

## **MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 20, 2008 GENERAL PRACTICE SECTION**

**PRESENT:** Clark Davis, Chris Carlson, Bill Cataldo, Maury Klein, and Elizabeth A. Silverman, Bill Roy, Richard White, and Lynn Carlino

**ABSENT:** Fred Sackllah

### I. Minutes of Prior Meeting:

The minutes of the October Meeting of the General Practice Section were approved.

### II. Chair's Report:

A. Community Legal Resources. The Chair will continue to obtain additional information regarding this volunteer group.

B. Real Estate Broker's license for attorneys and Section name change. The Chair is waiting for counsel member Fred Sackllah to report regarding these issues.

C. Finances, conference call. The Chair participated in a conference call regarding the finances of the State Bar. The compensation for mileage has been increased to 58.5¢ per mile. Visa and Mastercard will now be accepted as payment for seminars. The State Bar reiterated that the Section is tax exempt and this status should be asserted in any dealing with vendors. The State Bar also confirmed that they have obtained insurance coverage for directors and officers as well as an umbrella insurance.

### III. Treasurer's Report-

Chris Carlson reported that he had not yet received updated financial information from the State Bar. However, the State Bar did provide a chart of accounts which were then distributed by him to the other council members. The account designations are to be used in requesting reimbursement from the State Bar.

### IV. Newsletter Rreport.

Maury Klein distributed the proposed November newsletter. There was a brief discussion regarding the articles as well as the notice to seminar attendees of their eligibility to win an ICLE membership. The next deadline for articles is December 11, 2008.

V. The 2008 Annual Meeting- Shel Stark provided the counsel members with a report regarding the Solo and Small Firm Seminar. There were 294 registrations which is 44 less than 2007 and 19 less than 2006. Of the 294, 87 were current members of the General Practice Section. In 2007, section attendance was 62. Mr. Stark reported that while attendance fell slightly from the year before, the decline is probably due to economic constraints. All in all, the program was well received and well rated by those who attended. Mr. Stark requested that the General Practice Section continue to sponsor this annual seminar, provide him input for subjects and speakers of interest.

### VI. ABA Meeting/Seminars.

1. Midyear-Boston: February 11-17, 2008. Fred Sackllah is designated to attend on our behalf but must submit an article suitable for publication to the Newsletter on or before December 11, 2008 in order to do so. Elizabeth Silverman is designated as the alternate.

2. Annual Meeting- Chicago-July 30-August 4, 2008. Clark Davis has been designated as the section representative with Richard White as the alternate.

VII. The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is December 18, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. at the Sea Grille.

Lynn Carlino has indicated that date is a conflict and she will be unable to attend. Her absence from the December meeting will be excused.