

MINUTES

Meeting: State Bar of Michigan – Health Care Law Section Council

Date: March 13, 2014

Chair: Laura Napiewocki

Members Present:

Steve Bender	P	Thomas McGraw	P
Jennifer Benedict	P	Josh Moore	P
Mercedes Dordeski	A	Laura Napiewocki	P
Timothy Gutwald	P	Monica Navarro	P
Patrick Haddad	P	Donna O'Connor	P
John Hazewinkel	P	Abby Pendleton	E
Cara Jansma	P	Trish Schabath	P
Matt Keuten	A	Deborah Williamson	P
Mark Kopson	P		
Agenda Item	Discussion		
Call to Order (Laura Napiewocki)	Laura called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.		
Roll Call (Mark Kopson)	See above for members present.		
Conflict of Interest Disclosures (Laura Napiewocki)	None reported.		
Review and Approval of Minutes of February 6, 2014 Meeting (Mark Kopson)	The minutes were approved without change.		
Treasurer's Report (Tom McGraw)	Tom circulated financial statements through end of February 2014, including prior year comparison. Current bank balance is \$95,567.24, roughly \$4,000 more than last year. ICLE and Council dinner costs not yet reflected.		
Substantive Law Committee (Cara Jansma)	Cara reported that 2/26/14 Anatomy of a HIPAA Breach webinar had 91 attendees and that the Committee is Studying use of Go To Meeting to solicit webinar feedback. Others scheduled are: 3/26 = IT Contracting; 4/16 = Current Health Insurance Landscape; 4/23 = DOMA webinar (co-sponsored with Labor & Employment Section); and 5/14 = Licensing Investigations. Medical-Legal is working on a program on Internal Investigations and Attorney-Client Privilege in May. Committee is working on a 2-part series on NPs and PAs. Potential topics for September include New Developments, Peer-Review, PSOs, Alternative Medicine and Telemedicine.		
Publications Committee (Monica Navarro)	Monica reported that seven white papers are in the works on topics of frequent interest and that law school interns are recreating the links lost from the HCLS website.		
New Lawyers and Law Students Committee (Steve Bender)	Steve reported that Achievement Award is moving forward with law school personnel identified. WSU again excluded due to its rules. Steve requested same (\$1,500/school) prizes as last year; approximately \$50 - \$100 per school for Lunch and Learn, and one more volunteer at Cooley on 3/28/14. Lunch & Learns are set at each school. A sign-in sheet will be used at each school. Discussion held on modifying scholarship criteria resolution for 2015 to specifically permit consideration of diversity. Laura raised possibility of scholarships for law school admission test preparation courses. Speaker thank-yous and national speakers were discussed. A resolution authorizing a \$1,500 scholarship per law school and reasonable reimbursement for each law school Lunch and Learn was made, seconded and unanimously approved.		
Legislative Committee (Patrick Haddad)	Patrick reported that there is nothing new to report on the Public Health Code revision project.		

Technology Committee (John Hazewinkel)	John reported that he has not yet completed the requested projects and that work continues.
Pro Bono (Trish Schabath)	Trish reported that the Committee has not yet discussed the survey reports but there was strong support for veterans projects. Project Salute, run by UDM, is up and running and works to help veterans access health care benefits on the basis of their service-related problems. Trish and the Committee will consider possible events with them in May and November (for Memorial Day and Veterans Day). UDM would have training day(s), followed by separate local veterans assistance day(s). John raised advanced directives as another possible pro bono program.
Fellows Committee (Deb Williamson)	Deb reported that Committee is meeting by phone at month's end and hopes to finalize charter revisions. The Committee solicited Fellows nominations from the Section membership by email.
Old Business <i>Annual Meeting Planning</i>	Laura announced that planning has begun and solicited ideas for speakers. The Henry Ford is being considered for this year's meeting.
New Business <i>ICLE Wrap UP</i>	Discussion of possibly eliminating luncheon speaker next year to facilitate networking. Jen and Laura will pass that comment to ICLE. Some expressed concern that the dinner location was not very festive.
<i>Diversity Projects</i>	Monica reported that last year we supported the week-long Just the Beginning program for disadvantaged high school students with a \$500 contribution and the month-long ABA CLEO academic program designed to prepare college students for the law school entrance exam with a \$1,250 contribution. A resolution to support both programs this year at the requested levels (\$500 for Just the Beginning and \$1,250 for CLEO) was moved, supported and unanimously approved. This is our 2 nd year supporting CLEO and 3 rd year supporting Just The Beginning.
<i>Voluntary State Bar Proposal</i>	Laura announced that some sections decided not to opine, while others are still considering and two sections have announced opposition. Mark expressed concern that a voluntary bar might jeopardize the ability of HCLS to continue serving the health care bar and the public, e.g., diversity programs and scholarships. Tom also expressed similar concerns, including impact on Annual Meeting; he feels that HCLS should take a position if there is a consensus at the Council. Laura will obtain additional information from the Bar regarding what might be jeopardized by a volunteer bar for consideration and discussion at the next meeting.
Adjournment / Next Meeting (Laura Napiewocki)	The meeting adjourned at 5:42 p.m. Next Meeting: April 3, 2014 @ 4:30 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Mark Kopson

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