

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

May 4, 2010

Council Officers: Joanne Lax (Chair), Monica Wilkinson (Chair-Elect), Robert Iwrey (Treasurer), Marta Hoffman (Secretary)

I. Call to Order (Joanne Lax): The meeting was called to order at 4:30p.m.

II. Roll Call (Marta Hoffman): Present: Joanne Lax, Monica Wilkinson, Robert Iwrey, Amy Barkholz, Jan Anderson, John Anderson, Steve Bender, Jennifer Benedict, Richard Bouma, Beth Derwin, Ann Hollenbeck, Joan Lowes, Tom McGraw, Laura Napiewocki, Carol Tarnowsky, **Excused:** Marta Hoffman, Monica Navarro, Donna O'Connor

III. Conflict Disclosures (Joanne Lax): There were none to report.

IV. Review and Approval of Minutes of April 6, 2010 Council Meeting (Joanne Lax): The minutes from the April meeting were presented for approval and were approved upon motion and second as proposed.

V. Treasurer's Report (Robert Iwrey): Financials show a balance of close to \$84,000. This balance is on par with previous years.

VI. Updates

- A. Substantive Law Committee Report (Tom McGraw, Steve Bender): The Legislative Update had 61 registered and 36 attended. Laura Napiewocki noted that at the last minute speakers could not attend and Senator George stayed for approximately 15 minutes. Other speakers attempted to fill the extra time. The joint teleconference with the Employee Benefit Section on Health Reform – Employer Sponsor Plans program had 133 registered and 96 dialed in – a new record. The EHR program had 61 registered and 35 dialed in. Tom noted a listing of the programs held during this year by the Substantive Law Committee has been developed. It includes nine teleconferences completed, two upcoming teleconferences, and the Legislative Update as a live program in Lansing. The upcoming teleconferences are (1) I Dream of GINA: What It Means for Employers and Health Plans scheduled for May 27, and (2) Health Care Reform for Hospitals: Tax and Program Integrity Issues on June 16. Tom noted that they have probably been keeping Suzette busier than she bargained for.
- B. Publications Committee Report (Donna O'Connor, Monica Navarro) No report as Donna and Monica were both excused from today's meeting.

- C. Legislative Committee report (Jan Anderson, Monica Wilkinson, Amy Barkholz): They will be posting a position on the Web in opposition to changes to notary law.
- D. Technology Committee and web site re-design initiative report (Rich Bouma, Jennifer Benedict): Mr. Bouma requested Suzette to send out an e-blast invitation to section members to enroll their law firm's web site in the new Michigan-focused search engine on the HCLS web site. Although the invitation has been mentioned in two monthly newsletters, no firms have enrolled to date.
- E. Race for the Cure report (Rob Iwrey, Monica Navarro, John Anderson) – 39 have registered to participate. Shirts and packets will arrive this Friday and may be picked up at Rob Iwrey's office prior to the race. Discussion was held regarding where to meet prior to the race. Rob will scope out a location and advise.
- F. Domestic Violence Brochure (Carol Tarnowsky) –The brochure will be posted on the Web in PDF format and then shared with other organizations such as MSMS, MHA and MOA. Amy Barkholz offered to send it through the MHA electronic newsletter as an attachment.
- G. Annual meeting subcommittee report (Joanne Lax, Monica Wilkinson, Ann Hollenbeck, John Anderson, Marta Hoffman, Carol Tarnowsky, Amy Barkholz): The contract with the Charles Wright Museum is almost complete and has been reviewed by the State Bar attorney. A second request for speaker proposals is out; two additional proposals received to date. The planning committee will likely solicit specific speakers for specific topics on health reform.
- H. Law student writing competition (Joanne Lax, Monica Wilkinson, Carol Tarnowsky, Marta Hoffman) The competition details are complete and have been posted to the Web site. Submissions are due the end of July.
- I. Nightingale Task Force report (Laura Napiewocki): The Task Force will be developing a whitepaper and bring it to the Council. Discussion has also been held regarding developing a resource list of articles regarding safe and respectful care for patients. Laura asked that ideas for this project be directed to her.
- J. HITECH Act Work Group (Business Associate Agreements): Task force will respond to OCR proposed regulations.

VII. New Business

- A. Go To Webinar (Suzette Allen) – Suzette checked out Go To Webinar and found that it has the capabilities we need to use to bring our teleconferences up to the next level. Users can have up to 100 attendees at an unlimited

number of webinars for only \$99 per month. Suzette will research more details regarding more than 100 and recording options.

B. Annual report to SBM (Joanne Lax) – Report due to SBM on June 1, 2010.

C. Formation of Nominating Committee for 2010-2011 SBM Year (Joanne Lax) – A request for volunteers was made. Rich Bouma, Laura Napiewocki, and Carol Tarnowsky responded. Suzette is to let Joanne know what seats on the Council will be open.

VIII. Adjournment (Joanne Lax): Adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

A. Next meeting: June 1, 2010 at 4:30 P.M.