

Senior Lawyers Section of the State Bar of Michigan
Minutes of Council Meeting
March 11, 2022 Via Zoom

The Council meeting was called to order by Mark Bucchi, Chair, at 12:04 p.m.

1. Roll Call indicated 13 members present, 1 absent. Quorum established.
2. Welcome by Mr. Bucchi to all present and a special welcome to Jennifer Hatter of the SBM, who is in attendance to assist the new Council at its first meeting by answering any questions that may arise.
3. Mr. Bucchi requested all Council members to check the roster as printed on the agenda for accuracy. Request was completed.
4. Nominating Committee Report. The Nominating Committee is comprised of three members, James Carolan, Chair, with John Brennan and Ronald Olszewski, members. The committee had not yet met but will publish a call for nominations to fill all officer positions for a term of 1 year, and three Council member positions for a term of 3 years each, all beginning October 1, 2022.

5. Standing Committees.

Mr. Bucchi suggested that the two standing committees be chaired by a Council member with the assistance of a second Council member. Each of the standing committees would then put out a call to the general membership (non-Council members) of the Section to join as additional members of the committees if any wished to serve. Council arrived at consensus that Mr. Bucchi's suggestion was a good idea and should be adopted.

A. Service to Senior Lawyers Committee Report. David Kerr volunteered to chair this committee and Stephen Olsen volunteered to assist.

B. Community Contribution Committee Report. Vincent Romano volunteered to chair this committee and Michael DeYoung volunteered to assist.

6. Other Committees. Led by Mr. Bucchi, Council discussed establishing other committees to address additional needs of the Section.

A Bylaw Improvement Committee was established by consensus of the Council. John Brennan volunteered to chair the committee and Eric Rosenberg was volunteered to assist.

Council also agreed that re-establishing publication of The Mentor would be advantageous to the Section membership. Roberta Gubbins was previously the editor of the publication. Mr. Bucchi volunteered to reach out to her and invite her to chair this effort if she wished.

A suggestion was made that a Civility Committee might be established to consider possible guidelines and rules regarding usage of the of the Section's Discussion Board. After

robust discussion, consensus was reached that Ronald Olszewski would become the Section's liaison to the SBM to investigate the nature of complaints made to the SBM in this regard, and the SBM's concerns, if any. Mr. Olszewski will report the results of his investigation. The issue of establishing a Civility Committee was tabled pending Mr. Olszewski's report.

7. Secretary and Treasurer Reporting. Council discussed communication of the Secretary's and Treasurer's minutes and reports to the entire Section membership. Both the Secretary (Mr. Olsen) and the Treasurer (Mr. Romano) agreed this would be proper procedure and Council unanimously approved this transparency practice. Upon inquiry, Ms. Hatter informed Council that the SBM can prepare an e-blast to all Section members but the cost of the e-blast would be \$100. Council agreed that an initial e-blast to all Section members would be beneficial. The e-blast would inform them that the SLS Discussion Board henceforth would be the depository of business minutes, reports, and other matters of importance to the Section. The e-blast would encourage Section members to visit the SLS Discussion Board and adjust their settings appropriately to receive official information from the SLS.

Mr. Olsen noted that the draft Minutes of the February 24, 2022 SLS Annual Continuation Meeting contained an error in one of the dates and with that correction sought approval of the minutes. So moved by Mr. Kerr, seconded by Robert Thomas. The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

8. Section Meetings. In addition to the SLS annual meeting, Council agreed by consensus to conduct at least four Section meetings, probably quarterly, for the primary purpose of receiving input and direction from the Section members regarding SLS activities, and also for Council to report to the members regarding its activities. The meetings would be conducted via Zoom to afford members the easiest and most efficient method of attendance. The first Section meeting was tentatively set for Friday, April 1, 2022, at noon via Zoom.

9. Next Council Meeting. Set for Friday, April 8, 2022, at noon via Zoom. This meeting will be open to the entire SLS membership if any wish to attend.

Other Business: Mr. Romano was authorized to assist Lynn Corgan in receiving reimbursement of her expenses on behalf of the Section to obtain an enhanced Zoom account which was used this past autumn. Mr. Romano will also investigate a more permanent, upgraded Zoom or other account for the Section's use.

10. Adjourn. Motion by Mr. Romano to adjourn with support from John Brennan. Voice vote resulted in unanimous approval. Meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

R. Stephen Olsen, Secretary
Senior Lawyers Section of the SBM
March 13, 2022

