

**STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN
CRIMINAL LAW SECTION**

March 15, 2016
Lansing Country Club
Lansing, MI

Attendees:	Steve Gobbo, Judge Caprathe, Stephanie Farkas, David Gilbert, Charles Sherman, Mike Marutiak, Bill Winters, Steve Taratuta, Matt Smith, Josh Blanchard, Christine Piatkowski, Judge Clarke, Elaine Spiliopoulos, Judge Martha Anderson, Ken Malkin, Neal O'Brien, Sherrie Guess, Kimberley Reed Thompson
Absent:	Charlie Marr, Erane Washington, Michael Brady, Ryan Zemke, Bruce Timmons, Opolla Brown, Ward McDonough

I. Call to Order –

- Steve Gobbo called the meeting to order at 6:51pm
- Some preliminary discussion regarding J. Sacks prior request re MIDC proposed standards, whether to support (SBM has already voted to support)
- O'Brien moved to approve the agenda as amended

II. Secretary's Report/Meeting Meetings

- Blanchard moved to amend the minutes regarding the section policy regarding reimbursement to clarify and state "...at section cost for lodging and 'packaged' meals."
- Guess moved to change times to standard from military
- Farkas moved to correct Marla McCowan under guests
- Malkin moved to correct M. Nichols' name
- Blanchard moved to adopt with friendly amendments. Seconded. Carried.

III. Treasurer's Report

- Gobbo opens discussion regarding financial reports and threshold vote for a lobbyist.
- Blanchard provides report. Received.
- Gobbo moves for a threshold vote to pursue looking for a lobbyist. Farkas moved that the council does not pursue looking into a lobbyist any further. Blanchard seconded. Vote of 10-5. Carried.
- Scholarships – Marutiak gave update. Committee ready to go for Frankenmuth conference, prepared to approve up to 20 scholarships for Frankenmuth. Criteria – members of CLS, applications to submit applications with conference registration (as a sign of good faith), along with short letter asking for scholarship and basis for scholarship, years of practice. Will cover room for one night and meal plan, not

registration fee. All applications submitted no later than 3 weeks prior to conference. Discussion.

- Fund balance discussion. Gobbo proposes some type of social event in June for membership or possibly host something at Lugnuts stadium. Discussion. Committee - Farkas, Reed-Thompson, Taratuta, Winters, and Judge Clarke. Marutiak moves to establish committee with authority and seed funding to not exceed \$5000 (anything over must be re-presented to the Council). Farkas made friendly amendment to name committee the Social Committee. Marutiak accepts. Carried unanimously. Farkas to chair.

IV. Committees & Reports

- Follow up re Guests – Christine P. indicated no action needed as bills through the House.
- Shanty Creek – Closing report from Spiliopoulos. Final bill \$8212.08. Taratuta moved to pay. Smith seconded. Carried unanimously. Shanty asking for \$200 deposit to reserve for next year. Taratuta moves to pay deposit pending approval from SBM general counsel. Gilbert seconded. Carried.
- Frankenmuth – Speakers lined up. Susan Constantine, Larry Dalman, Det. Fitzpatrick Ann Arbor PD, John Collins. June 3-4. Clarke moved to pay \$400 for Frankenmuth deposit. Winters seconded. Carried. Clarke moved for reimbursement for air travel up to \$1200 for speakers, seconded by Winters. 13-3. Carried. Discussion re potential social event/mixer at Frankenmuth, to be taken under by committee.
- Other – Spiliopoulos asked for reimbursement of \$1824.75 for 200 books. O'Brien so moved, Malkin seconded. Clarke moved with a friendly amendment to provide Kolenda a weekend at Frankenmuth. Smith proposes to contact Kolenda. Amendment withdrawn. Motion carried unanimously.
- Policy Conference – No report.
- Advertising – No report.
- Annual Meeting – Farkas, Caprathe, Gilbert, Taratuta
- Nominations – Marutiak to chair. Gilbert, Caprathe to participate.
- YLS – Summit June 4.
- Legislative - See below.
- Briefs/Amicus – No report

V. Representatives to the Council and Other Reports or Discussion

- Indigent Defense commission
- CDAM – Malkin - spring conference last week in Troy.
- Criminal Jury instructions – no report
- Criminal Justice Initiatives – no report
- Criminal Jurisprudence & Practice – no report
- Prisons & Corrections – Marutiak – conference in June 2 weeks after Frankenmuth
- PAAM. – O'Brien provides report. Update re Jeff Sauter
- Children's Law Section – No report

- MJA – No report. Meeting today that Anderson was unable to attend.
- District Court Judges – Meet on Friday
- Board of Commissioners – no report

VI. Legislation/Court Rules

- Discussion re opposing SB 742, Smith moved the same. Taratuta seconded. Discussion. O'Brien makes friendly amendment to 'strenuously object' re opposition to SB 742. Carried 17-0.

VII. Projects/Other

- Council vacancies – Gobbo to table to annual meeting
- Limited Scope Legal Representation. Discussion re "unbundling services" for litigants. Gobbo tables to next meeting and asks council to review McDonough's email.
- Reed-Thompson announcement re expungement fair April 16 at Second Ebenezer church in Detroit - call for volunteers.
- Spiliopoulos provides announcement re Heather Garretson sabbatical work.
- Gobbo opens discussion re recruitment of members – possibility for (lunchtime) webinars and if there is any council interest. Blanchard volunteers to assist on tech side. Gobbo will look into what the Health Care Law Section is doing. O'Brien suggests contacting PAAM re services they utilize. Malkin suggests contacting SADO.

VIII. Adjournment

- Taratuta moved to adjourned at 8:44pm, seconded by Smith.