

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF INTERNATIONAL LAW SECTION OF
THE STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN**

September 23, 2010

The annual meeting of the International Law Section (“**Section**”) of the State Bar of Michigan (“**State Bar**”) was held on Thursday, September 23, 2010, at The Fairlane Club in Dearborn, Michigan, pursuant to notice duly circulated to all Section members.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Richard Goetz, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. EDT and welcomed all in attendance. Mr. Goetz presented the meeting agenda which was approved.

NOTICE AND QUORUM

The Secretary stated that a written notice of the meeting was mailed or delivered to all members of the Section in accordance with the Section’s Bylaws. The Secretary said that the notice will be filed with the minutes of the meeting. The Secretary confirmed that a quorum was present at the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Secretary circulated a draft of the minutes of the annual meeting of the Section held on September 17, 2009. After discussion, upon motion made and supported, the Section approved the minutes as presented.

TREASURER’S REPORT

The Treasurer, Mr. Jeffrey Paulsen, presented the financial statement of the Section for the eleven months ended August 31, 2010, and the related detailed trial balance for the same period, prepared by the Finance & Administration Division of the State Bar. The Treasurer noted that total revenue for the Section during the period was \$11,975.00, with total expenses of \$13,806.31, resulting in a negative net income for the period of -\$1,831.31. The Section’s fund balance decreased from \$26,599.73 at the beginning of the Section’s fiscal year to \$24,768.42 as of August 31, 2010.

CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT

Mr. Goetz gave his Chairperson’s report. Mr. Goetz thanked the officers and Council members for their support and willingness to serve the Section. He also thanked the law students for their eager participation in the Section and for their valuable assistance with publication of the Section’s newsletter, the *Michigan International Lawyer*. Mr. Goetz also noted the help of

committee chairpersons with program planning throughout the year. Mr. Goetz also introduced and thanked the following law students who will work on the Michigan International Lawyer publication in the coming year: Melina Lito, Jennifer Gross, Zachee Pough and Siola Hashorva.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. DeLong circulated the report of the Nominating Committee. The members of the Nominating Committee were Cameron S. DeLong, Margaret A. Dobrowitsky and Jeffrey F. Paulsen, each of whom was appointed by the Chairperson pursuant to Section 3 of Article IV of the Section's Bylaws.

Mr. DeLong informed the meeting that, in accordance with the Section's Bylaws, the Chair-Elect of the Section automatically becomes the Chairperson at the end of the term of the current Chairperson. Consequently, the Chairperson of the International Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan for the coming year will be Cameron S. DeLong.

Mr. DeLong then advised that the Nominating Committee recommended that the following members of the Section be nominated for election at the Section's annual meeting as officers of the Section for the coming year:

Margaret A. Dobrowitsky	Chair-Elect
Jeffrey F. Paulsen	Secretary
Treasurer	A. Reed Newland

Mr. DeLong further indicated that the Nominating Committee recommended that the following persons be nominated to the Council for 3-year terms ending in 2013:

David B. Guenther
Gregory H. Fox
Eve C. Lerman

Mr. DeLong also stated that the Nominating Committee recommended that the following person be nominated to the Council for a 2-year term ending 2012 to fill the vacancy left if Mr. Newland is elected to the office of Treasurer:

Silvia Kleer

After an invitation by Mr. DeLong, no other nominations were made from the floor of the meeting. Upon motion made and supported, the Section voted in favor of accepting the recommendations of the Nominating Committee.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Goetz then presided over the election of the officers and council members. Upon motion then made and supported, all members of the Section in attendance voted unanimously in favor of the nominated persons who were thereupon elected to the positions so designated.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. DeLong said that, in accordance with the Section's Bylaws, the Chairperson has appointed the following persons *ex-officio* law student members of the Council with the approval of the Executive Committee:

Nick Hawatmeh, University of Detroit Mercy School of Law
Sam Saif, Wayne State University Law School
Quinten A. Smith, Thomas M. Cooley Law School (Auburn Hills Campus)

Given below is the updated roster of the State Bar of Michigan International Law Section Officers and Council Members 2010–2011.

