

MINUTES

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

Date: February 6, 2014

Chair: Laura Napiewocki

Members Present:

Steve Bender	P	Thomas McGraw	P
Jennifer Benedict	P	Josh Moore	P
Mercedes Dordeski	P	Laura Napiewocki	E
Timothy Gutwald	P	Monica Navarro	A
Patrick Haddad	P	Donna O'Connor	P
John Hazewinkel	P	Abby Pendleton	P
Cara Jansma	A	Trish Schabath	P
Matt Keuten	P	Deborah Williamson	P
Mark Kopson	P		

Agenda Item	Discussion
Call to Order (Jen Benedict for Laura Napiewocki)	Jen Benedict called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.
Roll Call (Mark Kopson)	See above for members present.
Conflict of Interest Disclosures (Jen Benedict for Laura Napiewocki)	None reported.
Review and Approval of Minutes of January 9, 2014 Meeting (Mark Kopson)	The minutes were approved without change.
Treasurer's Report (Tom McGraw)	Tom circulated financial statements through end of December 2013, including prior year comparison. We've received most dues and incurred few expenses. Current bank balance is \$94,713.39. It appears that membership is up.
Substantive Law Committee (Matt Keuten for Cara Jansma)	Matt reported that Committee is meeting next week. Meaningful Use webinar went well; 53 of 80+ registered "attended" and Go To Meeting was used and may have resulted in more questions being posed by attendees. Others scheduled are: 2/26/14 = Anatomy of a HIPAA Breach; 3/26/14 = IT Contracting; 5/14/14 = Licensing Investigations and Related Reporting Obligations. DOMA webinar will possibly be on 4/23.
Publications Committee (Monica Navarro)	Monica was not present so there was no report. Steve suggested that an email go out telling Committee members who cannot attend to have an alternate present their report.
New Lawyers and Law Students Committee (Steve Bender)	Steve reported that the Committee divvied up law schools were and contacts for Achievement Award are being sought. Exploring potential Lunch & Learns at the schools and interested volunteers should contact Steve.
Legislative Committee (Patrick Haddad)	Patrick reported on the Public Health Code revision status. Larry Burns has been very open and helpful. 100 comments were received at last count, and several submitted more than one comment. Areas receiving several comments included Article 15 and other "technical" issues. Committee is broken into work groups and expects to submit to Governor in Spring. Patrick will contact Larry again before next HCLS call. Patrick also reported on proposed revisions to MCR 3.602 on arbitration to address the statute. Litigators contacted by Patrick included Abe Singer at Kitch. On balance, they view the Court Rule changes favorably, noting that many impacts flow from the statute. Patrick recommends no position or action be taken by HCLS.
Technology Committee (John Hazewinkel)	John reported on the HCLS website and Listserv including an email chain with Rich Bouma regarding typical inquiries, volume and weaknesses. Some features on the site are very outdated, e.g., 2010 newsletters. Member Directory is entitled "2010" and is

	password protected. The home page goes directly to latest webinar, and John recommends a different, more introductory homepage. He also recommends that the URL be included on every HCLS email and that old newsletters be deleted. Listserve will remain status quo. John will work on quarterly newsletters.
Pro Bono (Trish Schabath)	Trish summarized 64 survey responses: Most have practiced >20 yrs but were HCLS members 0-5 yrs.; 60% said healthcare is most of their practice; 40% reported currently engaging in pro bono activities, with 50% of those partially or directly related to healthcare; biggest impediments are time (35%) and lack of awareness of opportunities (33%); 28% said they would be very likely and 50% said somewhat likely to participate in events HCLS made them aware of; little interest in food stamp clinic but more interest in veteran benefits. Major conclusions: lack of awareness of opportunity is largest impediment; little consensus on specific areas of interest. Medicaid waiver programs were one suggestion. Committee will delve deeper into the results and follow up with programs that have needs. HCLS will not be able to publicize on our own.
Fellows Committee (Deb Williamson)	Deb reported that Committee (Jen, Donna, Deb and David Rogers) met last month and is meeting at end of March and will be proposing charter revisions. The Committee wants nominations from the Section earlier than last year and also wants to timely present proposed charter revisions.
Old Business <i>Post-ICLE Appreciation Dinner</i>	Adrienne reviewed information obtained from the Inn At St. John, including a private room on lower floor that holds 100 and cost similar to Flemings. 6:30 cocktails and 7:00 p.m. dinner are proposed with approximately 64 invitees (similar to last year, of which 29 attended), using middle-cost menu. Adrienne will finalize contract and obtain check from Tom for deposit. Invites will be sent shortly. Adrienne suggested week of 9/10/14 as potential date for Annual Meeting to avoid conflict with holidays and State Bar Annual Meeting.
New Business <i>March Council Call Date</i>	Meeting will be switched to March 13 due to ICLE Health Law Institute.
Adjournment / Next Meeting (Jen Benedict for Laura Napiewocki)	The meeting adjourned at 5:24 p.m. Next Meeting: March13, 2014 @ 4:30 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Mark Kopson

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