

**TAXATION SECTION  
MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING**

Council Chairperson, Edward M. Deron, called the annual meeting of the State Bar of Michigan Taxation Section to order on September 12, 2003 at 9:30 a.m.. The meeting was held at the Lansing Center, Room 103, Lansing, Michigan.

A. MINUTES.

The minutes of the last annual meeting of the Taxation Section held on September 26, 2002 were distributed by Council Secretary at that time, Eric M. Nemeth. There being no comments, on motion duly made and seconded, the minutes were accepted.

B. TREASURER'S REPORT.

Council Treasurer, Eric M. Nemeth, presented the treasurer's report for the period October 1, 2002 through July 31, 2003.

C. AMENDMENT TO BYLAWS.

Ed Deron reported that an amendment to the bylaws of the Tax Section had been duly submitted and published in the August edition of the *Michigan Bar Journal*. The purpose of the amendment is to allow the Tax Section to move its annual meeting from being held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the State Bar of Michigan to such time and place as may be arranged by the Council. Specifically, Ed reported that the amendment would delete Section 1 of Article VII of the bylaws and replace it as follows:

Section 1. The annual meeting of the Section shall be held during the Annual Meeting of the State Bar of Michigan, in the same city or place as such Annual Meeting of the State Bar of Michigan, or at such other time and place as may be arranged by the Council (Emphasis Added), with such program and order of business as may be arranged by the Council.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the amended bylaws were unanimously accepted and seconded.

D. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

At this time, Ed Deron called upon Eric T. Weiss, Chairperson of the Nominating Committee. Eric stated that the Nominating Committee, comprised of James Novis, Joseph Bonventre, and him, report the following nomination of Council Members and Officers for the year 2003-2004.

Council Members - Terms Expiring in 2004:

Jay Kennedy  
Trevor T. Wetherington  
Anthony J. Caputo

Council Members - Terms Expiring in 2005:

Thomas J. Kenny  
Henry P. Lee  
Joan R. Dindoffer

Council Members - Terms Expiring in 2006:

Jeffrey A. DeVree  
Jess A. Bahs  
Ronald T. Charlebois

Council Officers:

Chairperson:	Sherill Siebert
Vice Chairperson:	Eric M. Nemeth
Treasurer:	Charles M. Lax
Secretary:	Aaron H. Sherbin
Ex-Officio:	Edward M. Deron

Ed Deron next requested further nominations from the floor. Inasmuch as no further nominations were tendered, upon motion duly made by George H. Runstadler, III, and seconded by George Gregory, the slate of new Council Members and Officers was unanimously approved.

E. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT.

Ed Deron commenced his report by thanking everyone involved with the operation of the Tax Section for their hard work, support, and friendship. Ed next provided the Tax Section with the annual report to the membership. The report highlighted the past year's activities of the Section, including the After-Hours Tax Law Series, the Summer Tax Conference, Tax Court Luncheons, publication of the Michigan Tax Lawyer, maintenance of the Internet, membership and outreach activities, liaison with the Probate Section, etc. Furthermore, Ed acknowledged the contribution of the Chairpersons of the Business Entities, Employee Benefits, Estates & Trusts, Practice & Procedure, and State & Local Committees. Finally, Ed acknowledged and thanked each of the Officers of Tax Council and its Program Facilitator.

F. PRESENTATIONS TO IMMEDIATE PAST CHAIRPERSON, RETIRING COUNCIL MEMBERS AND NEW CHAIRPERSON.

Ed Deron recognized the significant contribution of Past Chairperson, Eric Weiss, as well as the contributions of Former Council Members, Michael Love, Shirley Kaigler, and David Deutsch. Plaques commemorating their contributions were presented to each Former Council Member. Additionally, Ed presented a new gavel to incoming Chairperson, Sherill Siebert, and congratulated her on behalf of the Tax Section.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Upon unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Charles M., Lax  
Secretary