2010-2011 UPDATED ROSTER OF OFFICERS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

<u>Officer</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Telephone</u>	<u>Email</u>
Chairperson	Cameron S. DeLong	Warner Norcross & Judd LLP 900 Fifth Third Center 111 Lyon Street, NW Grand Rapids, MI 49503- 2487	616-752-2155	cdelong@wnj.com
Chairperson- Elect	Margaret Dobrowitsky	A. Brinks, Hofer, Gilson & Lione 524 S. Main Street Suite 200 Ann Arbor, MI 48104	734-302-6026	mdobrowitsky@usebrinks. com
Secretary	Jeffrey F. Paulsen	Paulsen Law Firm PLLC 6632 Telegraph Road #127 Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301	248-456-0646	jfp@paulsenlawfirm.com
Treasurer	A. Reed Newland	Plastipak Packaging Inc. 41605 Ann Arbor Road East Plymouth, MI 48170	734-354-7142	rnewland@plastipak.com

<u>Council Members</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>	<u>Telephone</u>	<u>Email</u>
Michael E. Domanski	2011	313-465-7352	mdomanski@honigman.com
Linda J. Armstrong	2011	313-983-7476	armstrong@butzel.com
Andrew H. Thorson	2011	248-784-5165	athorson@wnj.com
Tricia L. Roelofs	2012	313-568-6530	troelofs@dykema.com
Debra Auerbach Clephane	2012	248-540-8019	dclephane@vmclaw.com
Silvia M. Kleer	2012	313-323-2320	skleer@ford.com
Gregory H. Fox	2013	313-577-0110	gfox@wayne.edu
David B. Guenther	2013	734-761-9000	guenther@cmplaw.com
Eve C. Lerman	2013	248-975-9605	eve.lerman@mail.doc.gov

Mr. DeLong thanked Mr. Goetz for his capable leadership of the Section and, on behalf of the Section, presented Mr. Goetz with a plaque in recognition of his contribution to the continued success of the Section.

POST-MEETING PROGRAM

Mr. DeLong reminded attendees that, after a short break, the Section would hold the annual meeting program entitled “*How International Trade Will Help Bring Michigan New Jobs and Business Opportunities*” that featured the following presentations:

1. How to Develop a Globalized Legal Practice

David A. Steiger, author of the ABA Publishing best-seller, *The Globalized Lawyer*, made the case for the development of an international practice as a long-term strategy for Michigan lawyers, rather than as a short-term reaction to a sluggish economy. He outlined the primary skills and tools that attorneys need to develop to provide the best cross-border advice. Mr. Steiger is a practicing attorney and a member of the Visiting Faculty at DePaul University’s School for New Learning in Chicago.

2. Michigan’s Role in the Global Economy

Dr. Robert A. Dye, a vice president and senior economist of PNC Bank, provided an overview of the current state of the World, U.S. and Michigan economy. He also spoke to the role that Michigan has in the global economy and what may be the best business and job growth opportunities for Michigan in the near future. Dr. Dye is responsible for contributing to economic forecasting and analysis for PNC nationwide and globally. Dr. Dye has a Bachelors degree from Marietta College, a Masters degree from Ball State University and a Doctorate from the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Dye is also the past President of the Economic Club of Pittsburgh.

3. Opportunities for Growth in Bioenergy, Wind, Solar, Battery and Water Technologies

Gil Pezza, director of the Water Technology Initiative of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation's New Markets Unit, gave an overview on the strategic approach in successfully diversifying Michigan's economy. Formerly an attorney in private practice and, prior to that, a successful professional fencer and Fencing Master, Mr. Pezza holds undergraduate and graduate degrees from Wayne State University and a J.D. from the Detroit College of Law.

4. Outbound Opportunities for Michigan Businesses

Eve Lerman, International Trade Specialist with the U.S. Commercial Service, gave a presentation on specific areas of the global market where Michigan businesses may find opportunities and how the U.S. Commercial Service can help Michigan attorneys and their clients pursue business opportunities in the global market.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no new business to come before the meeting, Mr. DeLong adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey F. Paulsen, Secretary
International Law Section
State Bar of Michigan