

STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW SECTION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING, March 14, 2007
KELLOGG CENTER, EAST LANSING

MINUTES

Members present: Chair Brian Devlin, Louis Porter Richard A. Patterson, Lauren VanSteel, Josh Ard, C. David Jones, Donald Erickson, Robert Kehres,, Stephen Gobbo , Mark Burzych and Linda Fausey.

1. The meeting was called to order by Chair Devlin at approximately 6:20 p.m.
2. The agenda for the March 14, 2007 meeting and the minutes of the November 15, 2006 were approved.
3. Treasurer Ard reported income for the month ended February 28, 2007 of \$140 in dues and expenses for list serve of \$90 bringing the ending fund balance on hand to \$38,192.55. The report was approved.
4. Membership Committee. Gobbo reported that he has received an updated membership list from the State Bar. At the point when the spring program is finalized he anticipates contacted past members to encourage their renewing membership or participating in the conference.
5. Nominating Committee. Devlin requested an update on the terms of council members. Gobbo reported that the terms listed on the web site are not accurate and volunteered to straighten them out. This will enable the committee to ascertain whose terms are up in order to formulate a slate for election at the next annual meeting. He also volunteered to review the by-laws toward recommending amendments or updates and solicited comments from other counsel members.
6. Legislative Committee. Porter and Gobbo reported that, at present, there is no action relative to administrative issues and that they do not anticipate anything until after the budget crisis is resolved, probable no earlier than June. Gobbo suggested the possibility of a workshop in conjunction with the spring program/NAALJ conference to obtain member input regarding issues that should be addressed.
7. Program Committee. Devlin reported on his discussions with Gregory Holiday and provided copies of an E-Mail string between them regarding program developments. He also reported on ongoing discussion with Professors Brown and Dubin at the U of D law school regarding programs on administrative law issues and ethics. There was also considerable discussion of other possible panels and programs to be presented.
8. Scholarship. VanSteel provided a draft document establishing the scholarship and criteria for candidates. She suggested rather than having two \$500 scholarships that one \$1,000 be provided to be in line with others to be presented at the same time. Following discussion it was agreed to do so as well as expanding the eligible organizations under which candidates could affiliate with to qualify for consideration. A committee consisting of Devlin, Vansteel, and Porter was formed to review applications. VanSteel will finalize the document and contact law schools to facilitate application in time for the June presentation.
9. Miscellaneous. It was agreed that Patterson would attend the State Bar Leadership Conference at Boyne Mountain on behalf of the section and that he would apply for a scholarship from the Bar to defray costs. Counsel agreed to underwrite any difference in the registration fee. Lodging will be underwritten by his wife's organization who is also attending.
10. Next Meeting. The next meeting was scheduled for May 9, 2007 at the State Room, Kellogg Center, East Lansing at 6 p.m.
11. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Richard A. Patterson, Secretary.