

MINUTES

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

Date: April 3, 2014

Chair: Laura Napiewocki

Members Present:

Steve Bender	E	Thomas McGraw	P
Jennifer Benedict	P	Josh Moore	E
Mercedes Dordeski	A	Laura Napiewocki	P
Timothy Gutwald	A	Monica Navarro	P
Patrick Haddad	E	Donna O'Connor	A
John Hazewinkel	E	Abby Pendleton	A
Cara Jansma	P	Trish Schabath	P
Matt Keuten	A	Deborah Williamson	P
Mark Kopson	P		
Agenda Item	Discussion		
Call to Order (Laura Napiewocki)	Laura called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.		
Roll Call (Mark Kopson)	See above for members present. There was not a quorum.		
Conflict of Interest Disclosures (Laura Napiewocki)	None reported.		
Review and Approval of Minutes of March 13, 2014 Meeting (Mark Kopson)	No changes were requested, but a quorum was not present to approve the minutes. They will be considered at the May 1 meeting.		
Treasurer's Report (Tom McGraw)	Tom reported that no new financials have been received since last Council meeting. Approximately \$5,000 of expenses have since been approved, primarily for ICLE assistance and the Thursday night dinner.		
Substantive Law Committee (Cara Jansma)	Cara reported no Committee meeting since last Council meeting. 3/26/14 IT Contracting had 62 registrants and 40+ joined. 70 are registered for 4/16 Current Health Insurance Landscape. 4/23 = DOMA webinar (co-sponsored with Labor & Employment Section); and 5/14 = Licensing Investigations. Medical-Legal is working on a program on Internal Investigations and Attorney-Client Privilege in May. Committee is working on a 2-part series on NPs and PAs (scope of practice and reimbursement). Substantive Law Committee will advise of any possible Annual Meeting topics. Cara will work with Adrienne on a solicitation of membership for topics.		
Publications Committee (Monica Navarro)	Monica reported four articles are in process with drafts due in May. Link repairs should be completed by year-end.		
New Lawyers and Law Students Committee (Deb Williamson for Steve Bender)	Steve was not available. Deb reported that letters went out to the law schools. WSU again excluded due to its rules. 7/31/14 is deadline for identification of scholarship recipients. Volunteers are set for all Lunch and Learns, with 4-5 attorneys at each. Cooley and WSU programs occurred and were well attended.		
Legislative Committee (Mark Kopson)	In Patrick's absence, Mark relayed his report on the Public Health Code revision project. 350 comments were submitted, many on Article 15 (Occupations). Two subcommittees are prioritizing them. The Committee's report and recommendations will be submitted to the Governor in late April or early May. Patrick will check with Larry Burns later this month, but expects little to report prior the Committee's report and recommendations go to the Governor and are publicly available.		
Technology Committee (John Hazewinkel)	Laura provided John's report. Feels that website needs to be updated, including: Law School Writing Competition and scholarships (Steve will discuss with John); Fellows program (Deb to discuss with John); and Chair (through 2008) and Section reports		

	(through 2013) (Laura will follow-up with John); Adrienne to follow up with John on scans for policies on volunteers, conflict of interest and publications.
Pro Bono (Trish Schabath)	Trish reported that she is meeting with UDM professor re: areas for assistance with Project Salute. She is leaning toward a specific clinic day, but will require advance training (which may be available via webinar). She hopes to have definitive recommendations of services to provide by May Council meeting and a Section member participation solicitation and activity this program year.
Fellows Committee (Deb Williamson)	Deb reported that Committee is meeting before the 5/1 Council meeting to finalize nominees and minor revisions to charter document for vote at the 5/1 meeting. A handful of nominations were received as result of the email blast. A maximum of five can be inducted per year.
Old Business <i>Annual Meeting Planning</i>	Laura announced that planning has begun and reported on the topics discussed to date, including information sharing/disclosure issues (attorney-client; peer-review, CMS/Joint Commission, etc.). Plenary speaker may be a big-name draw. Lunch may be networking-only, without a speaker, after our Business Meeting. Whether to have two tracks has not been decided. DAC is available on Tue. 9/23 (1 of 4 dates that would work in September), and we have a hold on the rooms. Considering offering a webinar version for those who cannot travel. There was consensus support for the DAC on 9/23/14. Adrienne will pursue contract with DAC.
<i>Mandatory Bar</i>	A hearing will be held on May 2 at Michigan Hall of Justice. Laura discussed the materials that she circulated to the Council. Mark expressed concern that voluntary bar might diminish benefit of Section programming and benefits due to loss of revenue and employer-paid dues. Monica also noted benefits of mandatory bar in terms of continuity and dependability. Tom suggested that the Section submit comments in support of mandatory bar but make clear that we are not speaking for the entire Section membership. Deb noted that we are one of the more active Sections and that the Council should speak in support of the mandatory bar. No Council member spoke in opposition to the idea of so commenting. Tom discussed Section's Bylaws and belief that they permit such comment. He will contact Candace Crowley, SBM Director of External Development regarding how to maximize impact of supportive comments. An email will go out to advise Council members who were not present to ensure there is not opposition to proceeding as discussed and to update on Tom's discussions with Candace.
New Business <i>Ronni Tischler</i>	Discussion of ideas on how to honor here memory and the active role she played in the Section. There was support of naming her a Fellow and inviting family to Annual Meeting to receive the award on her behalf. Formal Fellow nomination was made to Deb on behalf of the Fellows Committee.
Adjournment / Next Meeting (Laura Napiewocki)	The meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m. Next Meeting: May 1, 2014 @ 4:30 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Mark Kopson

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