

**STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN
HEALTH CARE LAW SECTION
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

AUGUST 3, 2010

Council Officers: Joanne Lax (Chair), Monica Wilkinson (Chair-Elect), Robert Iwrey (Treasurer), Marta Hoffman (Secretary)

- I. **Call to Order (Joanne Lax):** Ms. Lax called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.
- II. **Roll Call (Monica Wilkinson): Present:** Jan Anderson, John Anderson, Amy Barkholz, Steve Bender, Jennifer Benedict, Richard Bouma, Beth Derwin, Ann Hollenbeck, Robert Iwrey, Joanne Lax, Tom McGraw, Laura Napiewocki, Carol Tarnowsky, Monica Wilkinson **Excused:** Marta Hoffman **Absent:** Monica Navarro, Donna O'Connor
- III. **Conflict Disclosures (Joanne Lax):** There were none to report.
- IV. **Review and Approval of Minutes of June 1, 2010 Council Meeting (Joanne Lax):** Minutes from the June meeting were presented and unanimously approved upon motion and second.
- V. **Treasurer's Report (Robert Iwrey):** Mr. Iwrey reported that the section has been provided with updated financials and the balance remains stable, at around \$77,000.

VI. Updates

- A. **Nominating Committee (Joanne Lax, Rich Bouma, Laura Napiewocki, Carol Tarnowsky):** Each slate was reported by Ms. Lax and addressed as follows:
 - 1. **Substantive Law Committee Slate:** See attached chart. Mr. Bender asked for discussion regarding the number of members for each subcommittee. Discussion ensued, but no changes were made. The slate was unanimously approved upon motion and second.
 - 2. **Council Slate:**
 - a. Jan Anderson's seat to be filled by Deborah Williamson.
 - b. Joan Lowes' seat to be filled by Mark Kopson.
 - c. Reelection of Marta Hoffman and Rich Bouma to a second three-year term.

The slate was unanimously approved for recommendation to the full membership at the Annual Meeting upon motion and second.

3. **Council Officers:**
 - a. Chair- Monica Wilkinson
 - b. Chair Elect – Marta Hoffman
 - c. Treasurer – Rob Iwrey
 - d. Secretary – Tom McGraw

The slate was unanimously approved upon motion and second.

4. **Substantive Law Committee Officers:**
 - a. Chair - Steve Bender
 - b. Vice Chair – Laura Napiewocki

The slate was unanimously approved upon motion and second.

5. **Publications Committee Chairs:** Ms. Lax reminded everyone that due to the demands of the Michigan Bar Journal issue scheduled for 2011, the decision was made previously to continue the Publications Committee in the 2010-2011 year under the chairmanship of Donna O'Connor and Monica Navarro.

- B. **Annual meeting subcommittee report (Joanne Lax, Monica Wilkinson, Ann Hollenbeck, John Anderson, Marta Hoffman, Carol Tarnowsky, Amy Barkholz):** Ms. Hollenbeck reported all plans are proceeding on schedule. The speakers are all in place. Ms. Wilkinson and Mr. Anderson reported on the tentative plans for the new lawyers welcome that will precede the annual meeting. Ms. Wilkinson encouraged all council members to plan to attend this welcome program.
- C. **Substantive Law Committee Report (Tom McGraw, Steve Bender):** Mr. McGraw reported the section received inquiries regarding joint programs and will begin meeting shortly to plan possible programs for next year.
- D. **Publications Committee report (Donna O'Connor, Monica Navarro):** No report.
- E. **Legislative Committee report (Jan Anderson, Monica Wilkinson, Amy Barkholz):** There was nothing new to report.
- F. **Technology Committee and web site re-design initiative report (Rich Bouma, Jennifer Benedict):** Ms. Benedict reported that the committee

has sent an eblast encouraging individuals to identify good websites to link to the Section website. The website is now cleaned up and reorganized.

G. gotomywebinar.com (Suzette Allen): No report.

H. Pro bono Committee report (Carol Tarnowsky): Information about the domestic abuse publication was printed in the MHA Monthly Report. It also will be posted on the Section website. Amy Barkholz volunteered to make a list of other state-related groups that the Section can contact to inform them of the publication and perhaps add a link on their websites.

I. Law Student Writing Competition (Joanne Lax, Monica Wilkinson, Carol Tarnowsky, Marta Hoffman): There was nothing new to report. The due date is August 31, 2010.

J. Nightingale Task Force report (Laura Napiewocki): The Task force hasn't provided any new information for the section. Ms. Napiewocki will contact the task force to see what the plans are. If nothing is happening, this committee will be disbanded.

K. HITECH Act update (Beth Derwin): Ms. Derwin reported that the new regulations were just published and the review is underway.

VII. New business:

A. Creation of Law Student Events Committee: Ms. Lax suggested that this committee be formed to deal with the law student presentations and writing competition rather than treating them as isolated projects each year. Everyone agreed. Ms. Wilkinson suggested that this be expanded to deal with the new lawyers activities that were discussed at previous Council meetings i.e. activities to actively recruit newly practicing lawyers to become involved in the section. Much discussion ensued including the proposal of the committee name to be: "New Lawyers and Law Students Committee. The formation of the committee and its name was unanimously approved upon motion and second. John Anderson and Amy Barkholz volunteered to chair the new committee.

B. ICLE Health Law Institute Call for Speakers: Ms. Lax reported that ICLE has requested the Section to send out a Call for Speakers for the March 2011 ICLE program. Ms. Lax was concerned that such a Call might open up the topic list for the program when the planning committee already had 20 –25 topics on their list. Discussion ensued and a motion was made to permit the Call for Speakers as long as the speakers were limited to the topics that were already identified by the planning committee. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

VIII. Adjournment (Joanne Lax): The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

A. Next meeting: HCLS Annual Meeting, September 23, 2010, 11:00 am – 6.30 pm at the Charles Wright Museum of African American History.