

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

September 13, 2018

The Annual Meeting of the Council of the State Bar of Michigan Taxation Section was held on September 13, 2018, at 5 p.m. at the Townsend Hotel, 100 Townsend Street, Birmingham, Michigan. Carolee Smith, Chairperson of the Taxation Section, presided. The Chair called the meeting to order at approximately 5:16 p.m.

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 5, 2017, ANNUAL MEETING

The Chair asked for comments on the Minutes from the Annual Meeting of the Taxation Section held October 5, 2017. Upon motion by Sean Cook, seconded by each of George Gregory and James Combs, the aforementioned Minutes were unanimously approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

James Combs was present and provided a treasurer's report for the 9/30/2018 fiscal year ending indicating that the numbers will need to be updated based upon numbers received today, the day of the annual meeting. As of July 31, 2018, 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 September month end concluding the fiscal year with more funds than the year began. The Taxation Section has more cash on hand during this fiscal period than last year so Mr. Combs encouraged committee chairs to spend funds for substantive programs. Mr. Combs indicated an increase in membership for the year.

CHAIRPERSON'S ANNUAL REPORT

The Chair presented the Chairperson's report for the 61st annual report of the Taxation Section, which highlighted the year's most significant accomplishments. The Chair highlighted the Taxation Section's achievements for the year including one of the major goals to increase communication with membership. In working with the State Bar, specifically on SBM connect, the committees and members have received greater access to the Tax Section's activities. The Chair encouraged that Section leadership continue – more, early and often – communication.

The Chair continued to highlight fiscal year achievements including the Fundamentals Program which focuses on the development for newer and younger attorneys. Specifically, Ms. Smith thanked James H. Combs and Ryan Peruski for their significant time and efforts leading on this new program.

Specifically, Ms. Smith also thanked Joshua Wease and ICLE for their direction of the After Hours Tax Law Series. She further encouraged members who have not yet done so to consider participating in the After Hours Tax Law Series.

Another significant program delivered to the membership was another successful Tax Court lunch. This year's lunch was with Judge Diana L. Leyden; thanks to Jon Baloch for planning the event. Judge Leyden appreciated the students attending – Ms. Smith gave special thanks to Joshua Wease for reaching out to students encouraging attendance at the luncheon.

Thanks to Andrea Crumback. Perhaps due in part to the format changed for breakout sessions, this year's Tax Conference was another success with record attendance. Congratulations and thanks to Mike Monaghan for pushing the 2019 program ahead with planning so speakers are scheduled and ready for May 23, 2019 at the Inn at St. Johns.

The Michigan Tax Lawyer had three issues this past fiscal year. Thanks to Mindi Johnson for all her efforts and thanks to Andrew MacLeod for a smooth transition of that role. A great job for the MTL leadership.

Grants were given in the amount of \$5,000 to three deserving organizations and an alternative program for MSU's spring break program.

Many great committee events are key to our membership but special recognition for a few notable events including the following.

- Thanks to Eric Gregory for hosting several events for employee benefits matters.
- Thanks to Nick Papisifakis;
- Thanks to Jon Baloch whose efforts encouraged a record turnout – keep it rolling – for the first seminar by the Tax Section on tax issues in the marijuana industry.
- The annual SALT mixer event was another success with 2 legislators and State Treasurer, Nick Khoury, attending along with other key, governmental employees.
- Thanks to Rebecca Pugliesi for her active involvement and positivity in continuing the pipeline for young attorneys including through critical collaboration with the Michigan Women's in Tax Association.
- Lastly, thanks to all the officers for their support throughout the year – Jackie Cook, Alex Domenicucci, James Combs and Bill Lentine – with special thanks to Mary Owiesny for services as the Section's administrator.

BOARD/COMMITTEE RECOGNITIONS

Thanks to Alex for his long, voluntary service through this year, his last year on Council. Carolee Smith recognized and thanked Alex Dominecucci as *ex officio* and past chair. Mr. Dominecucci was honored with a plaque.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS OF 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 Marjorie Gell, past Chairperson current *ex officio* Chairperson Michael Antovski and current Chairperson Alexander Domenicucci.

Council Officers:

Chair: Jackie J. Cook
Vice-Chair: James H. Combs
Treasurer: William C. Lentine
Secretary: Andrew MacLeod
Ex Officio: Alex Domenicucci

Council Members for terms ending 2021: Ryan Peruski, Erick Hosner, and Jon Baloch

As there were no nominations tendered from the floor, upon a motion by Brian Gallagher, seconded by Ron Charlebois, the slate of new Council Officers and Members was unanimously approved.

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

Carolee Smith “passed the gavel” to the incoming Chair, Jackie Cook.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT COMMITTEE CHAIRS/PAST CHAIRS ADVISORY GROUP

Ms. Cook suggests an E-Newsletter for the Section. Hoping to roll that out soon – including next month. Ms. Cook discussed Section events and goals for the Section in the upcoming year such as more involvement for gathering opinions and other materials into the hands of members. Ms. Cook then announced the next Committee Chairs:

- State and Local Tax: Dan Stanley
- Employee Benefits: Eric Gregory
- Estate and Trust Planning: Nick Papasifakis
- Young Tax Lawyers: Rebecca Pugliesi

With Jon Baloch’s promotion to Tax Council, the Federal Income Tax Committee Chair position is vacant, and Ms. Cook will endeavor to fill the position soon.

- Ms. Cook reviewed the committee vice-chairs:
- EB: Jon Arendshorst
- EP: Paul Howarah
- YTL: Mary Hennessey

The income Chair, Ms. Cook, then announced the appointment of the following past Chairpersons to the 2019-2020 Past Chairperson’s Advisory Group:

Wayne Roberts

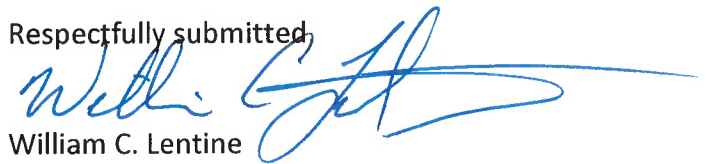
Marjorie Gell

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OTHER BUSINESS.

There being no other business, a motion to adjourn the Annual Meeting was made by James Combs seconded by Carolee Smith. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



William C. Lentine
Secretary