

**MINUTES FOR APRIL 16, 2009 GENERAL PRACTICE SECTION
COUNCIL MEETING**

PRESENT: Clark Davis, Chair; Chris Carlson, Treasurer; Maury Klein, Editor; Elizabeth A. Silverman, Secretary; and Fred Sackllah.

ABSENT: Excused: Richard White, Bill Cataldo, William Roy and Lynn Carlino.

I. Minutes of Prior Meeting:

The minutes of the March 5, 2009 meeting were approved.

II. Chair's Report:

A. The University of Michigan has requested to receive a copy of the General Practitioner for their law library. Their request was approved.

B. The Michigan Supreme Court has circulated a proposal regarding procedures for disqualification of Supreme Court Judges to hear specific cases. Elizabeth A. Silverman agreed to review and report to the Council regarding this proposal.

C. House Bill 4604, Driver Responsibility Fees. The Chair briefly discussed this bill which would allow a Michigan driver to pay driver responsibility fees in advance which would normally be assessed over a period of more than one year.

D. ICLE/Solo and Small Firm State Bar Annual Meeting: The Council discussed whether to make scholarships available for members or whether to have the Section fund a reduced rate for those members with which to attend the annual seminar held simultaneously with the State Bar Annual Meeting. The discussion is to be continued at the next meeting.

The State Bar agreed to commit various services based upon the Section's current contribution of \$3,000.00 including:

a) A special thank you in the brochure, the printed program and on the website, recognizing our section support and also continued acknowledgment as the "Founding Sponsor."
b) A "Join the Section" form in the binder, encouraging new members to join our section.
c) Signage at the program to show our support as a sponsor
d) A "Welcome to the Program" slide with our section name on the screen when people walk in before the program starts.

e) A display table outside the session rooms, made available for us to promote membership in and supply information about our section.

E. Dues Inquiry- The Council discussed whether dues should be increased to \$25.00 per year. The discussion is to be continued at the next meeting of the Council.

III. Committee Reports:

A. Section Name Change- William Roy and Clark Davis are working to comply with all applicable requirements to change the name of the General Practice Section to General Practice Section Solo and Small Firm. The notice is currently scheduled to be published in the State Bar Journal.

B. Real estate broker's license for attorneys. Fred Sackllah reported that his research is almost complete and he will have a report for the Council at the next meeting.

IV. Treasurer's Report-Chris Carlson reported that we currently have \$21,698.24 in the treasury which does not include the expense of the most recent issue of the newsletter.

V. Newsletter Report- Maury Klein reported that the next issue has been sent to the printers and provided the Council with a draft of same.

VI. Old Business- There was no old business.

VII. New Business- The Chair discussed whether it would be beneficial to the members as well as a potential cost savings to consider publishing the newsletter by email to those section members who wish to receive it in that format.

VIII. Adjournment-The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 21, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. at the Sea Grille.