

## MINUTES

**Meeting:** State Bar of Michigan – Health Care Law Section Council  
**Date:** February 1, 2011  
**Chair:** Monica Wilkinson

### Members Present:

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

<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Discussion</u>	<u>Action/Follow-Up</u>
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 Disclosure Monica Wilkinson	None reported.	
Review and Approval of Minutes Monica Wilkinson	Minutes of the January 4, 2010 Council meeting were presented for approval.	Approved
Treasurer's Report Robert Iwrey	No report.	
Substantive Law Committee Steve Bender	<p>Mr. Bender reported on the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approximately 65 people registered for the ERISA Basics program, which was held on January 27<sup>th</sup>. Positive feedback was received regarding the program.</li> <li>2. A program titled: "Social Media Considerations for Health Care Providers" will be held on February 17<sup>th</sup>. The speakers are Linda Ross and Mary Pate.</li> <li>3. Work is underway on a program on covenants not to compete. This program is expected to take place during the first week of March.</li> <li>4. A program on Alternative Dispute Resolution is scheduled for February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Donna Craig is the speaker.</li> <li>5. Topics under consideration for future programs include organ donation and mid-level providers.</li> <li>6. The legislative update program is tentatively scheduled for April.</li> </ol>	Mr. Bender will follow up with Cara Jansma regarding the legislative update program.

Publications Committee Monica Navarro	Three of the four articles for the SBM Journal have been received. The fourth article is expected this week. The Committee will be meeting later this month to make sure that everything is on track with respect to the publication of these articles.	
New Lawyers and Law Students Committee John Anderson	<p>A working topic has been selected for this year's writing competition. Students will be instructed to prepare a research memorandum for the Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court on the constitutionality of the individual mandate provisions of the health care reform legislation. The topic will be posted on our website later this year.</p> <p>The Committee is engaged in outreach to law students and law schools. There are plans to contact health law professors at the various law schools to promote the writing competition.</p> <p>Work continues on a social event for new lawyers and law students. The event will be held in Royal Oak. It was decided that the Section would pay for the food, but not for alcohol. Jason Switzer is taking the lead on this event. It will be promoted by e-blasts.</p>	<p>Ms. Tarnowsky will schedule a conference call to discuss this year's writing competition. Committee members and Ms. Wilkinson will participate.</p> <p>Mr. Anderson to instruct Jason Switzer to send the date for the new lawyer's event to Ms. Wilkinson.</p>
Legislative Committee	No report.	
Technology Committee Jen Benedict Rich Bouma	No report.	
Pro Bono Committee Laura Napiewocki	<p>The Committee is exploring possible Race for the Cure team fundraising activities, and Ms. Napiewocki will be attending a seminar on this topic.</p> <p>The Council approved the distribution of Race for the Cure flyers and the sale of pink ribbons for \$1 at the ICLE Health Care Law seminar.</p> <p>The Nightingale Task Force is up and running but no specific report was provided.</p>	
HITECH	No report.	
Council Fellows Exploration Committee Joanne Lax	No report.	

Annual Meeting Subcommittee Report Monica Wilkinson	<p>The subcommittee has held its first meeting. The tentative date for the annual meeting is September 22, 2011. The theme for the meeting is the Changing Health Care Landscape in Michigan. Several locations are under consideration, including Comerica Park, Meadowbrook and the Detroit Historical Museum. Ms. Wilkinson asked Council Members to submit suggestions for the locations of this year's annual meeting.</p>	
New Business Monica Wilkinson	<p>The Section Calendar has been distributed.</p> <p>Ms. Wilkinson has asked Nicole Dennis to provide us with a CD of the section related documents that are on Suzette's computer.</p> <p>In memory of Suzette Allen, the Section sent flowers to the funeral home and the Council approved a donation in the amount of \$100 to the American Cancer Society. The planning committee for the annual meeting will be discussing an appropriate way to remember Suzette at the annual meeting.</p> <p>Ms. Wilkinson reported on her efforts to retain a new administrative assistant. The pay for this position is \$25 per hour. The hours required vary from month to month but average approximately 10 hours per month. Ms. Wilkinson has spoken with one candidate and will work with other officers to make a final selection.</p> <p>The State Bar has asked our Section to participate in the Michigan Pledge to Achieve Diversity and Inclusion. The matter will be discussed at our next meeting and the Pledge will be distributed with the meeting agenda. Mr. Kopson mentioned that AHLA focuses its efforts in this area on young lawyers.</p> <p>The Appreciation Dinner will be held after the ICLE Health Law Institute at Flemings in Plymouth. Invitations will go out shortly. Ms. Wilkinson asked Council members to extend dinner invitations to committee members.</p> <p>Ms. Hoffman reported that meeting minutes need to be posted on our website.</p>	<p>Ms. Wilkinson asked all Council Members to keep a file of templates and other documents used in connection with Section business for eventual delivery to the new administrative assistant and posting on the Section website.</p> <p>Mr. McGraw to send a copy of the Pledge to Ms. Wilkinson.</p> <p>Mr. McGraw and Ms. Hoffman will send minutes from prior meetings to Ms. Benedict.</p>
Adjournment/Next Meeting	<p>The meeting adjourned at 5:15 P.M.</p> <p><b>Next Meeting: March 1 at 4:30 P.M.</b></p>	

Minutes recorded by Tom McGraw