

State Bar of Michigan
Health Care Law Section
Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 16th, 2008
9:00 am – 10:05 a.m.

The meeting was conducted via teleconference.

Members Participating. Ann Hollenbeck, Joanne Lax, Margaret Marchak, Marta Hoffman, Jan Anderson, John Anderson, Rich Bouma, Rob Iwrey, Joan Lowes, Donna O'Connor, Carol Tarnowsky, Tom Trenta, Eric Wexler, Monica Wilkinson, and Lisa Panah joined while the meeting was in progress. Administrative Assistant Denise Adams was also present. Excused. Amy Barkholz and Beth Derwin.

1. Call to order. Ann Hollenbeck called the meeting to order at 9:04 AM.
2. Conflict Disclosures. There were no conflict disclosures.
3. Approval of Minutes. After a motion was made and seconded, the August 20th and September 23, 2008 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.
4. Treasurer's Report. Margaret Marchak distributed a copy of the September 2008 financial statement via email. She reported a fund balance approximating \$67,000. The annual meeting figures were not back yet however expenses were believed to be approximately \$15,600. An update will be provided at the next meeting.
5. Updates.
 - a) Substantive Law Committee Report. Joan Lowes reported that the SLC has already held two programs. The Technology Subcommittee held a teleconference on e-Prescribing on September 3rd, 2008 and the Provider's Subcommittee held a teleconference on the New Stark Regulations on October 14th, 2008. It was noted that the Stark program was exceptionally well attended and received. Members were encouraged to provide suggestions for future programs.
 - b) Speaker Release Form. Joan Lowes reported that Chris Shride is editing the form. The matter will be addressed again at the next meeting.
 - c) Law Student Events. Ann Hollenbeck reported that she, Rob Iwrey, Amy Barkholz and Marta Hoffman are planning for the 2009 law school events.

d) Technology and Access Committee. There was nothing to report.

e) Legislation Committee.

1. Jan Anderson reported on tort reform legislation. Discussion ensued about how the Council has previously declined to comment on this type of legislation because the membership is not necessarily aligned one way or the other. The group decided not to take a position this time for the same reason.

2. Ms. Anderson also discussed a proposed healthcare educational program for legislators. No action was taken at this time.

f) 2008 Annual Meeting Committee Update. Lisa Panah reported that the Annual Meeting took place September 23rd, 2008 at the Detroit Institute of Arts, and that there were 98 registrants. Lisa Panah will report any updates at next month's meeting. Ann Hollenbeck asked the Council members to think about serving on the committee for next year.

g) Pro Bono Work Group. Ann Hollenbeck commended Rob Iwrey for his outstanding work on the Domestic Violence Brochure. Rob Iwrey reported that the Domestic Violence Brochure is ready to be printed. The group discussed various methods for distributing the brochure. Ann Hollenbeck suggested that Amy Barkholz might be able to offer assistance in this regard. Carol Tarnowsky also volunteered to assist Rob.

h) Revised IRS 990 Form Task Force. There was nothing to report.

i) Bylaws Amendments – Law Faculty Membership. Monica Wilkinson reported that the Amendment has been sent to the State Bar of Michigan for approval and she will report at the November 20th Council meeting.

j) VSP Amicus Brief Task Force. Ann Hollenbeck reported that they are waiting to hear if Cert has been granted

k) Publications Committee. Donna O'Connor reported that the committee held its first meeting on October, 9th, 2008. The committee hopes to reach a consensus soon about which publication(s) it will target for this year. Lisa Panah stated that she received a lot of requests to update the Retention Manual last year. John Anderson reported that he will take on the Health Law Index and will contact Mary Beth Dickerson and report back at the next meeting.

6. New business.

a) Ann Hollenbeck reported that she received a request to publish information regarding the ABA Washington Summit meeting November, 17th and 18th, 2008. After considerable discussion, it was decided to deny this request. Ann Hollenbeck

stated that in the future she will bring these types of requests to the council for discussion and vote on a case by case basis.

b) Ann Hollenbeck reported another request for donation from the Community for Legal Resources. After discussion, the council voted to deny this request as well. Monica Wilkinson volunteered to research the State Bar of Michigan Policies on requests for donations and will report back at a future meeting.

c) Ann Hollenbeck also reported that the Council has received a request from the State Bar of Michigan to participate in the 2009 Law School for Legislators rogram. Jan Anderson and Ann Hollenbeck will discuss offline and present possible topics to the Council at a future meeting.

7. Next Meeting. Thursday, November 20th, 2008, 9:00 AM

8. Adjournment. Ann Hollenbeck adjourned the meeting at 10:05 AM.

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