

James Carey, Richard McDonald, Thomas Morris, Julia Dale and Mark Peters.

The following person was presented for nomination as a council member by G. Ann Baker to serve a two year term (vacancy created by Edwin Lukas) until the September 2014 Section Annual Meeting:

Roger Mali

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 No. 8, 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 5:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

By: 
James Carey, Secretary