

**STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN
HEALTH CARE LAW SECTION**

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 11, 2007

The Health Care Law Section Council meeting was held on September 11, 2007 via telephone conference call. The following members were present: David Rogers, Joanne Lax, Monica Wilkinson, Margaret Marchak, Carol Tarnowski, Beth Derwin, Lisa Panah, Tom Trenta, Donna O'Connor, Ann Hollenbeck, Amy Barkholz, Kim Adams, Administrative Assistant, was also present.

1. Call to Order (*David Rogers*)

David Rogers called the meeting to order at 3:08 PM.

2. Conflict Disclosures (*David Rogers*)

Mr. Rogers called for conflicts, there were none.

3. Review and Approval of Minutes of May 17, 2007 and June 21, 2007 Council Meeting (*Ann Hollenbeck*)

Mr. Rogers called for comments and/or changes to the minutes. Hearing no comments, a motion was made to approve the minutes. It was seconded and approved unanimously.

4. Treasurer's Report (*Margaret Marchak*)

Ms. Marchak reported that there is a fund balance of \$94,051.00. She inquired at the State Bar level about where the interest earned on the fund balance is being invested. She suggested that the Council should look at ways to expense the fund balance on additional membership programs, research tools, etc. Marchak will investigate about investment possibilities with the State Bar and report back.

5. Nominating Committee (*David Rogers*)

Mr. Rogers reported that he has formed a committee – Joanne Lax, Rob Iwrey, Monica Wilkinson, Lisa Panah and himself. He forwarded the Nominating Committee report in a previous email and identified an error on the cover page of his report – Ms. Wilkinson was identified as both the chair and vice chair of the Substantive Law Committee (SLC). Joan Lowes in the Vice Chair. Names will be solicited from the Council and the Committee will develop the nomination list. Mr. Rogers invited the Council to suggest names now or via email. Please refer to the expiring terms, etc., attached hereto.

Mr. Rogers said that he would like to focus on geographically diverse nominations with attention paid to the Grand Rapids area. Ms. Wilkinson reported that she needs to make changes in the SLC in order to establish the Schmooze Committee and wanted a framework in place within the current Nominating Committee to assist her in identifying new members for both the SLC and the Schmooze Committee. Mr. Rogers suggested voting today to create a committee for the Schmooze and called for a motion.

Motion: To create a Health Care Law Schmooze Committee with one person from the HCLS Council who shall serve as liaison between the SLC and the HCLS. It was seconded and approved unanimously.

The Nominating Committee will identify the liaison and Mr. Rogers suggested that he would be interested in filling that role.

There was a lengthy discussion on the wisdom and the procedure to have the chair serve a two-year term. Several scenarios were discussed, primarily having the chair-elect position being more formalized and structured. The Council agreed to continue the conversation in the coming year.

6. Updates

6.1 Substantive Law Committee Report (*Monica Wilkinson*)

Ms. Wilkinson reported that there was nothing new to report.

6.2 JCAHO/COP Project Update (*Joy Berent*) – Members: Joy Berent, Beth Derwin, Jennifer Kildea Dewane

Ms. Derwin reported that there was nothing new to report. She will speak with Joy Berent about the project going forward.

6.2 Website (*Eric Wexler*)

Action deferred to October, 2007

6.3 Michigan Health Care Regulations Update (*Kim Adams*)

Ms. Adams reported that there was nothing new to report.

6.4 2007 Annual Meeting Committee (*Joanne Lax*) -- Members: Lisa Panah, Margaret Marchak, Joanne Lax, Ann Hollenbeck, Joy Berent, David Rogers

Ms. Lax reported that everything is going well and that there are 110 registrants as of today. Ms. Adams is taking care of the other details. Mr. Rogers will schedule one more planning call for the Annual Planning Committee prior to Sept. 19. with the primary purpose to discuss the business portion of the meeting.

6.5 Pro Bono Work Group (*Robert Iwrey, Jan Anderson, Mike Fraleigh*)

Action deferred to October, 2007. Mr. Rogers said that he understood that the brochure is near completion. Ms. Hollenbeck said that she received a solicitation

letter from Community Legal Resources introducing their new initiative in health law. She suggested that the request be placed on a future agenda item. Ms. Hollenbeck will scan the letter and send to Ms. Panah, Mr. Rogers and Ms. Wilkinson. Ms. Panah will then add it a future agenda.

7. Legislative Liaison Committee (*Jan Anderson*) – Members: Jan Anderson, Donna Craig, Donna O'Connor, and Eric Wexler

Action deferred to October, 2007

8. Section Survey (*Rogers*)

Mr. Rogers reported that the Section Survey Committee met and he will develop an overview of the meeting and provide notes at a later date. Mr. Trenta offered to assist Mr. Rogers in the report's development

9. Other Business

Ms. Panah asked if the Council could meet shortly after the business portion of the Sept. 19 meeting to elect the new officers. Mr. Rogers agreed to facilitate that.

10. Next Meeting Date: Oct. 17, 3 PM at the Kitch Law Firm in Detroit.

Subsequent meetings: To be determined

Ms. Panah reported that the first meeting would be directly after the Sept. 19 meeting. She would like to return to Wednesday meetings and will query the Council about telephone meetings versus in-person meeting. It was agreed that two in-person meetings would be ideal. She will forward dates and further information.

11. Adjourn

Mr. Rogers adjourned the meeting at 3:50 PM.