

MINUTES

Meeting: State Bar of Michigan – Health Care Law Section Council

Date: August 14, 2019

Chair: Louis Szura

Members Present:

Reesa Benkoff	P	Christian Schafer	P
Jeremy Brieve	A	Jeff Schroder	P
Martha Boonstra	P	Sheerin Siddique	P
Mercedes Dordeski	P	Patricia Stamler	P
Becky Glitman	P	Nicole Stratton	P
Matthew Keuten	E	Louis Szura	P
Andrea Lee	P	Dustin Wachler	P
Laura Napiewocki	P	Deborah Williamson	P
Leslie Rojas	E	Rose Willis	P

Agenda Item	Discussion
Call to Order (Louis Szura)	Louis called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.
Roll Call (Louis Szura and Susan Stokes)	See above.
Conflict of Interest Disclosures (Louis Szura)	None.
Review and Approval of Minutes from July 11, 2019 (Sheerin Siddique)	The July 11, 2019 Minutes were approved as submitted.
Treasurer's Report (Nicole Stratton)	<p>For May, the Section had Income of \$90 from membership dues. There was an expense of \$1,644.98 for the ICLE reception, student scholarships, and travel. There was also an administrative services expense for \$975 and a Log Me In conference call service charge of \$263.73. Leaving an Ending Fund Balance of \$63,905.61 which was above last year at this time when the Ending Fund Balance was \$63,250.28. Membership for May was down 84 members over the year before.</p> <p>For June, the Section had Income of \$90 for membership dues. For expenses, there was an administrative services charge for \$750, a Detroit Athletic Club payment for \$2,750, and a Log Me In conference call service charge of \$238.14, and \$1,579.36 for leadership training for Mercedes. Total Ending Fund Balance was \$58,678.11 which was down from \$59,381.58, at this same time in 2018. Total membership for June is 897 which is down by 82 members from 2018. Nicole discussed that there is a graphic at the bottom of the Membership Update PDF file and it gives reasons for fluctuations during the year. In May and June new admits are added.</p> <p>There was an issue with a broken link so members were not able to join section online. Action Item: Susan will send an email to Heather Anderson at the SBM to get an update on when this will be fixed.</p>
Committee Reports	
Legislative Committee Report (Jeff Schroder)	<p>Jeff discussed that the Legislative Update speaker is now not able to attend the Annual Meeting because they having meetings that day in Lansing that could run late. Therefore, Jeff contacted Steven Bieda who was appointed by Governor Gretchen Whitmer to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. He was the former Assistant Democratic Floor Leader in the Michigan State Senate and a former State Representative. Steven agreed to help find a speaker to give the Legislative Update; to speak on policy and can interact with the members. There are three people that Steven had in mind and he is working on contacting with each one and hoping to nail down a speaker in the next few weeks.</p> <p>Action Item: Susan will send out the Annual Meeting announcement again and</p>

	under Legislative Update will state that the speaker is TBD. Jeff acknowledged that Archana Rajendra from Health Alliance Plan was very helpful in contacting Representative Filler.
Substantive Law Committee Report (Susan Stokes reported for Rose Willis)	There were 5 webinars planned for the 2018-19 year, four of them took place and one was postponed until the fall. The proposed AKS Safe Harbor Changes and their Effect on Prescription Drug Rebates will take place sometime in October. The speakers will be Christopher Laney, Senior Associate General Counsel, Health Alliance Plan and Anthony Petitta, Vice President of Pharmacy Care Management, Health Alliance Plan. The speakers are working on getting the announcement information to Susan so she can send out an announcement in the fall.
Publications Committee Report (Becky Glitman)	<p>A) The group is working with the authors and the plan is to have the following publications this year:</p> <p>1) Licensure Investigation white paper is close to the final draft. There were many updates this summer and they are included in the paper so this paper will be very current.</p> <p>2) Payment Contracting Provider Appeals (McLaren/McLaren Health Plan) – the draft is out. The paper will be limited to subsidy issues and Medicaid appeal. No other paper on the website addresses these issues.</p> <p>3) Opioid prescribing in Michigan (new rules) – have not heard back from the authors yet regarding draft changes.</p> <p>B) The pandemic group is back on track. All three sections have been drafted. The committee needs to talk through the paper and finalize. The goal is to review the next draft in September.</p>
Pro Bono Committee Report (Susan reported for Matt)	Matt had set a date and confirmed all the speakers to speak on October 17 th at the Durfee Innovation Center in Detroit. MCR received a call from the Durfee Innovation Center that they had doubled booked on that day and asked that the workshop be moved to October 24. All the speakers were able to commit to October 24, so the Workshop is moving forward and MCR will be announcing the program to their members. There would not be any charge to attendees. The program will be in the afternoon most likely 1:30 - 5 p.m.
Fellow Committee Report (Martha Boonstra)	<p>Martha contacted the candidates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark Kopson (accepted) • Donna O'Connor (accepted, but is unable to attend the Annual Meeting) • Colleen McClorey (accepted) • Gail Pabarue (accepted) • Leslie Wizner (waiting for response from district US Attorney's office as to if they would allow her to accept.) <p>Tim Gutwald will be presenting the awards at the Annual Meeting.</p> <p>Susan has ordered the awards and they will be mailed to Tim Gutwald.</p>
New Lawyers and Law Student Committee Report (Dustin Wachler)	No Report. Dustin was at the Tigers Will Call waiting for the tickets for tonight's Networking event.
Membership Committee Report (Andrea Lee)	<p>The networking session at Bodman and the Tigers game is immediately following today's in-person board meeting. 30 people RSVP'd for the networking and game. Below is the schedule for the evening.</p> <p>5:30 - 6:30 Pregame event</p> <p>7:10 Game start at Comerica Park</p> <p>A pub crawl is being planned in Grand Rapids for the fall. There are no details at this time.</p> <p>The group is also working on putting together a panel of different level lawyers who can speak about their careers.</p>

