

**Law Practice Management Section  
Business Meeting  
April 5, 2008**

- I. Attendance:** Among the members present were: Austin Anderson, Joseph Ernst, Henry Gornbein, Jim Schmier, Kris Yockey, Barry Brickner, Burt Burleson, and Gary Bauer. Among the members present and participating by conference call were: Rebecca Seslar, Ernie Gifford, Miles Postema, Gary Gardner, and Sally Vandenberg. Guests included: Sharon Gant, John Gorzalski, and Janice Holdinski.
- II. Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Gary Bauer at 9:35 a.m.
- III. Approval of Minutes.** The minutes of the LPMS Business meeting of February 23, 2008 were approved. Motion to approve by Barry Brickner. Second by Henry Gornbein.
- IV. Treasurer's Report.** Chair, Gary Bauer reported that Section Treasurer, Vince Romano had announced that the Section was as healthy as reported at the last meeting. Chair, Bauer also passed on tentative figures regarding the Comstock Park event and indicated that a full report would be made at the next meeting.
- V. Old Business.**
  - a. Tech Fair.** Ernie Gifford gave a report about attending the Tech Fair from March 13, 2008 through March 15, 2008. Mr. Gifford indicated that the theme of the Fair was undetectable, but that the Fair ran over 16 tracks with 4-5 programs going on at the same time - his only objection to the show. Mr. Gifford further reported that the program provided a "CD" of the program to participants and that an online PowerPoint presentation was available at the Tech Fair website. Mr. Gifford further noted that a theme, if any, was regarding a "paperless law" office and the use of cell phones in "out-of-office" working environments. Mr. Gifford additionally noted that several articles will appear in the newsletter about the various topics presented at the Tech Fair. He further indicated that the PowerPoint presentation will be announced in the next newsletter. A discussion ensued about copying the "CD" and redistributing to the Section membership. Mr. Gifford will be contacting the ABA about reproducing the discs and getting permission. Chair, Gary Bauer thanked Ernie Gifford for attending the Tech Fair and bringing his institutional knowledge to the Section by attending the Tech Fair.
  - b. Annual Meeting.** Rebecca Seslar announced that she came up with the idea of a "roundtable" discussion to be presented at the Annual Meeting and that she will be sending out an e-mail requesting various ideas to present.

- VI. Newsletter.** Ernie Gifford indicated that the next issue of the newsletter was expected to go to press by April 15, 2008 and that another newsletter would be out at the end of May.
- VII. Joint Meeting with Legal Administrators Section Members.** Mr. John Gorzalski of the Legal Administrators Section expressed a continued desire to merge with the Section. Chair, Gary Bauer thanked Mr. Gorzalski for attending the Section meetings regularly. A discussion began about proposed by-law changes and Chair, Gary Bauer reiterated that the State Bar had responded to an inquiry about whether non-lawyers could serve in officer positions in the affirmative. The Chair further extended an invitation to other members and officers of the Legal Administrators Section to attend meetings of the Section. Sharon Gant inquired about benefits and disadvantages existed with the proposed merger. A general discussion ensued about bringing other areas of expertise to diversify areas of presentation within the Section.
- VIII. Nuts and Bolts Program.** Chair, Gary Bauer indicated that Vince Romano would be making a presentation about the proposed Nuts and Bolt program at Comerica Park. Austin Anderson noted that it would be helpful to have a detailed analysis of the event in advance of the next meeting and Joe Ernst questioned the immediacy of the event and how quickly the event could be put together.
- IX. New Business.** Chair, Gary Bauer indicated that Burt Burleson had raised a question about the Section's involvement with events being planned by the PMRC. Chair, Gary Bauer suggested a meeting in Lansing with the PMRC about planning participation with the Section. A general discussion ensued about the distinctions between the Section and the PMRC from a historical perspective. Chair, Gary Bauer indicated that he would invite PMRC representatives to the next meeting.
- X. Invoice Approval.** A motion was made by Henry Gornbein to approve an invoice submitted by Ms. Joan Bullock in the amount of \$4,000.00 for publication of the LPMS newsletter for the fiscal years 2005 and 2006. Second by Austin Anderson. A vote was held and the invoice was unanimously approved by all members present in person and by conference call. Proxy votes were made in favor and support of payment of the invoice by Chair, Gary Bauer on behalf Konnie Kustron, Vince Romano, Steve Feigelson, Joan Vestrand, Stacy Dinser, and Rebecca Seslar. A discussion about the valuable service that newsletter publishers bring to the Section was discussed and it was further suggested that an acknowledgment of service be made by presentation of an award or plaque or similar appreciation. Motion by Henry Gornbein. Second by Austin Anderson. Approved Unanimously.
- XI. Council Membership and Election of Members.** Sharon Gant was nominated to be a member of the Council for a 2008 vacancy. Nomination by Austin Anderson. Second by Joseph Ernst. Approved Unanimously.

- XII. Guest Presentation.** Janice Holdinski of the American Arbitration Association gave a presentation on the arbitration, mediation, and dispute resolution services provided by her organization. Austin Anderson and Chair, Gary Bauer discussed having a guest speaker at each meeting on a substantive topic.
- XIII. Adjournment.** Joseph Ernst made a motion to adjourn and Henry Gornbein seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.