

State Bar of Michigan
Health Care Law Section
Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 18, 2008
9:00a.m. – 9:27a.m.

Teleconference: Call-In Number is: **1 800-270-1153, Pass Code is 123999#**

Council Officers: Ann Hollenbeck (Chair), Joanne Lax (Chair-Elect)
 Margaret Marchak (Treasurer), Marta Hoffman (Secretary)

- I. Call to Order (Ann Hollenbeck): The meeting was called to order by Ann Hollenbeck at 9:02 a.m.
- II. Roll Call (Ann Hollenbeck): Ann Hollenbeck, Joanne Lax, Margaret Marchak, Marta Hoffman, John Anderson, Amy Barkholz, Donna O'Connor, Lisa Panah, Thomas Trenta, Monica Wilkinson. Absent: Rob Iwrey. Excused: Jan Anderson, Richard Bouma, Beth Derwin, Joan Lowes, Carol Tarnowsky, and Eric Wexler. Also in attendance: Denise Adams.
- III. Conflict Disclosures (Ann Hollenbeck): There were no disclosures.
- IV. Review and Approval of Minutes of November 20, 2008 Council Meeting : The minutes were presented and were unanimously approved after a motion was made and seconded.
- V. Treasurer's Report (Margaret Marchak): Margaret Marchak presented and discussed the financial report. She reported that revenue is almost at the budgeted amount. She expects it will continue to increase due to incoming Bar dues. The financial report was unanimously approved upon motion, second and vote.
- VI. Updates
 - A. Substantive Law Committee Report (Joan Lowes excused)
 1. Speaker Release Form: No report.
 2. Primer on Pay and Performance, December 9, 2008: Ann Hollenbeck reported that the program was successful with a lot of good feedback.
 3. 2009 Legislative Update: Amy Barkholtz reported that she would be collaborating with Joan Lowes to hold the Lansing area law school events at the same time.
 4. Future Programs: Ann Hollenbeck reported that the upcoming e-News letter discusses the Provider subcommittee's primer series on Jan 13 re: tax exempt issues. Ann will be the presenter. There will be additional primer programs

throughout the spring. The Technology subcommittee will be presenting a HIPAA Security program on January 27, 2008. Suggestions for future programs should be directed to Jennifer Benedict.

- B. Law School Events (Amy Barkholz, Rob Iwrey, Marta Hoffman): Amy reported she will follow with Joan Lowes regarding combining the Cooley and MSU programs with the Legislative update. Marta will contact U of M and Ave Maria after first of year.
- C. Technology and Access Committee (Rich Bouma): No report.
- D. Legislation Committee (Jan Anderson, Eric Wexler, Amy Barkholz, Donna O'Connor, Marta Hoffman, Tom Trenta)
 - 1. 2009 Law School for Legislators (Jan Anderson): Amy Barkholtz reported that there are three possible dates for the HCLS to present to the legislators. They are March 24th, 26th, or April 2d. Amy will follow up with Jan regarding due dates for the material. Donna O'Connor reported that she still hasn't received any notices of meetings yet.
 - 2. Medical Marijuana Regulations (Marta Hoffman): Marta reported that there may have been a recent announcement by the MDCH regarding this issue and that she would check their website. Amy reported that nothing has been posted yet and that MHA has been fielding a lot of questions from member hospitals. Marta and Amy will collaborate on identifying issues needing clarification. Marta and Amy invited assistance and input from others.
- E. 2009 Annual Meeting Committee (Ann Hollenbeck): No report.
- F. Pro Bono Work Group (Rob Iwrey, Carol Tarnowsky): No report.
- G. Redesigned IRS Form 990 Task Force (Ann Hollenbeck): There was nothing new to report.
- H. Bylaws Amendments – Law Faculty Membership Category (Monica Wilkinson): Monica reported that she received a letter from the State Bar acknowledging its formal acceptance of the amendment to the bylaws. A copy of the amended bylaws has been forwarded to the State Bar. The State Bar has been requested to post the new bylaws to our website.
- I. VSP Amicus Brief Task Force (Ann Hollenbeck): No report.
- J. Publications Committee (John Anderson, Donna O'Connor)
 - 1. Health Law Index: Donna reported that the committee's meeting had to be adjourned due to member scheduling conflicts. They still plan on discussing an update to the Health Law Index. They are also planning on potentially updating the Record Retention and the Access to healthcare manual and cross walking them with JCAHO and the public health code.
 - 2. Planned Publications for 2009: See above.
- K. Charitable Donations Policy (Monica Wilkinson): Monica reported that she and Marta have investigated and located some HCLS policies. Monica is in the process of reviewing current policies before attempting to draft a policy regarding donations.

VII. New Business

- A. David Haron's e-mail to Membership: Ann Hollenbeck discussed David's letter outlining an experience he had with a hospital regarding care provided to a loved

one. Ann will follow up with David regarding his email. She welcomes input from members of the group before she contacts him to determine if there is something that the group feels it can do to address the consumer related issues he identified.

VIII. Next Meeting Date: **Thursday, January 15, 2009, 9:00-10:00 a.m.**

IX. Adjournment: (Ann Hollenbeck): Ann Hollenbeck adjourned the meeting at 9:27 a.m.