

**STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN
ARTS, COMMUNICATIONS, ENTERTAINMENT & SPORTS (ACES) SECTION
MINUTES OF AUGUST 2, 2011 COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS
6 CHAMPIONSHIP DRIVE
AUBURN HILLS, MI 48326**

A meeting of the Arts, Communications, Entertainment & Sports (ACES) Council was held at The Palace of Auburn Hills, 6 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills, MI 48326 on Tuesday August 2, 2011, pursuant to notice duly given. The meeting was hosted by Susan Greenfield, Sr. Vice President and General Counsel for Palace Sports & Entertainment, Inc. A tour of the facilities, including the on-site studios, production facilities, exclusive clubs and locker rooms of the famed Detroit Pistons, was conducted from 4:30 until 5:30 p.m.

The business meeting was called to order at 5:39 p.m. by the Chairman, John Kamins. Present at the meeting were the following: Chairman, John Kamins; Chair-elect Pamela Osborne; Secretary, Thomas Doty; and Council members Matt Bower, Fred Frank, Kim Ward, Rick Herman, Duane Lewis, Len Charla and Henry Clay III. Treasurer Todd Redden attended via conference telephone call. Invited guests in attendance were Ms. Greenfield, her intern Rachel Meerkov, and from Palace Sports & Entertainment, Inc., Elizabeth Godek – Director of Customer Service and Retention and Joe Dellwo – VP of Corporate Sales.

The Chairman presented the attached Agenda and advised that past minutes would be deferred for approval at the annual meeting of the section to be held on September 14, 2011.

Todd Redden presented the attached financial report. He reported that there since the last report were no revenues and only the \$35.00 listserv expenditure was incurred.

For the period of June 1, 2011 – June 30, 2011 and year-to-date summary ended June 30, 2011, the Treasurer reported year-to-date revenues of \$6,803.00 with expenditures of \$4,312.83, for net revenue of \$2490.17. The beginning revenue of \$9035.67 was reported with a current balance of \$11,560.84. Report attached hereto.

Todd Redden next reported on the ACES Summer Social to be held at UDetroit Cafe. Todd has been coordinating the event with the manager of the facility and presented an estimated budget of \$1,000.00, not including parking. The issue of parking was discussed. The lot across the street has presented a flat rate charge of \$5.00 per car for the evening. Discussion ensued concerning validations and possible underwriting, based on an estimated number of a 50 attendees. Rick Herman recommended that the parking costs should be absorbed by each attendee; and the budget was approved for a minimum of \$1,000.00.

Todd then presented the events for that evening as follows. The facility will be closed to the public for the exclusive attendance of ACES members from 5:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. The Pastoria brothers (owners) would conduct tours through the studios throughout the event; live broadcasts by Bob Bower and Damon Perry would occur during the event, with Detroit Music TV broadcasting after the close of the private event. The Chairman stated that a listserv notice of the event had been posted and opened discussions on marketing ideas to ensure a successful turnout by the section members. Rick Herman suggested each council member personally invite 5 – 10 individuals. Todd Redden suggested a direct focus on current law students, with direct communications by Kim Ward, the Council's liaison to students. Kim reported that the communications had begun and that most students had not yet returned to school from the summer break. The Chairman encouraged Council member attendance.

The Chairman introduced our host Susan Greenfield and her intern, MSU law student Rachel Meerkov, to the Council, and briefly described our ACES section and its mission to our hosts.

Joe Dellwo, VP of Corporate Sales of Palace Sports & Entertainment, Inc. conducted a drawing for two Pistons promotional items as gifts to the lucky winners. Mr. Dellwo and Shawn Kuzmin, Director of Sales of Palace Sports & Entertainment, Inc., briefly discussed some

matters of general interest, including that the new ownership under Tom Gores is dedicated to rebuilding a championship Pistons team and being involved in the community.

The Chairman addressed the agenda item on the upcoming ACES Annual Meeting and Educational Program. The ACES annual business meeting and educational program will be held on September 14, 2011 from 2:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. in conjunction with the State Bar annual meeting events at the Hyatt Regency in Dearborn, Michigan.

