

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF THE STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN  
HEALTH CARE LAW SECTION  
October 8, 1997**

The meeting was held at the law offices of Foster, Swift, Collins & Smith, P.C. in Lansing, Michigan. Those in attendance included: Linda S. Ross, Gary J. McRay, Leslie M. Wizner, Andrew B. Wachler, Gregory G. Drutchas, Nancy L. Lukey, Richard E. Cassard, Maria B. Abrahamsen, and Howard C. Marderosian.

1. Minutes. The minutes of the Council meeting of July 9, 1997 and the minutes of the Annual meeting of September 19, 1997 were approved as written.

2. Welcome to New Members of the Council and Officers. Nancy Lukey was welcomed to her first meeting of the Section. The new officers, Maria Abrahamsen, as Chair Elect; Gary McRay as Secretary; and Leslie Wizner as Treasurer were also congratulated.

3. Honoring Susan Patton. Linda Ross was given the authority to purchase an appropriate gift for Susan Patton for her fine service as Chair for last year.

4. Meeting Dates. The meeting date list that was handed out was finalized. There was a discussion of the desirability of having January 14 be at locations allowing the Mercy video conferences to avoid driving to Lansing during that time of the year. Linda will talk to Agnes about that possibility and Gary will see that a notation is made on the Web Page for that meeting date if it is changed to a video conference.

5. Budget 1997-98. Leslie Wizner will work on presenting a budget. She will try to have the budget ready for the next meeting. It will be largely based upon this year's existing budget.

6. Standing Committee Appointments.

The Standing Committee appointments for 1997-98 were agreed to as follows:

- a. Nominating Committee - Howard Marderosian
- b. Program Chair for Annual Meeting - September 16-18, 1998 - (Gary McRay willing to co-chair with another member)
- c. Liaison Committee - Andrew Wachler
- d. Legislative Committee - Nancy Lukey

e. Substantive Law Practice Committee - Agnes Hagerty

f. Year in Review Editor - Maria Abrahamsen

The subcommittee liaisons and co-chairs are as follows:

a. Health Care Providers:

(1) Council Liaisons - Greg Drutchas and Howard Marderosian

(2) Co-Chairs - Gerald Griffith (2-year term) and Alan Gilchrist (1-year term)

b. Payors Subcommittee:

(1) Council Liaison - Richard Cassard

(2) Co-Chairs - Colleen McClorey (2-year term) and Jeffrey Page (1-year term)

c. Patient and Consumer Rights:

(1) Council Liaison - Leslie M. Wizner (2) Co-Chairs - Joy Berent (2-year term) and Andrew Broder (1-year term)

There was a general discussion of how to generate interest at the subcommittee meetings. Greg Drutchas offered his observation that many attended the subcommittee meetings hoping for a didactic presentation of a substantive area of the law and there was little round table discussion of the topics presented.

7. 1997 Year in Review. The general comments were that it was better organized and, as it was less material, it was perhaps more useful to the membership. There is a desire to repeat the Year in Review if the work could be handled efficiently. Greg Drutchas offered to share his firm's yearly update of case law so that the editor and the editor's volunteers would not have to repeat that portion of the Year in Review. Maria volunteered to study the issue and bring back some recommendations at the next meeting.

8. Co-Sponsorship of Seminars. It was determined to co-sponsor the ICLE seminar to be held on February 20-21, 1998.

There were some general comments about the need to know more about the agenda prior to co-sponsoring seminars with organizations or groups with which the council was not quite as familiar.

9. Web Site Coordinator. It was determined that Vence Bonham should be the new Web site coordinator. Gary McRay agreed to assist to maintain and update the information on the Web Page. Gary needs to check to see if the Bar records visits

to the Health Care Section Web site and to report on this.

10. Confidentiality Manual. Greg Drutchas proposed selling the Confidentiality Manual and other publications of the Health Section at a discount if groups like MSMS would order a certain volume of copies. The Council established a Publications Committee to review this issue and make recommendations as to the terms of such a policy. The Publications Committee will consist of Greg Drutchas, Leslie Wizner, Maria Abrahamsen, Linda Ross and Vence Bonham.

11. Letter from Walter Sorg of the Michigan State Bar. In response to the letter from the State Bar, the Health Section agreed to submit some legal articles involving patient records, advance directives and HMO grievance procedures to support the State Bar's outreach program of weekly newspaper articles under the heading "It's Our Law."

12. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m. The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 12, 1997 in Lansing at Foster, Swift, Collins & Smith, P.C. 3