

**COUNCIL OF TAXATION SECTION
MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING**

October 5, 2017

The Annual Meeting of the Council of the State Bar of Michigan Taxation Section was held on October 5, 2017, at 5 p.m. at the Townsend Hotel, 100 Townsend Street, Birmingham, Michigan. Alexander Domenicucci, Chairperson of the Taxation Section, presided. The Chair called the meeting to order at approximately 5:17 p.m.

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 6, 2016, ANNUAL MEETING

The Chair asked for comments on the Minutes from the Annual Meeting of the Taxation Section held October 6, 2016. Upon motion by George Gregory, seconded by Paul McCord, the aforementioned Minutes were unanimously approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jackie Cook was present and provided a treasurer's report for the 11 months ending 8/31/17. The Taxation Section has not spent as much as projected for the just-ended fiscal year, but will still have the annual meeting cost that will be reflected in the just-begun fiscal year. The Taxation Section has less cash on hand than last year. Upon motion by Carolee Smith, seconded by William Lentine, the aforementioned treasurer's report was unanimously approved.

CHAIRPERSON'S ANNUAL REPORT

The Chair presented the Chairperson's report, the 60th annual report of the Taxation Section, highlighting the year's accomplishments. The Chair highlighted the Taxation Section's achievements for the year. He noted that the membership has about 1,250 members and described places tax lawyers work. He further noted that outreach is an important item as is providing benefits to existing members of the Taxation Section.

The Chair highlighted some of the achievement in the fiscal year, including a strategic plan adopted January 18, 2017. The Chair described the Strategic Plan and noted its importance to the Taxation Section. He thanked James H. Combs, Jackie Cook and Katie Roskam for assisting on this.

Alex discussed the Annual Tax conference and ICLE's involvement. He thanked the conference chair, William Lentine, and Jeff Kirkey at ICLE. Next year's edition will take May 24, 2018, chaired by Andrea Crumback. The Chair noted that the Fundamental of Taxation program has been started and described the program. He noted that this will be held October 12, 2017 and thereafter, each fall. He thanked Mr. Combs for his involvement in the program.

The Chair continued with a discussion of other notable Taxation Section programs, including the Tax Law Series coordinated with ICLE (acknowledging the assistance of Mr. Kirkey, John Swift and Max Matthies, the Michigan Tax Lawyer (thanking Andrew Macleod for his dedication to a demanding job), public policy initiatives (recognizing Dan Stanley who testified on behalf of the Taxation Section on Michigan Tax Tribunal-related matters), the Grant Program (which Mindy Johnson administered, providing grants to the Alvin Storrs/MSU, UM, and Accounting Aid Society), Pro Bono (thanking Josh Wease for his efforts), the Tax Court Luncheon (organized by Sean Cook and sponsored by Warner Norcross), tax law updates (which Michael Monaghan steered in the fiscal year), and Outreach (acknowledging Katie Roskam).

The Chair next noted the importance of the Taxation Section's committees and the work of the chairs:

Employee Benefits – Brian Gallagher; Trusts and Estates – Tom Fabbri; Federal Income Taxation - Jon Baloch; Practice and Procedure – Marcy Rosen; State and Local Taxation - Dan Stanley; and Young Tax Lawyers – Ryan Peruski.

The Chair thanked Liaisons Eric Skinner and Robert Heitmeyer (IRS), Shenique Moss (State Bar), George Gregory (Trusts and Estates), and Ryan Peruski (Young Lawyers).

The Chair thanked the past chairs who served on the Past Chair's Advisory committee – Marjorie Gell, Lynn Gandhi and Wayne Roberts.

The Chair took a moment to note former Taxation Section Administrator Jano Barney's passing and her valuable service to the Taxation Section. Mary Owiesny will be the new admin.

The Chair thanked his fellow officers, Carolee Smith, Jackie Cook and James H. Combs, and *ex officio* Michael Antovski.

Paul McCord was thanked by the Chair for coordinating the past Chair's dinner and the Chair then thanked those Past Chairs for their work for the Section.

BOARD/COMMITTEE RECOGNITIONS

The Chair recognized and thanked Michael Antovski as *ex officio* and past chair. Mr. Antovski was honored with a plaque.

The following Tax Council members were also acknowledged and thanked for their years of service as they complete their roles on Tax Council and the committees:

Paul McCord (13 years of service); Katie Roskam (4 years of service) and Marcy Rosen (service as a committee chair).

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Michael Antovski, Chairperson of the Nominating Committee, announced the results of the Nominating Committee's process. The Nominating Committee is comprised of past Chairperson Lynn Gandhi, past Chairperson Marjorie Gell, current *ex officio* Chairperson Michael Antovski and current Chairperson Alexander Domenicucci.

Council Officers:

Chair: Carolee Smith
Vice-Chair: Jackie J. Cook
Treasurer: James H. Combs
Secretary: William C. Lentine
Ex Officio: Alexander Domenicucci

Council Members for terms ending 2018: Ryan Peruski and Thomas Fabbri

Council Members for terms ending 2020: Brian Gallagher, Mindi Johnson and Mike Monaghan

As there were no nominations tendered from the floor, upon a motion by George Gregory, seconded by Andrew MacLeod, the slate of new Council Officers and Members was unanimously approved.

PASSING OF THE GAVEL FROM THE IMMEDIATELY PAST CHAIRPERSON TO THE NEW CHAIRPERSON

Alexander Domenicucci "passed the gavel" to the incoming Chair, Carolee Smith.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT COMMITTEE CHAIRS/PAST CHAIRS ADVISORY GROUP

Carolee Smith discussed attendance at a recent Taxation Section event and goals for the Section in the upcoming year. Her goal is to increase membership in the Taxation Section and to communicate with tax attorneys about what the Taxation Section offers. Ms. Smith then announced the appointment of new Council members and Committee Chairs:

Public Outreach: Brian Gallagher
Strategic Planning: Ryan Peruski
State and Local Tax: Dan Stanley
Federal Income Tax: Jon Baloch
Employee Benefits: Eric Gregory
Estate and Trust Planning: Nick Monterosso

Young Tax Lawyers: Rebecca Pugliesi

Practice and Procedure: folded into the other committees

The income Chair, Ms. Smith, then announced the appointment of the following past Chairpersons to the 2017-2018 Past Chairperson's Advisory Group:

Michael Antovski

Marjorie Gell

Lynn Gandhi

OTHER BUSINESS.

There being no other business, a motion to adjourn the Annual Meeting was made by George Gregory seconded by Jackie Cook. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


James H. Combs
Secretary