

MINUTES

Meeting: State Bar of Michigan – Health Care Law Section Council

Date: October 4, 2012

Chair: Steve Bender

Members Present:

John Anderson	P	Josh Moore	P
Steve Bender	P	Laura Napiewocki	P
Jennifer Benedict	P	Monica Navarro	P
Richard Bouma	P	Donna O'Connor	A
Patrick Haddad	P	Abby Pendleton	P
John Hazewinkel	P	Trish Schabath	P
Marta Hoffman	P	Deborah Williamson	P
Mark Kopson	P	Timothy Gutwald	P
Thomas McGraw	E	Cara Jansma	P

Action/Follow-Up = []

Agenda Item	Discussion
Call to Order (Steve Bender)	Steve Bender called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.
Roll Call (Steve Bender)	See above for members present.
Conflict of Interest Disclosures (Steve Bender)	None.
Review and Approval of Minutes of September 19, 2012 Council Meeting (Steve Bender)	Minutes were unanimously approved without changes.
Treasurer's Report (Tom McGraw)	No verbal report was given due to Tom McGraw's absence, but the Section's financial reports were distributed to the Council in advance of the meeting with the other Council meeting materials.
Appointment of Ad Hoc Committee Chairs (Steve Bender)	<p>Steve Bender explained that the only standing Council committees are the Substantive Law Committees. The other committees are ad hoc. Steve appointed the following chairs to the ad hoc committees:</p> <p>Publications Committee: Monica Navarro New Lawyers and Law Students Committee: John Anderson Legislative Committee: Mark Kopson Technology Committee: Rich Bouma Pro Bono Committee: Trish Schabath Annual Meeting Committee: Steve Bender Fellows Committee: Deb Williamson</p> <p>Steve encouraged those Council members who aren't yet involved in a committee to reach out to the committee chairs to lend assistance.</p>

Substantive Law Committee report (Timothy Gutwald)	Tim Gutwald reported that he is in the process of setting up the first Substantive Law Committee meeting. The Committee has several topics in mind for upcoming teleconferences.
<u>New Business (All)</u> Perspective on Annual Meeting – what worked and what didn't	Steve Bender reported that the reviews from the Annual Meeting were generally glowing. Consideration will be given in future years to having just one track so all of the attendees can attend all of the presentations. Also, going forward, the HCLS will try to avoid overlapping with the State Bar of Michigan's Annual Meeting, which apparently occurred this year.
Discussion of the future of the Law Student Writing Competition/Tom Trenta Award	A decision was made to discontinue the Law Student Writing Competition due to the low number of submissions over the last several years. The Council wants to continue to honor Tom Trenta's memory and still achieve the original goals of the Writing Competition which are to provide financial assistance to law students, expose law students to the Section and use the Section's funds in a productive manner. An ad hoc committee consisting of Marta Hoffman, Steve Bender, John Anderson and Monica Navarro will look into forming a scholarship to honor Tom and achieve these goals.
Discussion of the future of the Race for the Cure	<p>Trish Schabath explained that Race for the Cure is the main event of the Pro Bono Committee and noted that participation of the Section members is low. Trish posed two questions to the Council: (i) Should the Council continue this event? and (ii) Is there some other pro bono activity that the Council should pursue instead?</p> <p>Possible alternatives discussed include volunteering with a health care-related organization (e.g., Ronald McDonald House) or partnering with an existing pro bono organization to help with established programs (e.g., Community Legal Resources, pro bono section of the federal bar).</p> <p>Josh Moore and Trish will explore alternatives for pro bono activities and report back to the Council. A decision on whether to continue with the Race for the Cure will be made once the Council discusses possible alternatives.</p>
Adjournment/Next Meeting (Steve Bender)	<p>The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.</p> <p>Next Meeting: Thursday, November 1 @ 4:30 p.m.</p>

Minutes recorded by Jennifer Benedict