

STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN
BUSINESS LAW SECTION
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

September 20, 2007

The Annual Meeting of the Business Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan was held at the Sheraton Detroit Novi in Novi, Michigan on September 20, 2007 at 5:00 p.m., pursuant to notice duly given.

1. Call to Order and Determination of Quorum. Section Chairperson, Mark R. High, called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m. and determined with the other officers present that a quorum existed.

2. Approval of Minutes of September 26, 2006 Annual Meeting. Mr. High called for a motion to approve the Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on September 26, 2006. Pursuant to motion duly made and seconded, the Minutes were approved.

3. Treasurer's Report. Dee Dee Fuller indicated that a written report of the Treasurer had been prepared. She stated that the Section is doing well and asked that anyone with expenses turn them in as soon as possible as the fiscal year end is September 30, 2007.

4. Chairperson's Report. Mr. High reported that the year has been successful. He stated that progress had been made in achieving his three initiatives: (i) outreach, (ii) raising the visibility of the Section, and (iii) energizing the Section's committees.

With respect to outreach, events have been held in Kalamazoo and in the tri-cities area and an event in Traverse City is being developed. These events have increased Section participation. The Section's Law School Liaison, Ed Lukas, has planned events and pulled groups together to get law students involved.

The Section's committees have been invigorated. The Securities Committee is back up and running with Jerry Schwartz heading the group. Jerry keeps communication open with state regulators. The Debtor Creditor Rights Committee is working on an amicus brief regarding Titus v Estes.

The Section has worked on the Miller v Allstate issue. Practice Alerts have been developed to notify Section members on important legal issues. Much progress has been made in pulling amendments together this year and Mr. High thanked the committees and reporters. The Section has taken steps to align with a lobbying firm.

The Programs Directors and ICLE put on a great Business Law Institute. Next June the Business Law Institute will be held in Dearborn.

Publications is the backbone of what the Section provides to its members and Mr. High thanked Bob Wilson for his efforts. The Section is continuing to add new technology and recently launched an e-newsletter.

5. Chairperson's Resignation. Mr. High thanked the officers, past Chairs, Committee Chairs and Co-Chairs, Committee members, Section officers, leaders, liaisons, and everyone who does work on behalf of the Section for their efforts. Mr. High tendered his resignation as Section Chairperson. Mr. High introduced Michael S. Khoury, the new Section Chairperson, and presented him with a gavel to begin his term as Section Chairperson.

6. Presentation to Outgoing Chairperson. Mr. Khoury thanked Mr. High for his leadership and work as Section Chairperson. Mr. High was presented with a plaque and gift from the Section as tokens of appreciation.

7. Nominations of Council Members. The following persons were presented for nomination as council members by Jeffrey S. Ammon:

a. Matthew A. Case, David C. C. Eberhard, Dee Dee Fuller, Michael R. Kennedy, and Jeffrey J. VanWinkle were nominated to serve a new term to end in 2010.

8. Election of New Council Members. Pursuant to a motion duly made and seconded, the nominations of the Council Members, as stated above in Item 7, were unanimously approved.

9. Nomination of Christopher C. Maeso. Mr. Ammon nominated Christopher Maeso to fill the remainder of Mr. High's term which expires in 2008. Pursuant to motion duly made and seconded, the nomination of Christopher Maeso was unanimously approved.

10. Other Business and Announcements. Mr. Ammon thanked Mark Aiello, Paul Marcela and Richard Sundquist for their service to the Section.

11. Meeting Adjournment. There being no further business to come before this meeting of the Business Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan, upon a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

By: _____
Diane S. Akers, Secretary