

*STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN
CRIMINAL LAW SECTION COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES OF: January 20, 2009*

MEMBERS PRESENT: Attendance was not taken

OTHERS PRESENT: Dan Lathan

ABSENT WITH NOTICE:

ABSENT WITHOUT NOTICE:

The meeting was called to Order at:

Treasurer's report: See attached. Motion to approve treasury report passed.

Ski Conference: Chair-Opolla Brown with Jon Posner and Steve Taratuta. Elaine will contact the bar to send out an email blast and she will also place a notice in the February 2009 newsletter.

Legislative Update: Bruce Timmons briefed the Section on current legislative events. Drunk driving bill, Negligent Homicide is gone, turned into a one-year misdemeanor. The preliminary examination bill did not pass. Bill to save truth in sentencing, but allow reduction of time inmates are serving. See handout passed out by Bruce for more information.

Spring Conference at Mackinac

Some discussion regarding joining with the State bar for the Mackinac conference. Benefits include the State Bar paying for a portion of the reception, reduced rates. Saturday pre-dinner hour, wine & champagne around the golf course. Discussion to swap theatre for the Terrace Room. Should sit down with the State Bar to discuss planning.

Annual Meeting: Committee was formed and its members are Erika Julien, Steve Gobbo and Michael Marutiak.

Old Business

Law school for legislatures assigned to Judge Hammond.

Additions

CAPPS-Small public policy organization the attempts to reduce correction spending and shift spending toward more cost effective ways. Motion passed to provide \$2500 in financial support. Carried unanimously. Barb Levine abstained.

Mackinac budget of \$25,000 motion carried unanimously.

Motion to allow committee to make decisions between counsel meetings. Carried. Opolla
Brown opposed.

Adjournment 7:58 p.m.