

MINUTES

Meeting: State Bar of Michigan – Health Care Law Section Council
Date: December 7, 2010
Chair: Monica Wilkinson

Members Present:

John Anderson	P	Mark Kopson	P	Joann Lax	P
Amy Barkholz	A	Thomas McGraw	P		
Steve Bender	P	Laura Napiewocki	P		
Jennifer Benedict	E	Monica Navarro	E		
Richard Bouma	P	Donna O'Connor	E		
Beth Derwin	E	Carol Tarnowsky	P		
Marta Hoffman	P	Monica Wilkinson	P		
Robert Iwrey	P	Deborah Williamson	P		

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action/Follow-Up
Call to Order Monica Wilkinson	Ms. Wilkinson called the meeting to order at 4:30p.m.	
Roll Call	See above for members present.	
Conflict of Interest Disclosure Monica Wilkinson	None reported.	
Review and Approval of Minutes Monica Wilkinson	Minutes of the November 2, 2010 Council meeting were presented for approval.	Approved
Treasurer's Report Robert Iwrey	Mr. Iwrey indicated that the financial statements will be emailed to members within the next few days. He expects the fund balance to be approximately \$70,000.	Mr. Iwrey to email financial statements.
Substantive Law Committee Steve Bender	<p>Mr. Bender announced the following programs: (a) Stark program on October 12, (b) ERISA basics on January 27, (c) Health Care ADR in February, (d) Mid-level provider issues, date to be determined and (e) mental health parity in May.</p> <p>Ms. Wilkinson summarized an email from Jen Benedict regarding speakers who are not Michigan-based attorneys. There was considerable discussion regarding this topic. It was decided that non Michigan-based attorneys would be allowed to be speakers on topics within their expertise and that we would continue to try to use Michigan-based attorneys whenever possible.</p> <p>Ms. Wilkinson reported that we are receiving pressure to use the State Bar resources for registration and e-blasting. There was considerable discussion. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved authorizing Ms. Wilkinson and Mr. Bender to cancel the Constant</p>	

	Contact arrangement and to make arrangements for the State Bar to provide registration and e-blasting services.	
Publications Committee	Articles for the Michigan Bar Journal, Health Law issue are due at the end of December. Topics include, Stark, HIPAA/HITECH and Health Law Reform (fraud and abuse).	
New Lawyers and Law Students Committee Carol Tarnowsky	Ms. Tarnowsky reported on a planned social event in January or February for new lawyers in Wayne and Oakland Counties. Jason is taking the lead on this.	
Legislative Committee	No report.	
Technology Committee Rich Bouma	<p>Mr. Bouma indicated that he is continuing to investigate list serve issues and will report back to the members.</p> <p>Ms. Wilkinson asked the Technology Committee to follow up with Sandy Barger at the State Bar regarding the establishment of an electronic "locked door" at the SBM website. This would serve as a document repository that could be accessed by Council Members.</p> <p>Ms. Wilkinson reported on a request to post private law firm webinar information on our website. There was considerable discussion regarding this topic. It was decided that such postings would not be permitted but firms would be encouraged to contact the Substantive Law Committee to discuss possible programs.</p>	<p>Mr. Bouma to report on list serve issues at future meeting.</p> <p>Technology Committee to follow up with Sandy Barger on "locked door."</p>
Pro Bono Committee Joanne Lax	<p>Ms. Lax reported that the Section is registered for the 2011 Komen Detroit Race for the Cure.</p> <p>It was reported that Dave Herron has a law clerk who is interested in doing work for the Nightingale Task Force. The Task Force will now fall under the Pro Bono Committee.</p>	Carol Tarnowsky to follow up with MSMS.
HITECH	No report.	
New Business Monica Wilkinson	<p>Ms. Wilkinson reported on Crain's Best In-House Counsel program. There was considerable discussion on whether we should promote this program through e-blasts. It was decided that Ms. Wilkinson would get more information and report back to the Council.</p> <p>Ms. Wilkinson reported that the Section calendar has been distributed.</p> <p>Ms. Wilkinson reported on a refund of dues to an out-of-state member.</p> <p>Ms. Lax reported on a proposal to establish a "Council Fellows" category of membership. There was considerable discussion and</p>	Ms. Wilkinson to follow up on Crain's program.

	interest. Ms. Lax, Mr. Anderson and Ms. Wilkinson volunteered to develop a more specific proposal to be presented at a future meeting.	
Adjournment/Next Meeting	The meeting adjourned at 5:30 P.M. Next Meeting: January 4 at 4:30 P.M.	

Minutes recorded by Tom McGraw