

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

September 11, 2003

The Council meeting was held at the Lansing Center, Lansing, Michigan immediately after the Annual Meeting of the Section. The following Council members participated: Gerry Griffith, Ann Hollenbeck, Joy Berent, Lisa Panah, Kathy Kudner, Jennifer Kildea Dewane, Cindy Wisner, Eric Wexler, Phil Stoffan, David Rogers, Art deVaux, Keith Soltis, Donna Craig and Marge Marchak.

Also present: Guest, Greg Drutchas.

1. **Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order by Kathy Kudner at approximately 4:30 p.m.
2. **Minutes.** The minutes of the July 16, 2003 Council meeting were approved upon a motion duly made and seconded.
3. **Old and Recurrent Business.**
 - 3.1 **Treasurer's Report.** The Treasurer's Report was presented, reviewed and discussed.
 - 3.2 **Updates on Special Projects and Work Groups.**
 - 3.2.1 **HIPAA Work Group.** Cindy Wisner and Joy Berent reported that the HIPAA Work Group continues to be a beneficial Work Group. Andrea Hool was commended for doing a good job on raising issues regarding preemption from the Michigan law perspective. The HIPAA Work Group will be ready to post a document which reconciles Michigan law. Kathy Kudner raised the issue of whether Cindy, with her added responsibilities to the Council, would like to reconsider co-chairing the HIPAA Work Group.
 - 3.2.2 **Website Task Force.** Eric Wexler discussed updating the Section's website. He discussed the option of partnering with American Health Lawyers Association which puts out a Health Care Weekly publication as a value-added service. Eric Wexler indicated that the State Bar of Michigan has been very helpful in working on website issues. There was discussion on whether the Section may find out how many hits the HIPAA materials get.

There was further discussion on recommendations for new members of the Website Task Force due to the restructuring of the Council and the Sub-committee Co-Chairs.

3.2.3 Specialty Certification. Phil Stoffan reported that the Section was asked to slow down on this issue until the dues increase issue is handled by the State Bar of Michigan. There was discussion on the idea of inviting other Sections' delegates to a State Bar meeting regarding Specialty Certification. Phil suggested that he could draft a letter to invite those delegates.

3.2.4 Law Student Receptions at MSU and WSU. Jennifer Kildea Dewane and David Rogers reported that there is interest in this and that they will continue the planning process.

3.2.5 Law Student Writing Competition. Kathy Kudner and Cindy Wisner reported that they have contacted law schools regarding the law student writing competition. There was discussion on who will judge the competition and a re-cap of the subject which will be the competition's topic.

3.3. Subcommittee Reports and Calendar of Events. David Rogers indicated that the Sub-committee met earlier on September 11, 2003. They will have monthly meetings at 9:30 a.m. on the second Wednesday of each month. There is an upcoming EMTALA project. The Consumer Sub-committee intends to do the Legal Aid/Elder Law clinic program. The legislative update is being planned for February, 2004.

3.4 ICLE 2003 Seminar. Gerry Griffith and Marge Marchak announced that the ICLE Seminar will take place on March 4 and 5, 2004. It will be a Thursday afternoon and all day Friday. There will be three tracks.

3.5 Michigan State Medical Society Co-Sponsored Program. Nancy Lukey encouraged everyone to attend the November 7, 2003 program in which Alice Gosfield will be presenting, "Doing Well by Doing Right."

4. Election of Officers. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the following slate of officers were elected:

Cindy Wisner – Chair Elect
Donna Craig – Treasurer
Jennifer Kildea Dewane – Secretary

5. Michigan Health Law Report. Cindy Wisner was announced as the new editor of the Michigan Health Law Report. There was discussion regarding the delay of the State Bar of Michigan's Publication of the Michigan Health Law Report's most recent edition.
6. Schedule of Future Meetings. Kathy Kudner announced that she would be emailing the Council a schedule of the next meetings. She passed out a tentative schedule for the Council to review and discuss.
7. Adjournment. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:00 p.m.