

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF THE HEALTH CARE LAW SECTION

STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN

May 17, 2000

The Council meeting was held in Lansing, Michigan in the offices of Foster, Swift, Collins & Smith, P.C. The following Council members attended: Gary McRay, Maria Abrahamsen (by telephone), Nancy Lukey, Howard Marderosian, Gerald Griffith, Keith Soltis (by telephone), Kathrin Kudner (by telephone), Lezlie Wizner (by telephone), Larry Burns (by telephone), and Greg Drutchas (by telephone).

1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by Gary McRay at 3:05 p.m.
2. Minutes. The Minutes of the March meeting were approved. Gary McRay will circulate the April minutes for approval at the next meeting.
3. New Business.
 - a. Web Site. Kathy Kudner is to check with the Bar Association regarding why the minutes and links are not on the web site.
 - b. 1999 Year in Review. Nancy Lukey reported on the progress of the project.
 - c. Treasurer's Report. Greg Drutchas gave the Treasurer's Report. Greg reported that the volume of sales of books is below budget. Greg explained certain adjustments made to the fund balance.
 - d. MSMS Conference. Nancy Lukey reported that the conference is set for July 27, 2000 at the Kellogg Center from 11:30 to 3:00 p.m. The topic is a panel discussion on Credentialing and the Data Base as they affect licensure and managed care networks. The Council discussed ways to supplement the fee for Health Section members.
 - e. MSMS Bioethics Conference. Nancy Lukey asked for volunteers and Gary McRay indicated he would help.
 - f. Michigan Health Law Index Update. There have been no developments. Gary McRay agreed to follow up on sales and Maria Abrahamsen agreed to review other forms of promotion.
 - g. Annual Meeting. Keith Soltis reported that Jay Sanders has agreed to be the speaker. He will discuss what he sees happening on all areas of health care, including telemedicine. The Council discussed the agenda. Keith Soltis and Lezlie Wizner are to review the materials from the speaker. Greg Drutchas suggested adding alternative dispute resolution. The Council decided that Greg should pursue a separate program on the topic with assistance from Larry Burns and Keith Soltis. The Council decided to hold a dinner the night before the Annual Meeting for Council members, Subcommittee Co-chairs and other individuals who have been active with Council projects.

h. Legislative Committee. Colleen McClorey and Kathy Kudner will follow up on the proposed HMO legislation.

4. Manual Updates. There was no update on the Medical Record Retention Manual. Gary McRay is to follow up with the individual working on the project.

5. Nominating Committee. The Council discussed replacements for those members of the Council and subcommittees whose terms are expiring. Arthur deVaux and David Rogers are completing their terms on the Health Care Providers Subcommittee and Kathy Kudner is completing her term on the Payor Subcommittee, as of July 1, 2000. James Fallahee and Lezlie Wizner have completed two terms on the Council and are ineligible for re-election. Maria Abrahamsen is retiring as Past Chairperson. Nancy Lukey, Colleen McClorey and Maurice McMurray may be re-elected to an additional three year term. The Nominating Committee is to develop a list of nominees for the open positions.

6. Subcommittees. Gerry Griffith distributed minutes of the last planning session of the Subcommittee Co-Chairs. The joint subcommittee meeting in May on managed care contracting has been postponed until Fall. The next planning session will be June 1, 2000. The Council discussed other potential subcommittee meetings.

7. Other Business.

a. The Council discussed other seminar ideas such as negotiation and legal writing.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 14, 2000 in Lansing.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.