

May 11, 2009
Labor and Employment Law Section Council
Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at approximately 12:15 p.m. at the Varnum offices in Novi.

In Attendance: Daniel Bretz, Jeffrey Donahue, George Wirth, Joseph Starr, David Calzone, Robert Boonin, Timothy Howlett, Dennis Boren, Brad Glazier, Darcie Brault, Andrew Nickelhoff, Larry Murphy, Shel Stark **Absent:** Niraj Ganatra, Megan Norris, Dan Swanson, Robert Palmer, Barry Goldman.

- 1. Approval of Agenda.** The Agenda was approved.
- 2. Approval of Minutes.** The Minutes were approved.
- 3. Treasurer's Report**

George Wirth circulated the May Treasurer's Report. Received bill for other ½ of speaker fee (\$3,000). Also, received unauthorized charge (\$147) that Wirth directed State Bar not to pay. Noted that mid-winter meeting revenue on report appears misstated on report as "spring" seminar revenue.

4. Chair's Report

- a. *Letter to Ann Smith re: Judicial code of Conduct* sent to Smith. Representative Assembly had similar concerns.
- b. *State Bar Leadership Conference* discusses, Donahue may attend, encouraged to make arrangements quickly as slots fill quickly.
- c. *Dues Increase.* Bretz following up with Crowley.

5. Spring Seminar

June 4, 2009; Time: 4:00-6:15 p.m., with free beer, wine, pop, and hors d'oeuvres from 6:15-8:00. Cost: \$45 in advance, \$55 at the door -- parking is included

Topics and Speakers:

The Effects of Bankruptcy on Employment Cases (the Hon. Marcie McIvor and Joel Appelbaum)

Tales from the Courtroom: Big Cases and the Stories Behind Them (Sam Morgan and Liz Hardy)

Business Realities in the Practice of Law (Larry Murphy and Kathy Bogas)

An e-blast and a mailing have already gone out. Another e-blast is going today. There is also publicity in the Detroit Legal News and Lawyers Weekly. Come, and encourage others to do the same!

6. ICLE

Shel Stark joined us to discuss final report, attached to minutes. 4/29 and 4/20 may be next year's dates. New Lawyer Breakfast – 16 pre-registered, 9 showed up, 4 of which were not pre-registered. Next year there will a thumb drive alternative for materials. Some discussion of simulcast/telecast re: poor west side attendance.

7. Mid-Winter Meeting Planning Committee Report

Rob Boonin reported on the three venues that responded to requests for information:

Marriott Ypsi appr. \$23,000

Book Cadillac appr. \$26-28,000

DAC appr. just under \$25,000; if we use DAC need price held and to move the dates to 1/23 – 1/24. Also have to make sure mailing/notice goes out earlier. ‘

Motion to go with the DAC with those “conditions” attached. Vote was unanimous in favor.

8. Annual Meeting Planning Committee Report

Tim Howlett reported that the meeting will be 9/17 at the Hyatt. The committee looked at the numbers and will be looking to cut back on food. Discussed topics: ERISA, VEBA's, challenged economy, etc.

9. Lawnotes

No report.

10. Old Business

Gottfried Seminar: Dennis Boren is looking to expand attendance.

Committee of treasurers past and present to meet and discuss budget. To be placed on agenda next meeting.

Lawnotes; discussion should be placed on agenda.

11. New Business

None.

12. Next Meeting Date and Location

June 8, 2009; 12:00 Location to be determined.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:30 pm.