

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF THE STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN

HEALTH CARE LAW SECTION

October 15, 1998

The meeting was held at the Foster, Swift, Collins & Swift offices in Lansing, Michigan. The following Council members attended: Maria Abrahamsen (Chair), Richard Cassard, Gregory Drutchas, James Falahee, Gerald Griffith, Nancy Lukey, Colleen McClorey, Maurice McMurray, Gary McRay, Howard Marderosian, Linda Ross, Andrew Wachler and Leslie Wizner.

1.Minutes. The minutes of the September 18 Council meeting were presented and unanimously approved upon motion

by James Falahee and second by Colleen McClorey. Maria Abrahamsen noted that she has written a letter to the

Access to Justice program requesting a list of health care related projects. All Council members agreed that Maria

Abrahamsen and Greg Drutchas should select the project to designate for the Section's contribution.

2.New Council Members and Officers. The Council welcomed new Council members, Colleen McClorey and Gerald

Griffith. The Council also congratulated the new officers: Gary McCray (Chair-Elect), Nancy Lukey (Secretary) and

Greg Drutchas (Treasurer).

3.Thanks to Immediate Past Chair and Treasurer. The Council members expressed their appreciation and thanks to

Linda Ross and Leslie Wizner for their outstanding service to the Council and Section.

4.Council Membership. Maria Abrahamsen indicated that after the Annual Meeting in September, it was discovered that

the number of Council members does not strictly conform with the Section's bylaws. The bylaws require a minimum of

15 Council members including officers, and the Council currently has 14 members due to the unique situation that the

immediate past chair is currently serving as an officer of the Council and as an at-large member of the Council with a

term expiring in 1999. Following discussion concerning this matter, Nancy Lukey moved to maintain the current number

of Council members for the 1998-99 Bar year due to the fact that the current situation is unique and will not reoccur

next year. James Falahee seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

5.Treasurer's Report. Leslie Wizner reported that the Section has \$22,000 in net income and that net income is higher

than budgeted. A detailed written report will be provided to the Council at a later date.

6. Standing Committee Appointments.

1. Nominating Committee: James Falahee, Howard Marderosian, Linda Ross

2. Program Chair: Leslie Wizner

3. Liaison (to other Sections and Committees of the State Bar): Drew Wachler

4. Legislative: Colleen McClorey. Maria Abrahamsen noted that a State Bar legislative meeting is scheduled for November 23, 1998, and that she received HB 4098 for Section review and comment.

5. Substantive Law & Practice: Council Liaison: Gerald Griffith

1. Subcommittee Co-Chairs and Liaisons:

1. Health Care Providers.

Council Liaison: Richard Cassard

Co-chairs: Art Devaux (2-year term)

David Rogers (2-year term)

2. Payors.

Council Liaison: Gary McCray

Co-Chairs: Jeffrey Page (1-year term)

Kathrin Kudner (2-year term)

3. Patient and Consumer Rights:

Council Liaison: Nancy Lukey

Co-Chairs: Joy Berent (1-year term)

Melissa Markey (2-year term)

2. Plan of Work and Schedule of Meetings. The Council discussed committee budgets, projects, meeting locations and scheduling, including holding meetings by conference telephone. James Falahee and Leslie Wizner will investigate telephone conferencing. A meeting of committee co-chairs and liaisons will be scheduled in the near future.

7. Year in Review. The Council decided that it is beneficial to the Section members to continue the Year in Review. Gary

McRay will be the editor. The Council discussed possible modifications to the publication, including: a highlights

summary at the beginning of the publication, shorter summaries, hiring a professional to prepare the summaries and

edit the publication, and working with law schools and law students in preparation of the publication. Drew Wachler will

contact Wayne Law School and Howard Marderosian will contact Detroit College of Law regarding the publication. Maria

mentioned that Vence Bonham would like to suggest more Section interaction/ involvement with law students and law

school faculty and will discuss this at the next Council meeting.

8.Co-sponsorship of Seminars.

1.ICLE Seminar. As in past years, the Section will pay for food and non-alcoholic beverages for the reception at

the ICLE seminar on March 12-13, 1999.

2.Michigan Society of Hospital Attorneys. MSHA requested labels from the Section. Maria approved the

request in accordance with past practice.

3.Michigan State Medical Society. MSMS called Maria Abrahamsen about increasing contact between the

Section and MSMS, and requested Section labels. The Council decided that labels should not be provided to

MSMS as a general matter, but that the Section should provide labels to MSMS for particular seminars of

interest to Section members.

4.Labels. The Council agreed that in providing labels to any organization, the Section should stipulate that the

labels cannot be duplicated or distributed to any third party.

9.Web Site Coordinator. Vence Bonham and Rick Cassard will coordinate the Section's web site. Rick suggested that

more substantive information, such as case summaries, should be on the Web site.

10.Health Care Regulations Manual. Linda Ross reported on supplemental information provided by the State Bar

regarding its quote for formatting, printing and mailing the Manual. In accordance with the Council's decision at the

September 18 meeting, Greg Drutchas and Lisa Panah will proceed to finalize the Manual in camera ready form and

submit it to the State Bar for formatting and printing.

11.MSMS Handbook. Gary McRay has reviewed the Handbook and will provide it to Greg Drutchas for his review. Greg

and Gary will make a recommendation to the Council at the next meeting.

12. Opening Doors Conference. Maria Abrahamsen reported that the Conference will be held on October 31 at the

Doubletree Hotel in Dearborn. The Section contributed money last year to the State Bar for development of the

Conference. The Council agreed that Maria Abrahamsen should provide information concerning the Section to the

Conference organizers for distribution at the Conference. Maria indicated that the State Bar has invited members of the

Section to participate in the Conference if they so desire. Maurice McMurray indicated that he may attend the

Conference.

13. Special Project for 1998-1999. The Council discussed several ideas for special projects, including: development of a

pro bono project, sponsorship of a health law seminar, development of a mentoring program, and the presentation of a

fundamentals of health law course. Maria Abrahamsen indicated that the agenda is already set for the March ICLE

seminar and it may be too late to include a fundamentals program as part of or in addition to that seminar. Maria will

talk to ICLE about whether there is a market for a fundamentals course based on ICLE surveys. Council members will

further consider special projects before the November meeting and reach a decision on a project or projects at the

November meeting.

14. Adjournment and Next Meeting. The meeting was adjourned at about 5:00 p.m. The next meeting will be held on

November 11, 1998 at 3:00 p.m. at the offices of Foster, Swift, Collins & Smith in Lansing Michigan.

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