Following the brief annual business meeting at 2:00 p.m., an educational program will be presented to all members in attendance until 4:30 p.m. The Chairman then invited discussion and brainstorming ideas concerning the topics and speakers for the educational program.

Discussion ensued regarding past successes including – Harry Potter Lexicon, Ann Arbor Film Seminar, Copyright Licensing, and ICLE/ACES seminars on Evolving Issues Social Networking, Making Movies in Michigan. A three speaker or panel discussion format was discussed. Various topics were suggested and discussed. Duane Lewis asked if the guest at the meeting from The Palace and Detroit Pistons organizations, their Senior Vice President and General Counsel, Susan Greenfield, would like to be a speaker, which she graciously declined due to her current workload and NBA labor negotiations.

The Chairman mentioned expressions of interest from Joe Bellanca to speak on making it as a musical artist independently, and from Joe Voss to speak independent film making / choice of entity issues. At this point, the Chairman solicited speakers from those present and asked them to contact him via email if interested. Thomas Doty volunteered to help the Chairman coordinate the presentation and the Chairman thanked Tom and appointed him to serve as Moderator of the educational program.

Agenda item X was addressed out of proposed order for timing reasons, and Len Charla reported on the ACES Theme Issue (publication date of August 2012). The issue is to be comprised of a “broad spectrum” to represent all the ACES areas, and the benefits of

publication to the authors can include great exposure and recognition. Previously a “Call for authors” was presented, topics were submitted by prospective authors, and now their complete outlines are due by September 15. Acknowledging the necessary early timetable, Len acknowledged how some issues will change and a current article could be untimely by the August 2012 publication date.

Rick Herman led the discussion on the agenda topic “Pro Bono Legal Services – Lawyers for the Creative Economy” with reference to the attached John Willems handout. Rick and other ACES members (Matt Bower and John Willems) have held meetings with individuals from ArtServe of Michigan. Rick reported that ArtServe now has staff and funds for this initiative. Accordingly, the Rick Herman proposed a resolution for discussion as follows:

RESOLVED, that ACES shall continue its longstanding tradition of supporting the provision of pro bono legal services to artists and entrepreneurs through the Lawyers for the Creative Economy program with ArtServe Michigan;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that ACES shall provide support by recruiting lawyers to participate in the program, as well as facilitating participation of ACES members in education programs presented through this program; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that ACES shall use it resources, to bring awareness to the program.

The proposed resolution was opened for discussion by the Chairman. In regard to its final sentence, Rick Herman observed that the section should bring both financial and monetary support. Henry Clay III suggested that the section solicit individual contributions from all members. Fred Frank expressed support and said that it is timely for the Council to move this forward. At this point the Chairman proposed modifying the last line to read as follows:

FURTHER RESOLVED, that ACES shall use it resources, to bring awareness to the program, subject to specific approval by the ACES Council in each instance.

Rick Herman accepted that modification and there was no further discussion.

A motion to accept the resolution as modified was made by John Kamins, seconded by Rick Herman, a vote taken and the modified Resolution passed unanimously.

Questions were raised on the issue by Henry Clay and, due to the late hour, tabled for a future meeting.

The Hensel Award agenda item was presented by Len Charla. This year Tom Anderson will be the honored recipient of this annual award for his many years of service to ACES and the Bar. The date of the award presentation is October 13, 2011, a Thursday night at the Community House in Birmingham, Michigan. Liz DuMouchelle was credited for her hard work in chairing the selection committee.

The Chairman announced that he will chair the nominating committee and will coordinate the nominating process with Pamela Osborne, the ACES Chair-Elect (who will become the ACES Chair at the 2011 annual meeting pursuant to the section bylaws). John asked that suggestions for any nominations be submitted immediately to him via email.

The Chairman opened the meeting for any new business. Pamela Osborne stated that the strategic planning committee would present a survey for the upcoming term. Pamela also announced her retirement from the City of Detroit and her new email address of posbornelaw@gmail.com.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 6:53 p.m.

Thomas N. Doty
Secretary

Dated 08/02/2011
