

## MINUTES

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

**Date:** November 3, 2016

**Chair:** Timothy Gutwald

### Members Present:

Martha Boonstra	P	Trish Schabath	P
Mercedes Dordeski	P	Sheerin Siddique	P
Timothy Gutwald	P	Nicole Stratton	P
Patrick Haddad	P	Louis Szura	P
John Hazewinkel	P		
Cara Jansma	P		
Matthew Keuten	P		
Mark Kopson	P		
Josh Moore	P		

### Guests Present:

Agenda Item	Discussion
Call to Order (Timothy Gutwald)	Tim called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.
Roll Call (Timothy Gutwald)	See above.
Conflict of Interest Disclosures (Timothy Gutwald)	None.
Review and Approval of Minutes of October 6, 2016 Council Meeting (Patrick Haddad)	The minutes of the Council's October 6, 2016 meeting were unanimously approved.
Treasurer's Report (Josh Moore)	The draft year-end financials were emailed to the Council in advance of the meeting. The major expenses this fiscal year were from the annual meeting. There is \$7,000 less in the checking account at this fiscal year end compared to the 2015 fiscal year end. As of September 30, 2016, there is \$51,000 in the checking account.
Technology Report (John Hazewinkel)	No report.
<b>Committee Reports</b>	
Substantive Law Committee Report (Nicole Stratton)	The committee held a meeting last week and put together a preliminary calendar for webinars. December – MACRA topic January – Telemedicine: Risk and Risk Analysis (this topic was provided by University of Michigan attorneys) February – Section 1557 of the ACA which prohibits discrimination (this topic was provided by the LGBTQA Section)
Publications Committee Report (Louis Szura)	The task force received four (4) final articles for the <i>Michigan Bar Journal</i> . The committee is now working on brainstorming topics for a "Call for Authors" email to go out to the membership.
Legislative Committee Report (Patrick Haddad)	There are a limited number of session days remaining through year-end and it is unlikely much will happen until the new session begins in 2017. Senate Bill 1104 has passed the Senate and is pending in the House. Senate Bill 1104 will close a loophole that was created by the Michigan Supreme Court opinion in <i>Greer v Advantage Health</i> that permits plaintiffs to recover the entire billed amount of medical expenses, even if the medical providers accepted a lower amount as payment in full.

Pro Bono Committee Report (Trish Schabath)	There will be a training class for the Veteran's Law Clinic at University of Detroit Mercy in November. An email will go out on Veteran's Day detailing training opportunities and encouraging people to register for training. Trish is also working on expanding committee outreach to other projects and is looking for contacts for other pro bono opportunities. The downfall is tracking the success of pro bono efforts. The goal of the committee is to point out pro bono opportunities for HCLS members to get involved in.
Fellows Committee Report (Martha Boonstra)	No report. <b>Action Item:</b> Martha is going to schedule a meeting with the committee for January. The major work of the committee begins after the first of the year.
New Lawyers and Law Students (Matthew Keuten)	The committee met and only Julie Laville (Foster Swift) attended. Matt and Julie are working on sending out information to each law school for lunch and learns and scholarships. The emails will go out next month. Help is needed on the lunch and learn panels. Several Council Members agreed to help. It was suggested that Matt reach out to past scholarship winners for help with the lunch and learns at the law schools. <b>Action Item:</b> Susan will send Matt a listing of past scholarship winners.
Membership Committee (Cara Jansma)	Ten (10) people attended the Grand Rapids Pub Cruise. It was great fun and the goal is to have this be an annual event. The committee decided they will focus on activities other than happy hours such as a bowling event, a Grand Rapids Griffins hockey game, and other sporting events. Discussion took place as to whether a firm may have a suite for the Grand Rapids Griffins and wish to donate use to the HCLS. Andrea Lee is working on setting up the Twitter handle. Facebook is also being looked into. Discussion took place as to whether the SBM has restrictions in regards to social media. <b>Action Item:</b> 1) Tim will send Cara the SBM social media restrictions. 2) A new member package is being worked on. 3) Cara asked that as events are planned that Council members attend and personally ask others to attend. This seems to help increase attendance at events and would be helpful in the future. 4) The committee would also like to get involved in a volunteer activity such as helping at a food bank. Send ideas for volunteer opportunities to Cara or Tim for consideration.
<b>Old Business</b>	
Crain's Event (Tim Gutwald)	Crain's will send information for the HCLS to send out three (3) emails regarding the November 17, 2016 Health Care Leadership Summit in Troy. The HCLS will be listed as a partner for the event. Louis wanted to give space in the mailing to congratulate the Health Care Heroes. Crain's will give the HCLS five (5) tickets to the event. Louis will get one (1) ticket for all the work he did helping to get the HCLS involved in this event. Discussion took place about using Twitter to decide who would get the other tickets. A Tweet would be sent and the first four (4) individuals to tweet back would each get a ticket. It was suggested that an email be sent out letting the HCLS members know this would be done to encourage members to join Twitter. <b>Action Item:</b> Tim will work with Susan on an email to be sent to the membership.
Health Care Law Boot camp (Tim Gutwald)	Discussion took place about finding a way to determine how many people would actually attend a boot camp. It was suggested that a poll of the membership be done. Discussion then switched to potentially using the AHLA partnership and doing the boot camp through AHLA. The AHLA boot camp is very soon and we would miss our opportunity for this year. Another idea is to work with law schools to put a boot camp together. <b>Action Item:</b> Tim will talk to Gerald Griffith about working with AHLA on a boot camp.
Annual Meeting Location (Tim Gutwald)	Discussion took place about new thoughts and ideas for the venue for the Annual Meeting. An exploratory committee was formed to come up with 3-4 ideas. Mark asked that we do not have the September 2017 Annual Meeting on September 27-29 because that is the SBM's Annual Meeting. We also need to watch out for religious holidays. <b>Action Item:</b> Mercedes, Sheerin and Tim will come up with ideas for the December Council call.
<b>New Business</b>	

AHLA (Tim Gutwald)	The opportunity to partner with the AHLA would not cost anything and the HCLS could get more exposure. There was discussion about formally checking with the SBM to see if they had any objections to the affiliation with the AHLA. <b>Action Item:</b> 1) Tim will contact the SBM. There was discussion about collaboration on publications and if this would be an issue. 2) Tim will talk to Gerald Griffith for clarification and oversight and also publication concerns.
Matters for Next Agenda (Tim Gutwald)	None.
Adjournment (Tim Gutwald)	The meeting adjourned at 5:19 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for December 1, 2016 at 4:30 pm.

Minutes recorded by: Susan Stokes