

STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN
BUSINESS LAW SECTION
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

September 23, 2010

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 23, 2010, pursuant to notice duly given.

1. Call to Order and Determination of Quorum. Section Chairperson, Dee Dee Fuller, called the meeting to order at approximately 4:00 p.m. and determined with the other officers present that a quorum existed.

2. Approval of Minutes of September 23, 2009 Annual Meeting. Ms. Fuller called for a motion to approve the Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on September 23, 2009. Pursuant to motion duly made and seconded, the Minutes were approved.

3. Treasurer's Report. A written report of the Treasurer is attached to these Minutes. Marguerite Donahue stated that the Section's finances are healthy. She reported that the fiscal year ends on September 30, 2010 and asked that all reimbursements for 2009-2010 be submitted to her as soon as possible.

4. Chairperson's Report. Ms. Fuller thanked everyone involved in the Section for their efforts.

Ms. Fuller stated that her primary goal during her tenure was the review and update of the Mission Statement and Strategic Plan. Ms. Fuller put together a Committee which achieved this goal when a new Strategic Plan was approved at the May, 2010 Council meeting. Ms. Fuller thanked the Committee members for their hard work.

Ms. Fuller reported that through a survey to Section members, we learned that the Business Law Journal and educational presentations are the two most valued things we provide to our members.

Ms. Fuller stated that the Section's committees are its lifeblood. Some of our committees are active and provide many opportunities to our members, while others do not. As a result, the Strategic Plan Committee has established Responsibilities for Committee Chairpersons which is posted on our website. Some of the new responsibilities for Committee Chairs are an annual report to the Council which will be due at the December Council, a requirement to hold regular meetings, and a requirement to hold at least one educational event per year.

Ms. Fuller announced the Section's new "Get Involved" link on our website whereby getting involved in committees is made easy.

Ms. Fuller announced that advertising will be allowed in the Business Law Journal.

5. Chairperson's Resignation. Ms. Fuller tendered her resignation as Section Chairperson and introduced Robert Wilson, the new Section Chairperson, and presented him with a gavel to begin his term as Section Chairperson.

6. Presentation to Outgoing Chairperson. Mr. Wilson thanked Ms. Fuller for her leadership and work as Section Chairperson. Ms. Fuller 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 G. Ann Baker to serve three year terms until the September 2013 Section Annual Meeting:

a. Kevin Block, Matthew Case, Marguerite Donahue, David Eberhard, Jeff VanWinkle.

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. Other Business and Announcements. None.

10. 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 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

By: _____
Edwin Lukas, Secretary