STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN TAXATION SECTION COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

October 6, 2016

The State Bar of Michigan Taxation Section Council's Annual Meeting was held on October 6, 2016, at Tre Monti Ristorante, 1695 East Big Beaver, Troy, Michigan. Michael Antovski, Chairperson of the Taxation Section, presided.

Michael Antovski called the meeting to order at 5:24 p.m.

A. MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 24, 2015, ANNUAL MEETING.

Secretary Jackie Cook presented the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Taxation Section held on September 24, 2015. Upon motion by George Gregory, seconded by Carolee Smith, the aforementioned Minutes were unanimously approved.

B. TREASURER'S REPORT.

Treasurer Carolee Smith presented the financial statement through August 31, 2016. This statement shows that Council is ahead of budget for this year, even with some outstanding expenses still awaiting payment. Upon motion by Reginald Nizol, seconded by Richard Siriani, the aforementioned Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved.

C. CHAIRPERSON'S ANNUAL REPORT.

Michael Antovski presented his Chairperson's report, the 59th annual report of the Taxation Section, highlighting the year's accomplishments. He thanked the current Officers, Council Members, Committee Chairs, and Liaisons for their hard work, support, and dedication this year. He gave special thanks to Marjorie Gell for her service to the Taxation Section. He also thanked Council's former administrator, Brian Figot, and Council's new administrator, Jano Barney, for their efforts.

He acknowledged and thanked the past chairs in attendance for the Past Chairs Dinner.

D. **BOARD/COMMITTEE RECOGNITIONS.**

Michael Antovski again recognized and thanked Marjorie Gell for her dedication and hard work as Ex Officio as well as over the eleven years she served on Council. Marjorie shared her reflections on the past eleven years and noted how her time on Council was an important part of her professional life.

The following Tax Council members were also acknowledged and thanked for their years of service as they complete their roles on Tax Council: Tammie Tischler and Joe Pia. Michael

Antovski also thanked Jack Panitch for his service as the Practice and Procedure Committee Chair.

Michael Antovski then announced George Gregory as this year's recipient of the L. Wright Hart Service Award, named for the University of Michigan professor who served as the Chairperson of the Taxation Section from 1965-1966. He recognized George's many years of service to the Taxation Section as a past Section Chairperson, as the Section's current liaison to the Probate and Estate Planning Section, and as a mentor to many Council members over the years.

E. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS.

Marjorie Gell, Chairperson of the Nominating Committee, announced the results of the Nominating Committee's process. The Nominating Committee is comprised of past Chairperson Wayne Roberts, past Chairperson Lynn Gandhi, current Ex-Officio Marjorie Gell, and current Chairperson, Michael Antovski. The Nominating Committee unanimously recommended the following nominations for Officers and Council for the 2016-2017 year:

Council Officers:

Chair:

Alex Domenicucci

Vice-Chair:

Carolee Kvoriak Smith

Treasurer:

Jackie Cook

Secretary:

James Combs

Council Members for terms ending in 2017:

Michael Monaghan

Mindi Johnson

Council Members for terms ending in 2019:

Joshua Wease

Sean Cook

Andrea Crumback

As there were no nominations tendered from the floor, upon a motion by Eric Nemeth, seconded by Richard Siriani, the slate of new Council Members and Officers was unanimously approved.

F. PASSING OF THE GAVEL FROM THE IMMEDIATE PAST CHAIRPERSON TO THE NEW CHAIRPERSON.

Michael Antovski "passed the gavel" to the incoming Chair, Alex Domenicucci, indicating that he was honored to pass it on to someone who was not only a colleague but a friend. Alex thanked Michael for his years of service. Council also acknowledged that Michael and his wife recently welcomed twin baby girls and congratulated him.

G. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT COMMITTEE CHAIRS/PAST CHAIRS ADVISORY GROUP.

Alex Domenicucci announced the appointment of new Committee Chairs:

Practice and Procedure:

Marcy Rosen of Schiff Hardin

State and Local Tax:

Dan Stanley of Honigman

Federal Income Tax:

Jon Baloch of KPMG

Alex also announced that the following Committee Chairs will be returning this year:

Employee Benefits:

Brian Gallagher

Estates and Trusts:

Thomas Fabbri

Young Tax Lawyers:

Ryan Peruski

Alex next announced the appointment of the following past Chairpersons to the 2016-2017 Past Chairs Advisory Group:

Marjorie Gell

Lynn Gandhi

Wayne Roberts

H. OTHER BUSINESS.

There being no other business, Carolee Smith made a motion to adjourn the Annual Meeting which was seconded by William Lentine. The motion was unanimously approved, and the meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jadkie J. Cook, Council Secretary