

STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN
HEALTH CARE LAW SECTION
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2008

The Health Care Law Section Council meeting was held via teleconference. The following Council members participated:

Rich Bouma, Ann Hollenbeck, Rob Iwrey, Joanne Lax, Margaret Marchak, Donna O'Connor, Lisa Panah, Carol Tarnowsky and Monica Wilkinson. Administrative Assistant Denise Adams was also present.

Excused absences: Jan Anderson, Beth Derwin, Marta Hoffman, David Rogers, Tom Trenta and Eric Wexler.

1. Call to Order. Lisa Panah called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.
2. Conflict Disclosures. There were no conflict disclosures.
3. Approval of Minutes. Joanne Lax presented the minutes of the March 19, 2008 and April 16, 2008 Council Meetings. After motions made and seconded, both sets of minutes were approved unanimously.
4. Treasurer's Report.
 - 4.1 Budget Issues. Margaret Marchak discussed recent charges from vendors that she did not recognize. Ms. Marchak will research these charges and report her findings to the Council at its June 18, 2008 meeting. Ms. Marchak will also evaluate the adequacy of budgeted expenses and suggest modifications at the June 18, 2008 Council meeting, if necessary.
5. Updates.
 - 5.1 Substantive Law Committee Report.
 - 5.1.1 Speaker Release Form. Margaret Marchak will review various options for a speaker release form and report her findings at the June 18, 2008 council meeting.
 - 5.1.2 Monica Wilkinson reported that the fifth and final Stark III program was held on April 23, 2008. There were over 50 registered attendees for this event. The feedback for this event was positive.
 - 5.1.3 Monica Wilkinson reported that the annual Legislative Update was held on April 29, 2008 in Lansing. There were 26 attendees. Some registered individuals did not attend, but some individuals registered at the door. The Legislative Update Subcommittee is soliciting ideas for a fresh format for this program in 2009. Suggestions should be submitted to Joan Lowes.

- 5.1.4 Monica Wilkinson reported that the Learned Professions and Corporate Practice of Medicine teleconference was held on April 30, 2008. There were 60 individuals registered. Although there were very few formal evaluations, the informal feedback was positive for this program.
- 5.1.5 Monica Wilkinson reported that the Joint seminar with the Antitrust Section was held on May 7, 2008. Twenty-three individuals registered from both the Health Care Law Section and the Antitrust Section. Approximately ten HCLS members attended. Feedback for the event was positive. Ms. Wilkinson stated that the Substantive Law Committee will draft instructions on the planning of Joint Programs with other sections of the State Bar.
- 5.1.6 Monica Wilkinson reported that a program regarding e-prescribing with speaker Gladys Wheeler of CMS will take place in September of 2008.
- 5.1.7 Monica Wilkinson has asked the technology committee to explore the possibility of web casting and other technologies to increase program attendance.

5.2 Health Law Schmooze Committee.

- 5.2.1 Donna O'Connor reported that the Grand Rapids schmooze was cancelled due to low registration. There was also low registration at the May 13, 2008 Lansing Schmooze. Ms. O'Connor recommended that the Schmooze Committee discontinue out-state schmoozes if attendance does not increase at the Traverse City schmooze planned for the fall.
- 5.2.2 Donna O'Connor reported that the last Schmooze event for the year will be the Detroit Tiger Game at Comerica Park, June 6, 2008. A pre-game Schmooze will be hosted by Bill Shipman at the Bodman law offices at Ford Field. Members may register for up to four tickets per member. Twenty five tickets have been sold.
- 5.2.3 Donna O'Connor reported that there will be a Schmooze in Traverse City on Friday October 10, 2008.

5.3 Law Student Events.

- 5.3.1 Discussion of the MSU and Cooley Law Student Events will be deferred until the June 18, 2008 Council meeting.

5.4 Technology and Access Committee.

- 5.4.1 HCLS Website Updates. Discussion of this topic was deferred to the June 18, 2008 Council meeting.

- 5.4.2 Electronic Newsletter. Discussion of this topic was deferred until the June 18, 2008 Council meeting.
- 5.5 Health Law Index. Lisa Panah reported that the index is continually updated by Mary Beth Dickerson. Ms. Panah reported that per Sandra Barger of the State Bar of Michigan, there were 851 visits to the site. Anyone interested in taking over this assignment should contact Ms. Panah.
- 5.6 Legislation Committee. Discussion of this topic was deferred until the June 18, 2008 Council meeting.
- 5.7 2008 Annual Meeting Committee Update. Lisa Panah reported that she is in the process of finalizing details with the DIA. Joanne Lax reported that the committee is still in search of a Payors speaker.
- 5.8 Pro Bono Work Group. Rob Iwrey reported that the domestic violence brochure has been submitted to Amy Richards for review.
- 5.9 Revised IRS 990 Form. Ann Hollenbeck reported that the task force is preparing comments on the form 990 instructions to submit to the IRS by the June 1, 2008 deadline.
- 5.10 Law Student Writing Competition. Carol Tarnowsky reported that the deadline for the writing competition is July 30, 2008. To date, the Committee has received no papers, but several students have emailed Ms. Lax with questions about the required format for the papers.
- 5.11 Bylaws Amendment-Law Faculty Membership Category. Monica Wilkinson reported that she has submitted the Council-approved Bylaws Amendment to the State Bar of Michigan for its approval.
6. New Project Initiatives.
- 6.1 Nominating Committee. Lisa Panah reported that the nominating committee will meet in June. Any council members interested in an officer position or continuing in their current position should notify Ms. Panah.
7. List of Individuals Interested in Participating in Section Activities. Lisa Panah noted the individuals who have expressed an interest in participating in Section activities and asked Council members to keep them in mind for projects.
8. Other Business. No other business was presented.
9. Next Meeting Date. The next Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 18, 2008 from 3:00- 5:00 p.m. via call-in only.
10. Adjourn. Lisa Panah adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.