### STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN

### **HEALTH CARE LAW SECTION**

## **COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 2008

The Health Care Law Section Council meeting was held via teleconference. The following Council members participated:

Jan Anderson, Rich Bouma, Beth Derwin, Marta Hoffman, Ann Hollenbeck, Rob Iwrey, Joanne Lax, Margaret Marchak, Donna O'Connor, Lisa Panah, Carol Tarnowsky, Eric Wexler and Administrative Assistant Denise Adams was also present.

Excused absences: Monica Wilkinson, David Rogers and Tom Trenta.

- 1. <u>Call to Order</u>. Lisa Panah called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m.
- 2. <u>Conflict Disclosures</u>. There were no conflict disclosures.
- 3. <u>Approval of Minutes</u>. Joanne Lax presented the minutes of the May 21, 2008 Council Meeting. After motion made and seconded the minutes were approved unanimously.
- 4. <u>Treasurer's Report.</u>
  - 4.1 <u>Budget Issues</u>. Margaret Marchak reported that she sent a copy of the report via email earlier today. Ms. Marchak has started to receive expenses for the Annual Meeting and also for administration.
- 5. Updates.
  - 5.1 <u>Substantive Law Committee Report</u>. Lisa Panah reported for Monica Wilkinson who was on vacation. The Technology Committee is planning a teleconference on ePrescribing for early September.
    - 5.1.1 <u>Speaker Release Form.</u> Margaret Marchak asked that the council review the American Bar Association speaker release form. Ms. Marchak will circulate the ABA release form via email and asks that council members review the release form and return their comments to her before the August 20th, 2008 meeting.
  - 5.2 <u>Health Law Schmooze Committee</u>. Donna O'Connor reported that the last Schmooze event for the year was the Detroit Tiger Game at Comerica Park, June 6, 2008. Approximately twenty people attended.
    - 5.2.1 Ms. O'Connor led the discussion about whether Schmooze events should continue in the next year. A motion was made and seconded to disband the Schmooze Committee. The motion passed unanimously. Donna O'Connor will discuss with her committee

- whether they will hold the last Schmooze event which is tentatively scheduled to be held in Traverse City on Friday October 10, 2008.
- 5.3 <u>Law Student Events</u>. Lisa Panah reported that Amy Barkholtz is planning a fall law student event in Lansing.
- 5.4 <u>Technology and Access Committee</u>. Rich Bouma stated that he had nothing new to report.
  - 5.4.1 <u>HCLS Website Updates</u>. Lisa Panah reported that she has submitted for posting on the HCLS website updates to the Michigan Summary of Fraud and Abuse Statutes & Regulations. Ms. Panah also reported that she has submitted for posting the revised IRS 990 Form. Ms. Panah has prepared an HCLS Annual Report for the State Bar and anyone interested in a copy should email her.
- 5.5 <u>Health Law Index</u>. Lisa Panah reported that the index is updated by Mary Beth Dickerson. Ms. Panah stated that we really need to find a volunteer to take over this responsibility. Anyone interested in taking over this assignment should contact Ms. Panah.
- 5.6 <u>Legislation Committee</u>. Jan Anderson stated that the committee has nothing new to report.
- 5.7 2008 Annual Meeting Committee Update. Joanne Lax reported that the committee is in the process of finalizing speakers. Mr. Sam Watson of MHA's Keystone program and Dr. Thomas Simmer, Chief Medical Officer for BCBS have been contacted. On June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00 there will be an Annual Meeting Committee teleconference which will include the four speakers. Anyone interested in participating is welcome. The goal of the meeting is to establish format and discuss use of the Harvard video provided by Mr. Tom Trenta. Jan Anderson suggested an alternative film that was produced by the Keystone Program in conjunction with Johns Hopkins that is only about ten minutes in length. Ms. Anderson offered to locate a copy of the film for consideration by the Annual Meeting Committee. Lisa Panah added that an Annual Meeting Committee teleconference will also be held June 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm. Registration for the annual meeting will be posted soon.
- 5.8 <u>Pro Bono Work Group</u>. Rob Iwrey reported that the domestic violence brochure has been submitted to Amy Richards for review. He is waiting for her response.
- 5.9 <u>Revised IRS 990 Form.</u> Ann Hollenbeck reported that the task force prepared and submitted the Revised IRS 990 form to the IRS on May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008. It will be posted on the website within the next week.
- 5.10 <u>Law Student Writing Competition.</u> Carol Tarnowsky reported that the deadline for the writing competition is July 31, 2008. To date, the Committee has received no submissions.

- 5.11 <u>Bylaws Amendment-Law Faculty Membership Category</u>. Lisa Panah reported that Monica Wilkinson has submitted the Council-approved Bylaws Amendment to the State Bar of Michigan for its approval. The State Bar has approved the Bylaws Amendment and the council will present the change to the section at the Annual Meeting. Once the amendment is approved, the council will re-submit the Bylaws to the Bar for formal approval.
- 5.12 <u>Nominating Committee</u>. Lisa Panah reported that the nominating committee meet in early June and will be meeting again next week. Nominations have been received. Ms. Hollenbeck asked that anyone interested in serving on the council let her know right away.

# 6. New Projects/ Initiatives.

- 6.1 <u>Publications Committee</u>. Lisa Panah led a discussion regarding the creation of a Publications Committee. The purposes of the committee are outlined in the agenda. Ms. Panah suggests that an existing SLC person chair the new committee and that Ms. Donna O'Connor serve as the liaison to the council. She further suggested that the committee work on one project per year and have that project accomplished by the Annual Meeting next year. After motion made and seconded the council voted unanimously to create a new Publications Committee.
- 6.2 Government/Providers Substantive Law Subcommittee. Lisa Panah reported that she has been contacted by Ms. Leslie Wizner regarding the creation of a new HCLS Government/Providers Substantive Law Subcommittee. The council voted against creating an additional Government/Providers Substantive Law Subcommittee. Ms. Panah will reply to Ms. Wizner and extend an invitation to her to participate in a future program.
- 7. <u>List of Individuals Interested in Participating in Section Activities</u>. Lisa Panah noted the individuals who have expressed an interest in participating in Section activities and asked Council members to keep them in mind for projects.
- 8. <u>Other Business</u>. No other business was presented.
- 9. <u>Next Meeting Date</u>. The next Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 20, 2008 from 3:00- 5:00 p.m. via call-in only.
- 10. <u>Adjourn.</u> Lisa Panah adjourned the meeting at 3:31 p.m.

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