

## MINUTES

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

**Date:** June 4, 2020

**Chair:** Sheerin Siddique (Mercedes Dordeski was on maternity leave)

**Members Present:**

Reesa Benkoff	P	Christian Schafer	E
Aaron Beresh	P	Jeff Schroder	P
Martha Boonstra	P	Sheerin Siddique	P
Mercedes Dordeski	E	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	P	Rose Willis	P
Leslie Rojas	E		

Agenda Item	Discussion
Call to Order (Sheerin Siddique)	Sheerin called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.
Roll Call (Susan Stokes)	See above.
Conflict of Interest Disclosures (Sheerin Siddique)	None.
Review and Approval of Minutes from May 7, 2020 (Rose Willis)	The May 7, 2020 Minutes were approved as submitted.
Treasurer's Report (Nicole Stratton)	For the month ending April 30, 2020, there was \$105 received from dues for Income. There was a charge of \$172.62 for conference calls and the webinar service through LogMeIn. The ending fund balance for April was \$72,942.98, which is up by \$6,000 over last year. A quarterly membership report was received from the State Bar of Michigan and the HCLS has membership of 955 members as of June 1, 2020. The Health Care Law Section is up by 63 members over this time last year.

### New Business

Annual Meeting Vote (Sheerin Siddique)	<p>The Council members were presented 3 options for the annual meeting and some background information as follows: The SBM is only requiring that the Sections have an "election of Council members" for 2020. They are not requiring an in-person or virtual annual meeting. There are 3 choice for the annual meeting as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Move forward and have an in-person annual meeting at the DAC on September 17, 2020. The Section can postpone the annual meeting up to 15 days prior to our event.</li> <li>2. Have a virtual annual meeting with the business meeting being where the "election of Council members" would take place and a 1 speaker presentation? The cost would be about \$1,000 for the HCLS to get the zoom platform. The SBM didn't respond yet to having a platform for the HCLS to use. They were looking into it.</li> <li>3. Have the HCLS members "vote for the Council" by email and have no in-person or virtual meeting for this year due to the pandemic. The vote would be done by Constant Contact email and SurveyMonkey, there would be no an additional charge to the Section.</li> </ol> <p>Discussion took place regarding the options as to why only 1 speaker the reasoning is that it is much different to have 4 speakers when you are in person and get breaks and</p>
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	<p>time to network vs. sitting through 4 hours of presentations back to back on a virtual platform. Could the presentations be done in person and virtually? The Zoom platform is not the best for have many presentations. Discussion then turned to surveying the membership to get an idea of what they would want the Section to do. <b>Action Item: Susan will survey the membership and the vote is tabled until the July Council meeting.</b></p>
<b>Committee Reports</b>	
Legislative Committee Report (Jeff Schroder)	<p>Jeff and the committee had been working on a Legislative day since March. The committee had secured 2 speakers so that there would be a bi-partisan discussion. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic talks broke down and Jeff continued to follow up and now the 2 individuals would not agree to do the presentation. Therefore, Jeff and the committee are working to find other members, but now we are nearing summer so he is not sure if this event will end up happening this year.</p>
Substantive Law Committee Report (Reesa Benkoff)	<p>There was a CMS Program Integrity Rules: Enhanced Enforcement Through Medicare and Medicaid Enrollment webinar today. The speaker was Gerald Aben from Dykema. 94 people registered for the webinar and 65 people attended the webinar. Reesa attended the webinar and a great deal of information was given and the members asked good questions. The webinar was a success.</p> <p>A cyber security webinar was supposed to take place on June 12<sup>th</sup>, but the FBI agent stopped communicating with the planning committee and seeing that no announcement has been sent out yet, the committee will work to arrange this webinar for another date, later in the summer, or possibly the fall.</p>
Publications Committee Report (Becky Glitman)	<p>The committee is working with the authors on the COVID-19 related topics that were received. The committee has received submissions for a CARES Act topic, Telemedicine issues, and Surrogate and Emergency Consents. The goal is to publish all 3 in early summer.</p> <p>The committee has also received a 1<sup>st</sup> draft on Nursing Care Facility Closures and is working on editing this publication.</p> <p>The authors of the Opioid Prescribing paper contacted the committee to let them know that there have been many changes since the paper was written. They are working on updating the publication.</p> <p>At this time, the committee has 5 publications they are working on with the hopes to get them all published this summer.</p>
Pro Bono Committee Report (Aaron Beresh)	<p>The committee met with the MCR folks and are trying to decide if they want to have an in person or virtual nonprofit workshop at the end of October. They are trying to figure out how it would be best to present. The Section received an award for the workshop that was done last year. The committee has decided they would focus on nonprofit issues related to COVID-19 and PPE related topics. The committee will be sending out a "call for authors" in the next few weeks.</p>
Fellow Committee Report (Martha Boonstra)	<p>Martha discussed the criteria used for the designation of fellows. The committee has decided to honor 4 members with the caveat that if there is not an in-person annual meeting the awards would be held until we can do an in-person annual meeting. The committee felt that part of the recognition of the award is getting it in front of your peers and that mailing the award is not the same. The 4 nominees are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Arthur deVaux</li> <li>2. Donna Craig</li> <li>3. Jennifer Benedict</li> <li>4. Raymond E. Beckering III</li> </ol>

	<b>Motion: To approve the 4 Fellow Nominations for 2020. If there is not an in-person annual meeting in 2020 the awards would roll over to 2021 and be presented at the in-person annual meeting. The Motion was unanimously approved.</b>
New Lawyers and Law Student Committee Report (Kevin Miserez)	The Lunch & learns have been completed. The committee is working on the scholarship awards for 2020.
Membership Committee Report (Andrea Lee)	The committee is in still in a holding pattern until things open up. If other committees need help with other tasks, please contact Andrea.
<b>New Business</b>	
July Council Meeting Date (Sheerin Siddique)	Discussion took place about moving the date of the July Council meeting to July 9 <sup>th</sup> or cancelling the Council meeting for July. The council members decided that because they need to vote on the Annual Meeting, they would have the Council meeting on July 9 <sup>th</sup> and it would be an abbreviated meeting to vote.
Adjournment/Next Meeting (Sheerin Siddique)	The meeting adjourned at 5:28 p.m. The next Council meeting will be on July 9, 2020 @ 4:30 p.m.