

MINUTES

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

Date: March 14, 2019

Chair: Louis Szura

Members Present:

Reesa Benkoff	P	Christian Schafer	P
Jeremy Brieve	A	Jeff Schroder	E
Martha Boonstra	A	Sheerin Siddique	P
Mercedes Dordesi	A	Patricia Stamler	E
Becky Glitman	P	Nicole Stratton	P
Matthew Keuten	E	Louis Szura	P
Andrea Lee	P	Dustin Wachler	A
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 4:34 p.m.
Roll Call (Louis Szura and Susan Stokes)	See above.
Conflict of Interest Disclosures (Louis Szura)	None.
Review and Approval of Minutes from February 7, 2019 (Sheerin Siddique)	The February 7, 2019 Minutes were approved as submitted.
Treasurer's Report (Nicole Stratton)	<p>In January \$1,080 was received in revenue from dues from regular memberships and \$10 from student memberships. There were expenses from the Pistons game and teleconference call expenses, with total expenses being \$4,188.99. For February there was \$405 received in regular memberships and \$5 for a student membership. There were expenses from administrative services, food from the Pistons game and teleconference services of \$1,813.89. The ending fund balance for February was \$71,616.57 which is a little less than last year's total of \$72,479.32.</p> <p>For February the Council received a Membership Update report as of February 28, 2019 the council has 889 members, at the end of the last fiscal year the Section had 979 members so there has been a decrease of 90 members. Action Item: Susan will contact the SBM to get a listing of those that did not renew. Susan will also send an email to the non-renewers to remind them to renew, and if they don't plan to renew survey them as to why they didn't renew.</p>

Committee Reports	
Legislative Committee Report (Jeff Schroder)	No report.
Substantive Law Committee Report (Rose Willis)	<p>Upcoming webinars are as follows:</p> <p>April 25 – Cybersecurity – Speakers: FBI Agent and Justice Department</p> <p>May – Audit & Appeals – speakers: Elaine Foster, Health Care Manager, BCBSM & Dale Domas, Director, Provider Audit, BCBSM & Moderator: Chuck Palermo, Director, Health Alliance Plan and Licensed Attorney.</p> <p>June – New HHS Proposed Rule Anti-Kickback Laws – Speakers: Christopher L., Senior Associate General Counsel, Health Alliance Plan. Chris is looking for a pharmacy speaker.</p>

	<p>June/July – Intellectual Property Issues for Health Care in Data –</p> <p>Discussion took place on the intellectual property topic. The Council agreed it was a good topic and we have not had a topic like that. It will be great if the topic could be focused to health law layers. Action Item: Susan will let Rose know to proceed with the intellectual property topic.</p>
Publications Committee Report (Becky Glitman)	<p>1) The group is going through the proposals they received.</p> <p>A) Opioid prescribing in Michigan (new rules) – the committee received several submissions on this topic and the decision is not going to be easy. B) Issues related to Managed Care and the Payer Reimbursement Perspective – 1 submission received</p> <p>2) The committee is discussing doing additional “call for authors.</p>
Pro Bono Committee Report (Matthew Keuten)	<p>Matt submitted emails to be sent out on the following to Susan, Matt is awaiting approval from the MCR on the letters and then they will be emailed to the Section members.</p> <p>1) Initial email announcing pro bono opportunities and if people would like to get involved, they would join a mailing list. Then emails would be sent with the opportunities to those that elected to be on the mailing list. Those people on the email listing would work directly with the MCR.</p> <p>2) A “call for workshop speakers” would be sent to the HCLS members asking them if they would like to participate or if you have ideas for speakers for a workshop on the following topic: The Nuts and Bolts of Organizing and Operating a 501 (C) (3) Charitable Organization.</p>
Fellow Committee Report (Martha Boonstra; Susan Stokes reported)	<p>Susan emailed a “call for Fellow Nominations” out this week to the Section members. At this time, Susan has received 2 nominations.</p>
New Lawyers and Law Student Committee Report (Dustin Wachler)	<p>No report.</p>
Membership Committee Report (Andrea Lee)	<p>The committee is working on a joint event with the SBM Young Lawyers section and will target new layers and law students interested in health law. The committee was working on ideas to attract the students, emerging lawyers and senior lawyers. Discussion took place that possibly having a panel with a junior person, mid-level, and senior person in their career.</p> <p>The Warner Norcross & Judd suite is not available this year for a Grand Rapids Griffins game. Therefore, the committee is thinking about other possibilities for an event in Grand Rapids and one of the ideas is a brewery tour.</p> <p>There was an HCLS exhibit table at ICLE. On #ICLEHLI there were 100 tweets and 80,000 impressions from the tweet for treats. Andrea had receipts for the candy and cleaning of the table cloth. <u>Motion: Approval of paying the expenses for the candy and cleaning of the table cloth. Motion Unanimously approved.</u></p>
Old Business	
HLI and Appreciation Dinner Feedback (Louis Szura)	<p>20% more people attended this year’s conference over last year and ICLE had the highest attendance in 10 years. ICLE will be forwarding the feedback on the conference to the HCLS soon.</p>
New Business	
Committee for Annual Meeting	<p>The Officers will begin planning the Annual Meeting. The first planning call will be in April. If any Council member is interested in planning or has ideas, please email Susan.</p>

In-person Council meeting	Discussion took place about having an in-person council meeting. Several possibilities emerged such as an informal meeting and a dinner after, a meeting mixed with another event such as the young lawyer's panel that the membership committee is planning, or having a board meeting on Legislative Day in June. Discussion also took place about having a meeting at a law firm such as Foster Swift. Discussion also took place about having the meeting either in Lansing or Detroit because these seemed central to people. It was decided that the group would wait to see if the Membership Committee was going to do the Panel discussion with the Young Lawyers Section and if that would work out for the meeting, or if the Legislative Committee thought the meeting could be during legislative day. Another idea was possibly before the Tigers game. <u>Action Item: Susan will follow up with Andrea and Jeff.</u>
Decline in Membership	The Council discussed ways to deal with the year to year decline that the Section has been experiencing. Ideas expressed were advertising in the Bar Journal. Possibly sending weekly updates to Section members. Looking at a list of non-renewers and contacting them. Maybe, some members just forgot to renew. Also, in the email asking for a reason as to why they did not renew. <u>Action Item: Susan will contact the SBM to get a list of non-renewers and email them.</u>
Adjournment/Next Meeting (Louis Szura)	The meeting adjourned at 5:14 p.m. The next meeting is April 4, 2019 @ 4:30 p.m.