

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF  
THE HEALTH CARE LAW SECTION OF  
THE STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN**

**Thursday, March 3, 2005**

The Council meeting was held at Tribute restaurant in Farmington Hills. The following Council members participated: Cindy Wisner, Donna Craig, Mike Fraleigh, Keith Soltis, Lisa Panah, Art deVaux, Joy Berent, David Rogers, Marge Marchak, Jennifer Kildea Dewane and Eric Wexler.

1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by Cindy Wisner at approximately 7:20 p.m.
2. Conflict Disclosures (if any - specific agenda items). There were no new conflicts of interest to report.
3. Minutes. The Minutes of the December 15, 2004 and January 26, 2005 meetings of the Health Care Law Section Council of the State Bar of Michigan were approved upon a motion made and seconded.
4. Old and Recurrent Business.

4.1 Treasurer's Report. Donna Craig provided the Treasurer's report. She reported that the Health Care Law Section has a net fund balance.

4.2 Budget (2004-2005). Donna Craig presented the budget. There was discussion on increasing the budget for the list serv to \$1,000, marketing to \$6,000, the annual meeting to \$8,000, and miscellaneous to \$6,000. It was proposed that a budget line item of \$5,000 be added for a Medicare Conditions of Participation/JCAHO crosswalk project. The Council members also discussed making a \$1,000 contribution to the Access to Justice fund.

The budget, with the amended changes, was approved on a motion made and seconded.

On a motion made and seconded, the Council approved making teleconference programs free of charge for Health Care Law Section members.

4.3 State Bar Special Projects.

4.3.1 Court Rule Revisions. Eric Wexler reported on the terms and benefits of affiliation with the AHLA. Some of the benefits are that there is no cost to affiliate, and the Chair of the Health Care Law Section receives a discount on the AHLA annual health law

program. Mr. Wexler further reported that a condition to affiliation is that the Health Care Law Section must agree to promote AHLA's programs. There was discussion on moving forward with the AHLA affiliation upon obtaining further clarification of the terms and conditions of affiliation, and with close monitoring to ensure the Health Care Law Section maintains its identity.

- 4.4 Follow up to Special Guest at January Meeting: Bill Whitbeck, Chief Judge, MI Court of Appeals. Cindy Wisner reported on Chief Judge Whitbeck's presentation to the Council on January 26, 2005 and his request for comments on improving the Court of Appeals operations.

5. Updates.

- 5.1 Substantive Law Subcommittee Report. Marge Marchak reported that the Legislative Update was well attended and well received.

5.1.1 Grant/Funding Request/Opportunity. Cindy Wisner provided an update on the request by the U of M Law School Pediatric Advocacy Initiative ("PAI") for the Health Care Law Section to make a \$5,000 contribution to PAI to develop training materials and programs on substantive legal issues for pediatric providers. Health Care Law Section Council members supported the idea of providing pro bono attorney services and agreed to look into possible pro bono activities to which to make contributions.

- 5.2 Attendance on Calls and at Meetings. There was discussion on improving participation in meetings by Council members. Cindy Wisner agreed to contact members who have not participated in Council meetings regularly or at all on the importance of attendance.

5.3 Other Business.

5.4.1 Law Student Reception. David Rogers reported that the law student reception held at Wayne State University Law School for WSU and University of Detroit law students went well. Around 40 people attended, most of whom were WSU law students. There was discussion on alternating the law schools where the receptions will be held to improve attendance.

5.4.2 MSMS. It was reported that MSMS has not yet been contacted by, nor has MSMS contacted, the Health Care Law Section regarding possible co-sponsorship of an educational program.

5.4.3 Corporate Practice of Medicine. It was reported that the Corporate Practice of Medicine work group continues to explore resolving the health-related corporate name issue with the State Corporation Division.

6. Upcoming Dates 2005. Cindy Wisner reported that future Council meetings are scheduled for 4/20/05 at Trinity Health in Farmington Hills, 5/18/05 at Foster Swift in Lansing, and 6/15/05 by telephone.
7. Adjournment. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:20 p.m.