

## General Practice Section

Minutes of Council meeting of October 12, 2006

Present were William Roy, Chair, Freddie Sackllah, Chair-Elect, 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 September 14, 2006 were approved upon motion of Klein, seconded by White.
2. The Chair reported that he has received correspondence from the State Bar concerning a new Payment Request Form. It has been suggested that By-Laws language be adopted to specify that editorship of the Newsletter is not a requirement of any Section Officer. Upon motion of White, seconded by Beeghly, the Chair was authorized to submit appropriate language to the State Bar.

The Chair also reported on Proposed Court Rule changes. A discussion was had noting that Cataldo had written an article for the Newsletter, and that the comments of the Chair have been posted on the List Serv. With respect to the Panel of Experts proposal, a motion was made by Klein, seconded by Beeghly, and passed (Cataldo dissenting), that the proposal is opposed as prejudicial to the interests of clients of solo and small firms which would be placed at an unfair disadvantage because they rarely can afford to arrange financing or otherwise advance costs for such experts, as opposed to the resources available to Insurance Carriers, major corporations and large law firms with 'deep pockets'.

The Chair also reported on the Solo and Small Firm Institute. After discussion, and upon motion of White, seconded by Beeghly, it was decided, by a vote of 6 to 3, that Sackllah is authorized to expend up to \$300 for supplies and provisions for a sign-up and information table at the Institute.

Beeghly shared her plans for an introductory speech on behalf of the Section.

3. The report of the Chair-Elect was passed to the next meeting.
4. The Report of the Treasurer was passed to the next meeting.
5. Newsletter Reports were given by Klein and Cataldo. A 12 page draft of the next newsletter was circulated for comment.
6. The Chair called for matters of New Business. The Solo and Small firm Institute was discussed at length. It was observed that it appears that the Section is being progressively phased-out after having been actively involved in the inception of the Institute. Appropriate levels of financial commitment and associated membership increases were discussed. Questions were raised and discussed regarding the Section's input for programs, the extent to which Section members are offered hands-on practice fundamentals programs, and the extent of continued involvement of the Section.
7. The Chair called for matters of Old Business and none were brought forth.
8. There being no further matters to discuss, the meeting was adjourned to November 16, 2006 at 6:30, at a location to be announced.

Respectfully submitted,  
Clark S. Davis, Secretary