

## **State Bar Association of Michigan General Practice Section**

Minutes of Council meeting of November 16, 2006

William Roy, Chair, being unavailable, Freddie Sackllah, Chair Elect, took the Chair. The absence of William Roy was excused.

Also present were, Clark Davis, Secretary, Richard T. White, Treasurer, Pamela Beeghly, Christopher Carlson, Elizabeth A. Silverman, Maury Klein and William Cataldo.

1. The meeting was called to order and the Minutes of the meeting of October 12, 2006 were approved upon motion of Klein, seconded by White.

2. The Chair reported that Roy has communicated with the State Bar Association to confirm modifying Section 10 of the By-Laws to make it clear that editorship of the Newsletter is not a requirement of any Section Officer. Upon motion of Cataldo, seconded by Silverman, the action of the Chair was approved.

The Chair also reported that it was the sense of the Council that the name of the Section ought to be changed to "The Solo and Small Firm Section" and that steps to effect such a change ought to be taken in subsequent meetings.

The Chair also reported that the position of the Section on Proposed Court Rule changes has been posted on line.

The Chair also reported on the Solo and Small Firm Institute. ICLE has indicated that speakers' expenses will be reimbursed. A compilation of the feedback collected from participants has been received and was passed around.

There was an extensive discussion and sharing of views about:

- the importance of the Institute to the Section;
- the effectiveness of ICLE as opposed to other organizations;
- the relative lack of recognition of the involvement of the Section;
- the combination of the Institute with the annual meeting of the State Bar;
- the flexibility of ICLE; and,
- the benefits to the Section.

The Chair appointed a committee of Cataldo, White and Sackllah to draft a letter to ICLE outlining the concerns and objectives of the Section, and inviting Shel Stark to the January, 2007 meeting.

3. The Report of the Treasurer was passed to the next meeting.

4. Newsletter Reports were given by Klein and Cataldo. The University of Michigan Law School has requested a set of back issues, which will be provided.

On motion of Klein, seconded by White, it was decided that a free subscription to the newsletter be made available, upon request, to any Michigan Law School.

Klein asked for a review of the current practice of the Section to provide complementary copies of the Newsletter to all Michigan Judges. The practice was affirmed without change.

5. The Chair called for matters of New Business and none were brought forth.

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7. There being no further matters to discuss, the meeting was adjourned to January 18, 2007 at 6:30, at Pasquale's in Royal Oak.

Respectfully submitted,  
Clark S. Davis, Secretary