

MINUTES

Meeting: State Bar of Michigan – Health Care Law Section Council
Date: February 7, 2012
Chair: Marta Hoffman

Members Present:

John Anderson (Secretary)	E	Josh Moore	P
Steve Bender (Vice Chair)	P	Laura Napiewocki	P
Jennifer Benedict	P	Monica Navarro	A
Richard Bouma	P	Donna O'Connor	E
Patrick Haddad	P	Abby Pendleton	A
John Hazewinkel	A	Trish Schabath	P
Marta Hoffman (Chair)	P	Monica Wilkinson	P
Mark Kopson	P	Deborah Williamson	E
Thomas McGraw (Treasurer)	P		

<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Discussion</u>	<u>Action/Follow-Up</u>
Call to Order (Marta Hoffman)	Ms. Hoffman called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.	
Roll Call (Marta Hoffman)	See above for members present.	
Conflict of Disclosure (Marta Hoffman)	None reported.	
Review and Approval of Minutes (Marta Hoffman)	Minutes are approved with no necessary changes.	Ms. Nutter will send revised minutes to Mr. Anderson, Ms. Hoffman, and Ms. Benedict to file them with the State Bar.
Treasurer's Report (Tom McGraw)	Financial statements and general ledger report for the month of December 2011 were distributed to all Council Members. Mr. McGraw reported that our fund balance, as of December 2011, is \$91,000.	
Substantive Law Committee (Laura Napiewocki)	Ms. Napiewocki reported that (a) there have been four teleconference educational programs so far this program year, (b) the 2-part Information Technology series was completed at the end of January, (c) a program on social media will be presented in February or March, (d) the committee is exploring a joint program on POLST with the Elder Law Section, (e) a program on ACOs is in the works, and (e) the Committee expects to have presented 8 programs by the end of the program year.	
Publications Committee (Donna O'Connor, Monica Navarro)	Ms. Hoffman reported that the committee sent out an e-blast "Call for Authors" regarding white papers on ACOs and licensing issues. Some responses have come back.	Ms. Hoffman to check with publications committee to determine status of responses and whether any additional calls for authors need to go out.
New Lawyers and Law Students Committee (John Anderson)	No report. Ms. Hoffman mentioned that discussions are underway for events at UM and WSU.	

Legislative Committee (Mark Kopson, Deborah Williamson, Steve Bender)	Nothing to report.	
Technology Committee (Jen Benedict, Rich Bouma)	Ms. Benedict reported that the Charitable Donation Policy is posted on the Section website and that we may be able link to the State Bar site which contains the applications for law students to join the section. .	
Pro Bono Committee (Laura Napiewocki)	Ms. Napiewocki reported the following with respect to Section participation in the Komen Race for the Cure: (a) an e-blast will be sent to Section members, (b) flyers will be available at the ICLE program in March, and (c) ribbons will be offered for sale for \$1 at the ICLE program in March.	Ms. Hoffman to follow up with Ms. Napiewocki regarding the Nightingale Task Force.
Fellows Committee (Deb Williamson)	Ms. Hoffman and Mr. Kopson reported that (a) a draft process for Fellow nominations will be presented at a future Council meeting, and (b) progress is being made on adding the names of the Fellows and other information to the Section website.	Ms. Hoffman to follow up with Ms. Williamson regarding website issues.
Law Student Writing Competition (Marta Hoffman, Monica Wilkinson, John Anderson)	Ms. Wilkinson reported that two possible topics have been discussed by the Committee -- personal health records and a technical billing issue. A final selection has not been made. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the student writing competition and possible alternatives, including a scholarship. Several Council members expressed concern regarding the lack of law student interest in the competition. There was discussion regarding the amount of the awards. It was decided that awards would remain at \$2,000 for first place and \$1,500 for second place. One member suggested that we inform law school financial aid officers about the awards. Ms. Hoffman set March 30 as the target date for posting information regarding this year's competition on the Section website.	Abby Pendleton will be asked to (a) compile a list of the financial aid officers at Michigan law schools, including names and contact information, and (b) compile a list of professors/instructors at Michigan law schools that teach health law related courses or seminars, and (c) compile a list of any student health law organizations at Michigan law schools. Ms. Pendleton will be asked to provide this information at the March Council meeting.
New Business (Marta Hoffman)	<p>Ms. Hoffman reported on the ICLE dinner which will be held at Fleming's. The Council members unanimously ratified payment of a \$2,000 deposit to Fleming's.</p> <p>Annual Meeting RFPs have been sent to MGM Casino, the DAC, Ford Field and Best Western Sterling Inn.</p> <p>The Council Member unanimously approved a \$1,250 charitable donation to the Pre-Law Diversity Initiative at Cooley Law School.</p> <p>Ms. Hoffman reported that the SBM would like our Section to establish a diversity committee. It was decided that, at the end of this year, the Council will inventory its diversity initiatives and decide at that time whether a separate committee is necessary.</p>	<p>Ms. Hoffman will check to make sure that Fleming's received the \$2,000 deposit. Ms. Hoffman will send on invitations.</p> <p>Ms. Navarro will be asked to present information at the March Council meeting regarding possible sponsorship of, and presentation at, a luncheon for the Diversity Initiative.</p>
Adjournment/Next Meeting	The meeting adjourned at 5:25 pm.	

(Marta Hoffman)	Next Meeting: March 6, 2012 @ 4:30.	
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Minutes recorded by Mr. McGraw