

**STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN
HEALTH CARE LAW SECTION**

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**Thursday, June 21, 2007
10:00 am – 12:00 noon**

The Health Care Law Section Council meeting was held on June 21, 2007 at the State Bar of Michigan in Lansing. Joanne Lax, Rob Iwrey, Jennifer Kidea Dewane, Margaret Marchak, attended by telephone and Lisa Panah, Eric Wexler, Tom Trenta, Amy Barkholz and David Rogers attended in person. Kim Adams, Administrative Assistant, was also present.

1. Call to Order (*David Rogers*)

Rogers called the meeting to order at 10:15 AM

2. Introductions of State Bar Staff and Tour of State Bar Offices

Rogers announced that the tour of the offices will take place at the conclusion of the meeting and called for introductions of the State Bar employees.

Susan McMann, Sections & Committees Administrator, described her role as a point person for the section handling By Laws issues, etc. Her last day with the State Bar is June 29.

Elizabeth Lyon, Public Policy Program Analyst, talked about developing a process to evaluate legislation and offered to help the section develop policies and procedures on advocating legislation.

Sandi Barger, Electronic Publications Coordinator, said that she updates the web site and helped create the Health Law Index. She said that she can post newsletters, develop e-newsletters and send e-blasts to all members and can help the Section create a Wiki, a web application designed to allow multiple authors to add, remove, and edit content. Marchak agreed that a Wiki would be a good addition to the Section's web site and offered to send a Wiki article to the Council members and asked that a discussion of it be placed on the next agenda.

Sue Oudsema, Desktop Publisher, does desktop publishing for the Section. She can assist in registration forms, postcards, etc.

Becky Hunter, Finance Specialist, works in the finance department handling accounts payable.

Kim Johnson, Finance Coordinator, handles registrations for seminars and supervises all of the dues and any other cash receipts coming in.

Candace Crowley, Manager, Development and External Affairs, is the outreach and external relations officer and will temporarily handle Section services after Susan McMann leaves. She reported that she works with the Sections to promote strategic partnerships among interested groups and that she is in the process of planning a Section Orientation in October.

Rogers called for questions. Lax inquired about term limits for the chair and asked that the section consider extending it. Rogers will place this on the agenda for August.

3. Conflict Disclosures (*David Rogers*)

Rogers called for conflicts. There were none.

4. Review and Approval of Minutes of May 17, 2007 Council Meeting (*Ann Hollenbeck*)

Action deferred to August, 2007

5. Treasurer's Report (*Margaret Marchak*)

Action deferred to August, 2007

6. Updates

5.1 Substantive Law Committee Report (*Monica Wilkinson*)

Rogers referred the Council to Wilkinson's written report attached to the meeting packet and asked members to read it.

5.2 Law Student Receptions (*Rob Iwrey, Ann Hollenbeck and Amy Barkholz*)

Iwrey reported that there is nothing new to report. Adams reported that Ann Hollenbeck's name was left off of this committee and asked that it be added back on.

5.3 Revisions of the Non-Profit Corporation Act Update (*Joanne Lax*)

Action deferred to August, 2007

5.4 JCAHO/COP Project Update (*Joy Berent*) – Members: Joy Berent, Beth Derwin, Jennifer Kildea Dewane

Action deferred to August, 2007

5.5 Website (*Eric Wexler*)

Wexler reported that there is nothing new to report.

5.6 Attorney-Client Privilege Task Force (*Eric Wexler*)

Wexler reported that he received an email from one of the chairs of the Task Force and described the issues. See report attached to meeting packet. Wexler asked if the Council and/or Section should formally support the recommendation to the Task Force. Rogers asked if there was time to consider this at the next meeting. After a brief discussion, Wexler agreed to send the report out again to the Council members asking for a review and discussion at the August meeting.

5.7 Michigan Health Care Regulations Update (*Kim Adams*)

Adams reported that there is nothing new to report.

5.8 2007 Annual Meeting Committee (*Joanne Lax*) -- Members: Lisa Panah, Margaret Marchak, Joanne Lax, Ann Hollenbeck, Joy Berent, David Rogers

Lax reported that planning is going well. There was a discussion on how to publicize the event using the State Bar services, such as an e-blast and/or postcard printing and whether to offer a gift bag. Iwrey offered to contact a vendor who sells promotional gifts.

5.9 Pro Bono Work Group (*Robert Iwrey, Jan Anderson, Mike Fraleigh*)

Iwrey reported that he is working with Wilkinson on possibly providing pro bono assistance to Wayne State University law professors on HIV related issues.

5.10 Michigan Stark Law—Request for Legislature to take notice of Stark II Regulations (*Ann Hollenbeck; David Rogers*)

Rogers reported that Howard Marderosian said that his office is still reviewing the document.

7. Legislative Liaison Committee (*Jan Anderson*) – Members: Jan Anderson, Donna Craig, Donna O'Connor, and Eric Wexler

An extended conversation centered around establishing policies and procedures in bringing attention to and/or recommending legislation to the Section's membership. Wexler reported that he would like to evaluate and obtain more information about the process and fundamentals and make this a topic of discussion at the next meeting. Rogers asked Barkholz to assist.

8. Section Survey (*Rogers*)

Rogers asked if it would be worthwhile to set-up a small group of Council members to review the survey and report back with a conclusion and goals at the next meeting. Trenta, Panah, Barkholz and Rogers will meet about this issue.

9. Update on HCLS Scholarship for National Association of the Administrative Law Judiciary Spring 2007 Conference (*Rogers*)

Rogers reported that there is nothing new to report.

10. Other Business

Panah asked if there are any objections in establishing a 990 Revision Task Force. There were none. She will speak with Hollenbeck on how best to proceed.

Wexler wanted to make sure that we did not lose site of the Bar's request that the Section work jointly on pandemic issues. Rogers said that he would add it to the August agenda.

11. Next Meeting Date: Thursday, August 16, 2007, 3:00 pm.

Subsequent meetings: Third Thursday of each month, 3:00 pm:

Aug 16, Sep 20 (No meeting in July)

12. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 P.M.

Council Members and Project Assignments:

Chair: David Rogers (2008)

Secretary: Ann Hollenbeck (2009) – Michigan Stark Task Force; Annual Meeting Committee; Law Student Receptions

Treasurer: Margaret Marchak (2009) -- Annual Meeting Committee

Chair-Elect: Lisa Panah (2008) – Annual Meeting Committee

Past Chair: Jennifer Kildea DeWane (2007) – JCAHO/COP Task Force

Substantive Law Committee Chair: Monica Wilkinson (2009) – NAALJ Scholarship Committee

Jan Anderson (2007) – Pro Bono Work Group; Legislative Liaison Committee

Amy Barkholz (2008) – Law Student Receptions

Joy Berent (2007) – Annual Meeting Committee; JCAHO/COP Project

Donna Craig (2007) – Legislative Liaison Committee

Beth Derwin (2008) – JCAHO/COP Task Force

Mike Fraleigh (2009) – Pro Bono Work Group

Rob Iwrey (2008) – Law Student Receptions; Pro Bono Work Group

Joanne Lax (2008) -- Annual Meeting Committee

Donna O'Connor (2009) – Legislative Liaison Committee

Carol Tarnowsky (2008) – Web Survey

Tom Trenta (2009) – NAALJ Scholarship Committee

Eric Wexler (2009) – Website; Attorney-Client Privilege Task Force; Legislative Liaison Committee

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