

## MINUTES

**Meeting:** State Bar of Michigan – Health Care Law Section Council  
**Date:** May 3, 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	P
Richard Bouma	P	Donna O'Connor	E
Patrick Haddad	P	Abby Pendleton	P
John Hazewinkel	P	Trish Schabath	P
Marta Hoffman (Chair)	P	Monica Wilkinson	E
Mark Kopson	E	Deborah Williamson	E
Thomas McGraw (Treasurer)	E		

<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Discussion</u>	<u>Action/Follow-Up</u>
Call to Order (Marta Hoffman)	Ms. Hoffman called the meeting to order at 4:34.	
Roll Call (Adrienne Nutter)	See above for members present.	
Conflict of Disclosure (Marta Hoffman)	None reported.	
Review and Approval of Minutes (Marta Hoffman)	Minutes are approved with no necessary changes.	Ms. Nutter will send minutes to Ms. Benedict to file them with the State Bar.
Treasurer's Report (Tom McGraw)	Mr. McGraw was unable to attend the meeting but provided his report via email and Ms. Hoffman reported on the financials in Mr. McGraw's absence: As of March 31 <sup>st</sup> , our YTD revenue is \$32,175, our YTD expenses are \$6,706. Significant expenses for March were ICLE – our contribution to the reception -- \$1,392, and \$489.56 – final payment for ICLE dinner. Our "balance" in the bank is \$87,254.	
Substantive Law Committee (Laura Napiewocki)	<p>Ms. Napiewocki reports that we have a teleconference coming up on May 15<sup>th</sup> with Melissa Markey. A Medicare Overpayments teleconference was held in April. The joint teleconference w/ the Elder Law Committee on POLST will occur in very late May or early June, serving as the final teleconference of the season. The ACO teleconference that Mr. Barlow is working on will likely be tabled until the fall. Ms. Hoffman advises that ACOs will be a big topic at the Annual Meeting, and suggests that perhaps Mr. Barlow become involved in this planning instead.</p> <p>After the POLST presentation, we will have had 8 teleconferences this year.</p> <p>A proposal regarding a Law Enforcement Roundtable was submitted by Liz Callahan Morris and distributed to committee members via email in</p>	Ms. Hoffman would like to have Ms. Callahan Morris define a list of issues, attendees, and panelists, prior to selecting a date and venue. Ms. Hoffman also requests that a proposal be drafted by Ms. Callahan Morris to determine appropriate interest prior to setting ground rules regarding intent/use of the final report.

	<p>advance of the call to take a vote on sanctioning this event. The goal would be to develop a reference guide from this roundtable. The SLC thought that it was an interesting proposition and is bringing it to the Council for discussion. Mr. Bender has some concerns about limiting the scope to Oakland County, as well as the ramifications of this document as it affects in-house counsel. Ms. Navarro advocates representing all of the viewpoints. Mr. Bender does not want to get locked into the publication of a guide simply because a roundtable has been held. Ms. Napiewocki suggests that additional counties could have roundtables as well.</p> <p>Ms. Napiewocki will suggest to Ms. Callahan Morris to direct the focus on PAM and/or the AG's office (something more state-representative), while still including the larger counties in MI. Panel would include in-house counsel, as well as defense and plaintiff's counsel.</p> <p>Ms. Hoffman suggests putting together panelist suggestions, and inquires about the physical meeting time/space. Ms. Navarro suggests Cooley Law School.</p> <p>No opposition to further exploring this project is voiced.</p>	
<p>Publications Committee (Donna O'Connor, Monica Navarro)</p>	<p>Ms. Navarro reports that all of the articles are in for the whitepaper on ACOs, and that they are on track to publish by the end of May/early June. She suggests that the authors be contacted to present at the Annual Meeting on this topic. Mr. Barlow can speak with Ms. Dordeski or Ms. Navarro. Ms. Navarro will get in touch with the authors to gain feedback on whether or not they want to do a teleconference in the next month. Ms. Hoffman will explore whether or not this will be a conflict with regards to the ACO presentation at the Annual Meeting.</p> <p>The Licensing Field Manual looks great and is very thorough. It is fully written and currently under review, with the expectation of meeting an end of May/early June deadline.</p> <p>The HIE paper is done and the Legislative Exchange information is up to date.</p>	
<p>New Lawyers and Law Students Committee (John Anderson)</p>	<p>Mr. Anderson reports that outreach w/ Cooley Law School is scheduled for May 14th. Emails requesting volunteers have been sent. Steve Bender, Melissa Markey, and Christopher Ryan will all be sitting on this panel. Monica Navarro will also be attending and will participate in whatever capacity she is needed.</p>	
<p>Legislative Committee (Mark Kopson) Deborah Williamson, Steve Bender)</p>	<p>Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>Technology Committee (Jen Benedict)</p>	<p>Nothing to report. Ms. Hoffman mentions that blasts from the SBOM for other sections have been sent to her of late, and that the officers have elected not to forward these emails to our membership unless the topics are relevant to this section to prevent unnecessary emails to the membership.</p>	

Pro Bono Committee (Laura Napiewocki)	<p>Ms. Napiewocki reports that 39 people have been registered for the Race for the Cure. Ms. Schabath has been creating e-blasts, and Ms. Nutter will send another e-blast today to the Section members. Official race shirts will be distributed to registrants, and the committee does not recommend creating shirts specific for our group at this time. It is suggested that perhaps we create a t-shirt design for future use, and include it in e-blasts to entice registrants for later events.</p> <p>Ms. Hoffman has \$123.00 in funds from ribbon sales and has offered to write a check to Komen from her personal account to submit the money, rather than having the Treasurer complete various layers of paperwork through the State Bar (as we do not have a checking account or credit card for the Section). This is the way this matter has been handled in the past. The Council has no objections to Ms. Hoffman doing this.</p>	
Law Student Writing Competition (John Anderson)	Mr. Anderson reports no recent responses to the competition. Ms. Navarro will renew her efforts to promote the competition at Cooley.	
Fellows Committee (Deb Williamson)	Ms. Hoffman reports that the next class of Fellows (up to 5 people) need to be nominated soon, and the committee has been asked to pull together nominees so that the Council can vote in advance of the Annual Meeting.	
Annual Meeting (Marta Hoffman)	Ms. Hoffman reports that the programs are shaping up.. We have the program sketched out at the DAC on September 19th. There will be a presentation on ACOs, a panel on Antitrust Issues, and a session on Medicare Hot Topics that will either be a plenary session or as a breakout session opposite a presentation on the PPACA Supreme Court ruling.	
New Business (Marta Hoffman)	<p>Nominations Committee – Officers are typically asked to participate on this committee. Ms. Hoffman requests that Ms. Benedict as well as Ms. Williamson sit on the committee. Six individuals are eligible for a second term, and Ms. Wilkinson's seat is the only vacancy. The SLC members are also elected at the annual meeting and Ms. Napiewocki is working on these nominations. All of these individuals need to be elected by section membership at the Annual Meeting. Ms. Hoffman suggests a Nominations Committee call.</p> <p>The State Bar has requested a partnership on Dealing with the Media Program. Ms. Hoffman requests feedback regarding a potential partnership/preference. No interest was voiced on the subject.</p> <p>Ms. Nutter calls to the attention of the Council that the section's Facebook page has not been published yet. It is agreed that this will be tabled until September when Council reconvenes after the summer break.</p>	
Adjournment/Next Meeting (Marta Hoffman)	<p>The meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm.</p> <p><b>Next Meeting: Thursday, June 7, 2012 at 4:30 pm.</b></p>	

Minutes recorded by Ms. Nutter