

Labor and Employment Law Section Minutes

March 8, 2010 Meeting was called to order at 12:10pm at the offices of Varnum LLP, Novi, MI

Present: Larry Murphy, Brad Glazier, Jeff Donahue, Barry Goldman, Dan Bretz, Niraj Ganatra, Darcie Brault, Dennis Boren, Susan Hiser, Brian Koncius and George Wirth

Motion to approve February 2010 minutes by Susan Hiser second by Dan Bretz motion carried with no objections.

Motion by Dan Bretz for the council to approve payment of \$1,500 to the law firm of Martens Ice for stipend to partially cover 2010 expenses for Law Notes publications. Second by Barry Goldman motion carried with no objections.

Treasurer Report. Tim Howlett was unable to attend but forwarded a four month financial statement for the section prepared by the State Bar of Michigan for the period of October 2009 thru January 31, 2010. Discuss the posting of charges by the State bar in wrong categories in the financial statement. Jeff will discuss with Tim.

Motion made by Brian Koncius to pay \$2,500 to ICLE for LELS sponsorship of the April 29 and 30 Labor and Employment Law Institute. Second by Dan Bretz. Motion carried without objection.

Jeff Donahue discussed the status of the request by MERC for support for House bill 4772 and the decision by the council to take no position on proposed amendments to the Arbitration Act. Several members of the council received an invitation by Lawyer's Weekly to submit an article for possible publication in their Labor and Employment Law special edition. Jeff will submit an article about the Section.

Final figures for the Mid-Winter Dinner and Educational Program were sent to Jeff by Joe Starr who was unable to attend. There were 238 attendees at dinner Friday night and 140 to 150 attendees at the program Saturday morning. Approximate income from dinner and Saturday event was \$20,200 and approximate costs for the dinner and program were \$30,000. We should final figures available in next month's financial statement.

Susan Hiser and Brian Koncius discussed the upcoming Spring Board Educational Event at Big Rock Chop House on June 3rd. Same price and format as last year. We can expect a large turnout for event as last year's event was a packed house.

Barry Goldman explained why the State Bar has failed to put several issues of law notes on line in our Section web site as requested. He believes that the matter will be satisfactory resolved.

George Wirth announced that Dan Krichbaum has been named the interim director of the Michigan Department of Civil Rights replacing Kelvin Scott who passed away after a lengthy illness.

Dennis Boren reminded everyone that the NLRB's Outreach program is available to provide speakers on a variety of NLRB subjects to any employer, union, or civic group. Requests can be made to: dennis.boren@nlrb.gov at 313-2263230 and/or Patrick Labadie at Patrick.labadie@nlrb.gov at 313-2263213.

Meeting adjourned at 1:20pm.

Next meeting will be April 12, 2010 at the offices of Varnum in Novi.