	<p>Art Prize is also being planned for the fall.</p> <p>Discussion took place about other ideas for events instead of doing bars and sporting event. Some suggestions were as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Caribbean Night 2. Legislative Day – it was low attendance at the last event, but the content was excellent. 3. Meet & Greet 4. Ann Arbor as a possible location 5. What is the objective of these events? To keep the members engaged, entertained and educated. Something offered that is more substantive such as networking with a speaker, maybe breakfast and a speaker. 6. DIA – possible venue 7. Networking event in Lansing possibly paired with students from MSU. 8. Programs with Young Lawyers and Marijuana Law Section to help get our name out there. 9. Invite potential members to help bring in new people. Have a member bring a guest event. They could bring clients or colleagues. People are reluctant to attend events if they don't know anyone. Work on increasing awareness of the Section.
Old Business	
Annual Meeting Speaker for Legislative Update (Louis Szura)	Jeff Schroder discussed above during the Legislative Report.
New Business	
GoToWebinar Plans (Susan Stokes)	<p>Discussion took place about members being turned away from the webinars because the Section only has 100 seats. The Section usually sells out the seats, but never have 100 people attend the webinar. Normally 10% - 20% don't attend. The question came up as to what the price is of additional seat. The next level is 500 seats for \$2,388 per year; at this time the Section has 100 seats for \$1,068. There is no level between 100 and 500. Therefore, it was decided that Susan would oversell the seats by 10, to see if the Section would get closer to 100 people joining the webinars.</p>
Nomination Committee (Louis Szura)	<p>If you know of someone who would be a potential new Council member please contact Mercedes, Louis, or Susan, by next week. Terms are for two 3-year terms. The Council can also invite people back after they has termed off after one year. You gain a wealth of knowledge from those people.</p>
Michigan Coalition for Impartial Justice (Louis Szura)	<p>The Women Lawyers Association of Michigan is proposing an amendment to the Code of Judicial Conduct 2(F) to Prohibit Membership in Organizations that Practice Invidious Discrimination on the basis of race, sex, gender, religion, national origin, ethnicity or sexual orientation. Many states have adopted this amendment, but Michigan has not.</p> <p>Discussion took place about the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Who is the Women Lawyers Association of Michigan is? Do any of our members belong to this group? A few do belong to the group. 2. Need more specifics on what falls in and what falls out of what discrimination is according to their definition. 3. Is this an issue for the Health Care Law Section (HCLS) maybe more appropriate for the Litigation committee. This is a public issue and because of the group asking for a response by August 20th it really does not give the HCLS enough time to do appropriate research. <p><u>Action Item: Louis will respond to Donna MacKenzie that the HCLS can not turn around a decision in the time frame requested.</u></p>
Adjournment/Next Meeting (Louis Szura)	<p>Louis appreciated all the Council members getting onboard for the in-person session. It was nice to meet each other face-to-face. The meeting adjourned at 5:27 p.m. The next meeting/call is September 5, 2019 @ 4:30 p.m.</p>