

MINUTES

Meeting: State Bar of Michigan – Health Care Law Section Council
Date: June 7, 2011
Chair: Monica Wilkinson

Members Present:

John Anderson	P	Mark Kopson	P	Joanne Lax	P
Amy Barkholz		Thomas McGraw	P		
Steve Bender	P	Laura Napiewocki	P		
Jennifer Benedict	P	Monica Navarro			
Richard Bouma	P	Donna O'Connor	P		
Beth Derwin	P	Carol Tarnowsky	P		
Marta Hoffman	p	Monica Wilkinson	P		
Robert Iwrey	P	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 4:34 p.m.	
Roll Call	See above for members present.	
Conflict of Interest Disclosure Monica Wilkinson	None reported.	
Review and Approval of Minutes Monica Wilkinson	John(?), Beth Derwin(N), Monica Navarro; Tom, Joanne and Amy excused from last meeting. Meeting minutes approved.	Ms. Nutter to file minutes as amended, with the State Bar.
Treasurer's Report Robert Iwrey	Rob reports that there is approximately \$80,000 in the account.	
Substantive Law Committee Steve Bender	<p>A couple more programs are planned: June 8th, MidLevel Providers, June 15 (Martha Boonstra), Medical Auditing (Abby and Connie Blatchut). September begins programs again, with the retooled Legislative Update; a 'state of the state' address. Monica wants to coordinate with the Annual Meeting agenda to make sure that the topics don't overlap too much.</p> <p>Administrative muting problems have been corrected.</p>	
Publications Committee Donna O'Connor	Nothing to report.	
New Lawyers and Law	Writing competition information has been posted on the website, but no submissions as yet. They are due no later than August 1. A reminder	

Students Committee John Anderson (Carol Tarnowsky)	email can be sent to the law schools to help with submissions.	
Legislative Committee Mark Kopson	Nothing to report.	
Technology Committee Jen Benedict Rich Bouma	Over the summer, Adrienne, Monica, Rich and Jennifer will be working on adding HCLS documents to the 'virtual vault'. Starting in the fall, historical documents, etc. would be accessible to council members. We will be working to collect old documents, and ask council members to forward anything of importance on for this purpose.	
Pro Bono Committee Joanne Lax (Rob Iwrey and Laura Napiewocki)	Nothing to report on the Nightingale Task Force; roll over until September. Counselors for the Cure had a good showing, and weather was great. The after party was not well-attended (potentially also due to weather), but the event went well. Approximately \$3,000 was raised. Also, the top fundraiser needs to be identified so that a prize can be awarded at the Annual Meeting. An ipod Shuffle or Kindle were suggested. A \$50-\$75 price range is suggested for an ipod device.	
HITECH	Nothing to report.	
Council Fellows Exploration Committee Joanne Lax (Ms. Wilkinson)	Fellows Program – Joanne thanks Deb for working on this. The proposal is to establish an Oversight Committee (3 volunteers, one who is a council member and chair) to nominate Fellows and encourage them to use the Fellows Committee and participate in planning activities. The second committee would be the Fellows Committee; a 'think tank' to identify opportunities to be involved in. The more difficult part would be determining the nomination criteria; including people who have made significant historic contributions to the section; can't be a council member. The Oversight Committee will nominate a slate of potential Fellows to be voted on by the Council. The new Fellows will be announced and recognized at the annual meeting. This would be an un-expiring honorary designation. This is not designating a new membership category, no dues change, etc. Council needs to approve this program, and a slate of names needs to be suggested for the initial Oversight committee, which will be in place through the end of the council year and will work over the summer to develop the nominations. The Nominating Committee will then determine who will sit on the Oversight Committee next year. There are no objections to this program, and it has been officially adopted. Monica proposes that Joanne Lax sits as the first chair, and that Deb Williamson and David	

	<p>Rodgers also sit on the committee. Monica says that there shouldn't be an inappropriate conflict if one of these committee members is themselves nominated. There are no objections to the proposed committee, and Monica will let David know about his appointment. This committee will work together over the summer to put together a list; their slate needs to be presented by the September 6th Council meeting.</p>	
<p>Annual Meeting Subcommittee Report Monica Navarro(Ms. Wilkinson)</p>	<p>Speakers are being finalized; Olga Dazzo had confirmed, but pulled out today. Amy is still working on a lead for Bill Schuette.</p>	
<p>New Business Monica Wilkinson</p>	<p>Michigan Pledge to Achieve Diversity and Inclusion - College Pre-Law Summer Institute. An email vote took place. The Pro Bono policy was followed, and as of May 26th a quorum was reached. The vote was in favor of the donation; Mark also goes on record as being in favor of the program.</p> <p>Formation of Nominating Committee for 2010 – 2011 SBM year – Joanne, Monica, Mara, Jen, Steve, and Rob are Monica's suggestions for this slate. There are no additions or objections, and Monica will send an email to this committee to get going on that. Five positions to fill in the fall.</p>	
<p>Adjournment/Next Meeting</p>	<p>Meeting adjourned.</p> <p>Next Meeting: September 6, 2011 at 4.30 pm</p>	

Minutes recorded by Adrienne Nutter