

MINUTES

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

Date: April 2, 2020

Chair: Mercedes Dordeski

Members Present:

Reesa Benkoff	P	Christian Schafer	P
Aaron Beresh	P	Jeff Schroder	P
Martha Boonstra	A	Sheerin Siddique	P
Mercedes Dordeski	P	Colleen Simek	P
Becky Glitman	P	Patricia Stamler	P
Eric Klein	P	Nicole Stratton	P
Andrea Lee	P	Louis Szura	P
Kevin Miserez	P	Deborah Williamson	P
Laura Napiewocki	E	Rose Willis	P
Leslie Rojas	P		

Agenda Item	Discussion
Call to Order (Mercedes Dordeski)	Mercedes called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.
Roll Call (Mercedes Dordeski & Susan Stokes)	See above.
Conflict of Interest Disclosures (Mercedes Dordeski)	None.
Review and Approval of Minutes from March 5, 2020 (Rose Willis)	The March 5, 2020 Minutes were approved as submitted.
Treasurer's Report (Nicole Stratton)	For the month ending February 29, 2020 there was \$100 received from dues. There were 3 expenses as follows, \$2,450.28 for the Pistons game for member outreach activity for the food and beverages and the extra tickets, plus \$354.17 for teleconference calls and administrative time. Therefore, the Section has net Income of (3,932.45) for the month and an Ending Fund Balance of \$74,288.50 which is up \$2,671.93 from 2019's Ending Fund Balance.
HCLS Resources on COVID-19 Pandemic (Mercedes Dordeski)	The State Bar is looking for attorneys to be on a COVID-19 pandemic round table. They are looking for employment law, health care law, and family law attorneys. They are looking for a unified group to reach out and provide rapid response to questions in order to help other attorneys respond to their clients. Each section in the State Bar was asked to participate. They are asking for a point person that would answer questions and be available 24/7 in hopes to answer questions in minutes. Louis agreed to help, but would not have the potential to be available 24/7. Discussion took place as to how many people are asking questions and what type of questions are being asked. Would there be conflict issues. The Section has updated a Pandemic page on the website and could post answers to questions that impact a large number of people on the webpage or resources that attorneys could use. A blog roll could also be developed from other firms such as Dykema or Honigman. Permission would need to be granted to link to their content. Action Items: 1) Contact SBM to get future guidance, 2) the HCLS is open to having their list serve open, 3) get structure for the point person, 4) need permissions for blog links in writing for the pandemic law page.
Committee Reports	
Legislative Committee Report (Mercedes reported for Jeff)	There has been a flurry of activity and many Executive orders. The Legislative Day event is on hold because of the "stay at home" orders. The group was thinking about switching to a tele-town hall format to focus on issues related to COVID-19. This would either be a Zoom or webinar format instead of in person. The goal is to get 2 Legislatures, 1 Democrat and 1 Republican. The Council agreed this would be a good idea. The Section

	is able to accommodate up to 100 attendees on the HCLS webinar platform. Jeff will reach out to the Legislatures to see if he can get a date for the event.
Substantive Law Committee Report (Reesa Benkoff)	There will be a webinar on April 29 th on <i>"What you Don't Know Can Hurt You: Hot Topics in Employment Law."</i> The Speaker is, Courtney Nichols, she is the Co-Leader of the Labor and Employment Law Practice Group at Plunkett Cooney. The announcement went out. Reesa had the idea of doing a "call for speakers" for COVID-19 related webinars. Action Item: Susan will develop of "call for speakers" announcement and upon approval from Reesa will send out the Section members.
Publications Committee Report (Becky Glitman)	The committee has been very busy updating a COVID-19 webpage on the Section website. The Mass Casualty paper has been sent to the Section members and has been posted to the COVID-19 webpage. There was also a Michigan Executive Order 2020-21 Exceptions paper posted. The committee is also looking for other ideas that would lend itself to a publication pertaining to COVID-19 that could be published quickly. If they do a "call for authors" that process can take several weeks and the topic may be stale by the time it is published.
Pro Bono Committee Report (Aaron Beresh)	The committee met with MCR and are working on a webinar that will take place in October. The idea was to do a webinar this year so there is not concerns about in person issues from COVID-19. The goal of the webinar will be to help nonprofits. The topics will be tax implications, filings, SBA loans, issues that come up with COVID-19, Cares Act issues.
Fellow Committee Report (Martha Boonstra – Susan reported for Martha)	Email blasts have been going out to the membership asking for Fellow nominations. The committee will convene in mid to late April to look over all the nominations and the goals is to present the slate to the board at the June meeting. There will be up to 5 awards presented.
New Lawyers and Law Student Committee Report (Kevin Miserez)	Kevin gave an update that the following schools have been contacted and the committee has set the following dates for Lunch & Learn events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cooley Law School – March 10th – Rose and Kevin attended • Wayne State University – Virtual event • University of Michigan – Louis is working on securing a date • Michigan State University – March 18 panel was Deb Williamson, Jennifer Kildea Dewane, Melissa Reitz and Nicole Stratton • University of Detroit Mercy – April 7 (virtual event) Kevin & Sheerin will speak and they are looking for a 3rd panelist. Louis volunteered to speak too.
Membership Committee Report (Andrea Lee reported by email)	The Painting with a Twist – deposits were paid, but Andrea received a refund because of the "stay at home" orders. The committee is waiting to see when the stay at home orders are going to be lifted.
Annual Meeting Planning Committee Volunteers needed	A committee of the Officers and Past President help with the planning. Mercedes asked if any other Council members would like to help with the planning of the Annual Meeting. Collen Simek and Eric Klein agreed to help. There is uncertainty as to if conference will be allowed by September, but because it takes time to plan this event the Planning Committee will proceed as if the Annual Meeting will take place and send out a call for speakers. The Section has until June 18 to cancel with a 30% cancellation fee. We could also distribute a recording of the presentations like ICLE did for their conference. The committee will work on a list of potential topics and then send those topics to the membership as a "call for speakers."
Adjournment/Next Meeting (Mercedes Dordeski)	The meeting adjourned at 5:29 p.m. The next Council meeting will be on May 7, 2020 @ 4:30 p.m.