

## MINUTES

**Meeting:** State Bar of Michigan – Health Care Law Section Council  
**Date:** March 6, 2012  
**Chair:** Marta Hoffman

### Members Present:

John Anderson (Secretary)	P	Josh Moore	P
Steve Bender (Vice Chair)	P	Laura Napiewocki	P
Jennifer Benedict	P	Monica Navarro	E
Richard Bouma	E	Donna O'Connor	A
Patrick Haddad	P	Abby Pendleton	A
John Hazewinkel	P	Trish Schabath	P
Marta Hoffman (Chair)	P	Monica Wilkinson	P
Mark Kopson	P	Deborah Williamson	P
Thomas McGraw (Treasurer)	P		

<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Discussion</u>	<u>Action/Follow-Up</u>
Call to Order (Steve Bender)	Mr. Bender called the meeting to order at 4:35.	
Roll Call (Steve Bender)	See above for members present.	
Conflict of Disclosure (Steve Bender)	None reported.	
Review and Approval of Minutes (Steve Bender)	Minutes are approved with no necessary changes.	Ms. Nutter will send revised minutes to Mr. Anderson, Ms. Hoffman, and Ms. Benedict to file them with the State Bar.
Treasurer's Report (Tom McGraw)	Mr. McGraw references the reports attached to the meeting notice email and reviews recent expenses. Current fund balance is just under \$90,000. \$31,800 has been brought in in dues, and a little over \$4,000 has been spent thus far. We are one of the few sections with a fund balance at this level.	
Substantive Law Committee (Laura Napiewocki)	Ms. Napiewocki reports that 33 individuals participated in the recent Social Media teleconference. There have been 5 teleconferences thus far, with three more planned: POLST (jointly with Elder Law Section), ACOs (looking at several speakers including Dan Schulte and Henry Allen), and Medicare Overpayments (Tim Gutwald to present). Other potential topics are being discussed, as well as something planned for September.	
Publications Committee (Donna O'Connor, Monica Navarro)	Ms. Navarro submitted the following report via email:  Ongoing Projects: The Legislative Update and Fraud and Abuse Manual are up to date.  New Projects:  ACO White Paper: Authors are working on the White paper. Mercedes	

	<p>Dordeski is the Publications Committee liaison for this project. First Drafts are due on March 16, 2012. Expect to be done by May of 2012.</p> <p>Licensing Field Manual: Authors are working on the Manual. Sheerin Rouf is the Publications Committee liaison. First Drafts are due on March 18, 2012. Expect to be done by May 2012.</p> <p>Insurance Exchange Legislative Update: Greg Nowakowski prepared a draft which is being reviewed by the Publications Committee prior to submission to the Michigan Bar for posting.</p> <p>Thanks again for approving the CLEO funding and I will keep the Council apprised of luncheon opportunities to educate pre-law students about health law.</p>	
New Lawyers and Law Students Committee (John Anderson)	Mr. Anderson has been in touch with the UMich Law Student Health Care activity group, and will be asking people to serve on a panel there around noon on April 5. Mr. Iwrey will be handling the Wayne State piece. Mr. Anderson will also contact Michigan State and Cooley as well. Mr. Moore is available on this date to assist.	
Legislative Committee (Mark Kopson, Deborah Williamson, Steve Bender)	Nothing to report.	
Technology Committee (Jen Benedict)	Nothing to report.	
Pro Bono Committee (Laura Napiewocki)	The Race for the Cure is coming up on May 26 <sup>th</sup> . Flyers and ribbons will be available at ICLE. Three individuals are currently registered. Ms. Schabath has been coming up with e-blasts that Ms. Nutter is distributing every couple of weeks.	
Fellows Committee (Deb Williamson)		
Law Student Writing Competition (Monica Wilkinson, John Anderson)	<p>This year's topic is Personal Health Records. \$2,000 first place award, \$1,500 second place award. This year, MI residents attending the Toledo Law School are also eligible. They are looking into publicizing this on websites geared towards law students.</p> <p>Websites: We have explored various website opportunities for posting the writing competition. There appear to be at least 3 websites that are worth using including: Fastweb.com, Scholarships.com, and Sallie Mae (Scholarships section). My assistant/paralegal Meagan has advised that we can post anytime we are ready and it is simply a matter of filling in the information on each of these sites and submitting via email. It is fairly straightforward and there is no fee/charge for the posting. She advises that these websites are routinely used by students (she was recently a student at Loyola in the Masters of Jurisprudence in Health Law program). Meagan can do this for us as soon as we give her the green light to do so.</p> <p>We have also contacted 6 professors in the area of health care law:</p>	

