

MINUTES

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

Date: October 6, 2016

Chair: Timothy Gutwald

Members Present:

Martha Boonstra	P	Trish Schabath	P
Mercedes Dordesi	P	Sheerin Siddique	P
Timothy Gutwald	P	Nicole Stratton	P
Patrick Haddad	P	Louis Szura	P
John Hazewinkel	E		
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 September 1, 2016 & September 29, 2016 Council Meeting (Patrick Haddad)	The minutes of the Council's September 1 meeting were unanimously approved. The minutes of the Council's September 29 meeting were unanimously approved with the following corrections: the meeting was chaired and called to order by Tim Gutwald.
Treasurer's Report (Josh Moore)	All Treasurer reports were emailed to the Council in advance. The notable line item on the Fund Balance was the Tigers game. Working on processing the invoices for the Annual Meeting for the State Bar of Michigan's fiscal year-end.
Technology Report (Mark Kopson received email)	No report. Asked that Louis address article.
Committee Reports	
Substantive Law Committee Report (Nicole Stratton)	No report. Action Items: Nicole is working on a transition call with Martha. Still need to set day and time of calls.
Publications Committee Report (Louis Szura)	The committee published four (4) papers this year and they have one more that they are working on, which is updating an old paper. The goal is to complete the update of the old paper by the end of the year. The task force received four (4) articles for the <i>Michigan Bar Journal</i> . Hoping that the State Bar will allow them to market the HCLS website. Lastly, the committee is in the process of researching topics for papers for the 2016-17 year.
Legislative Committee Report (Patrick Haddad)	No report. Patrick will send an email if something significant comes up before the Council's November meeting.
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. Trish is working on expanding the outreach to other projects. She is considering two (2) projects at Wayne State University 1) Disability Law Clinic, 2) Neighborhood Legal Services. Email Trish with ideas for other groups that could be possibilities or options for Pro Bono assistance.
Fellows Committee Report (Martha Boonstra)	No report. Action Item: Martha is going to schedule a meeting with the committee. The major work of the committee begins after the first of the year.

New Lawyers and Law Students (Matthew Keuten)	Matt reached out to the committee to arrange a meeting. Waiting to hear on an agreeable date. Action Item: Matt will reach out to Ben in regards to being the Vice-Chair of the committee.
Membership Committee (Cara Jansma)	Cara asked that the Council members submit ideas for membership activities. She missed out on doing Art Prize. From the member survey Ann Arbor, would be a good location for doing an event. Action Items: 1) Tim will send Cara a summary of who performed what duties on the committee. 2) Tim will also share the Twitter password with Cara and Mark. Twitter retweets should continue to help improve attendance at events.
Old Business	
Annual Meeting Recap (Tim Gutwald)	The weather was an issue and caused a late crowd, but the annual meeting overall received great reviews and responses on the evaluation. Many attendees liked the addition of a motivational speaker. The attendees liked the activity and interaction. The speaker made for a fun and interesting afternoon. Cyber security was a last-minute addition to the program and was a very good and interesting topic. An idea for a future event is for the Section could do a motivational and fun activity with networking and a social gathering after.
Fellows Dinner (Tim Gutwald)	Many of the Fellows expressed their appreciation for the dinner. They liked the socialization, the facilities were very nice, and it was great to meet people in person. Definitely should make this an annual event.
New Business	
Health Care Law Bootcamp (Tim Gutwald)	Discussion on a potential health care law boot camp program. Others Sections of the State Bar have had boot camps. The discussion included thoughts on potential interest, and whether a boot camp should be combined with another event, for example during ICLE or the Annual Meeting. Several Council members felt a boot camp should be an event by itself. When the boot camp was tacked onto an event in the past, it seemed to fail. A stand-alone program would be best, such as a one-day program at the Inn at St. John's in Plymouth. Another idea was to market the program to paralegals. It was decided the boot camp should be held in the fall of the year and students should be offered a reduced rate or be able to attend for free. Action Item: Tim asked that the Council think about the boot camp and raise additional ideas for discussion at November's meeting including whether a committee should be formed to help plan the boot camp.
Facebook Group Page (Tim Gutwald)	Discussion on whether starting a Facebook page makes sense. Cara liked the idea that you can post pictures. Terry Bean suggested developing a Facebook page during his presentation at the Annual Meeting. It was agreed we should add Facebook and LinkedIn to the social media sites the HCLS uses. Social media helps to support the objectives of the Section. Action Item: Cara will ask the Membership Committee for recommendations on additional social media sites. Action Item: Tim will see if there are any social media restrictions required by the State Bar of Michigan.
Annual Meeting Location (Tim Gutwald)	Discussion on whether to move the Annual Meeting to another venue. Other possible locations are Ann Arbor, the Inn at St. John's, Lansing near Michigan State, and Novi (convenient for those in the Detroit area and those traveling from the west side of the state). The discussion included potential positive and negative effects on attendance. Opinions leaned towards holding HCLS events at the Inn at St. John's or the DAC. Action Item: Tim will look at survey results to see if attendees suggested ideas for a venue.
Matters for Next Agenda (Tim Gutwald)	None
Adjournment (Tim Gutwald)	The meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m. Next meeting November 3, 2016 @ 4:30 pm.

Minutes recorded by: Susan Stokes