

STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW SECTION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING, February 13, 2008
KELLOGG CENTER, EAST LANSING

MINUTES

All members were present except Devlin who was excused .

1. The meeting was called to order by Chair Gobbo at approximately 6:25 p.m.
2. The agenda for the meeting was approved
3. The minutes of the December 6, 2007 meeting were approved with revisions and the abstention of Waltza who was not on the executive committee at the time . The minutes of the January 16 meeting were approved as submitted.
3. The treasurer reported there had been no new financial report from the SBM.
4. Committees updates:
Membership. No Report.
Nominating. Burzych will enlist two non-executive committee members of the section to fill out the committee.
Legislative: No report.
Program: Kehres reported further progress on a May program involving the PSC commissioners on May 6, 2007 at the University Club and submitted a detailed check list and draft invitation. It was decided to charge section members \$15.00 and non-members \$35.00. While this may result in a deficit, the consensus was that it was appropriate to underwrite part of the cost as a benefit to section members and to foster participation. A number of suggestions were made regarding details which the sub-committee will implement. A decision was made not to provide a cash bar. Lastly ,it was agreed to authorize expenditures of up to a total \$2,000.00 (including the \$1,000 previously authorized. Kehres was commended for a job well done.

The format of the sections portion of the annual meeting was discussed toward an educational program perhaps consisting of a panel discussion of procedures before various administrative agencies. Burzych as Chair Elect will follow through.
Public Utilities: No report .
By-Laws. No Report
Newsletter: Submission for the Spring 2008 edition were solicited and are due to Kim Breitmeyer or Jack Dempsey by April 9, 2008.
Annuity Task Force: No report
5. A request was received from the American Arbitration Association to make a presentation before the council. Gobbo agreed to contact them regarding being present at the next meeting.
6. Proposed amendments to MCR 2.614, 7.101, and 7.302 were discussed. Because these would affect circuit actions no position will be taken. The proposed new rule regarding pro hoc vice appearances was referred to a sub-committee of Jones and Patterson for study and a report at the next meeting.
7. Pursuant to discussion at the January 16, 2008 meeting Breitmeyer furnished a draft of a Amicus brief relative to the SBC v. PSC case pending before the Supreme Court. She was commended for a terrific job. Considerable discussion ensued and a number of suggestions were made as to relatively minor changes. A motion to file the brief with the requisite motion was approved by all members being in favor, but for Kehres and Erickson who abstained. Breitmeyer will revise the draft and provide a final draft to members electronically previous to the due date of February 27, 2008. Payment of the filing fee was also approved, again with Kehres and Erickson abstaining . Gobbo agreed to provide the appropriate report to the SBM.
6. Future meetings. The next meeting will March 26, 2008 at the Kellogg Center, East Lansing at 6 p.m. The May meeting will be held at the conclusion of the May 7, 2008 program at the University Club. Due to the fact that the next meeting is in late March and another meeting is scheduled in early May, it was decided not to meet in April.
7. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Richard A. Patterson
Secretary.