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Nicholas Bagley and Jill Horwitz @ University of Michigan</li> <li>2. Terrell Allen @ University of Toledo</li> <li>3. Lance Gable @ Wayne State University</li> <li>4. Monica Navarro (Council Member) @ Cooley Law School</li> <li>5. Deanne Lawrence @ Michigan State University</li> <li>6. Robert Brown @ University of Detroit Mercy</li> </ol> <p>To date, we have heard back from UofM, Wayne, and Cooley. These professors are all willing to pass along the information on the competition to their students and other professors. All they need is an email from us with the final details which we can send as soon as we have the green light to do so. We will follow-up with the other professors but assume that they will be willing to do same.</p> <p>Financial Aid offices: We spoke with representatives from the schools. All they need is an email of final details and they will post the information.</p> <p>Career Services/Career Development. Same as above. We can simply provide the information to them and they will post it on their respective sites, as well as their weekly/monthly releases of jobs, internships, etc, as applicable.</p> <p>Social Media: Meagan is willing to manage the Facebook and Twitter accounts. She just needs authorization to do so. For Facebook, she would need the credentials to log in (username, password) and we can also post information on each University's FB page if they have one.</p> <p>Health Law Student Groups: After making inquiries we have learned that there are not very many established <u>and</u> currently active groups. My assistant will continue to keep an eye out and keep checking for any updates.</p>	
New Business (Marta Hoffman)	<p>A discussion regarding the section's Facebook page ensues, including updates on events and reminders on teleconferences. Ms. Wilkinson references the lack of activity in the past on the listserv. It's suggested that this become the charge of the Technology Committee to look at the feasibility of updating this on a daily basis. Additionally, many attorneys do not have access to Facebook in the workplace. Ms. Nutter suggests posting a link to the section website on the Facebook pages of several law schools.</p> <p>The Fellows Program Charter was distributed with changes that were made to remain consistent with the Section's bylaws. The new charter was voted upon and approved.</p> <p>Ms. Hoffman mentions the breakfast incorporated with ICLE.</p> <p>Ms. Hoffman discusses the possibility of changing the date of our standing council meetings. The first Thursday of each month at 4:30 seems to be a feasible time for this change. Ms. Hoffman confirms that this is the case. If Ms. Navarro is unable to participate on this new date</p>	<p>Ms. Hoffman will need to look into the State Bar's Social Networking Policy prior to taking further action.</p> <p>Ms. Benedict will ensure that the materials will get posted on the State Bar's website.</p> <p>Ms. Nutter will require a list of schools whose pages we would like to post this information on.</p> <p>Ms. Hoffman will determine whether or not the Charter needs to be posted to the website.</p> <p>Ms. Hoffman will check with Ms.</p>

	<p>and time, her position will need to be filled by another individual.</p> <p>Ms. Schabath encourages all council members to register for Race for the Cure.</p>	Navarro to determine whether or not the first Thursday of each month at 4:30 will work for her.
Annual Meeting (Adrienne Nutter)	It has been determined that the Detroit Athletic Club is the most suitable location for this year's Annual Meeting. The proposed date is currently Wednesday, September 19 <sup>th</sup> , pending speaker availability. A contract is in process and will be reviewed by the SBOM prior to signature.	
Adjournment/Next Meeting (Steve Bender)	<p>The meeting adjourned at 5:33 pm.</p> <p><b>Next Meeting: Thursday, April 5, 2012</b></p>	

Minutes recorded by Ms. Nutter