

State Bar of Michigan Law Student Section

Governing Council Meeting

September 24, 2010

Call to order 6:25pm    Adjourned 8:00pm

Participants:

Stefan Fletcher – Chairman  
William Murray – Treasurer  
Peter Domas – Secretary  
Heather Johnson – 1L Oral Advocacy Chair  
Aisa Villarosa - WSU E-board  
Ashley Braun – WSU  
Ashley Fisher - WSU E-board  
Chelsea Homer – UDM  
Cheryl Kennedy – WSU  
Fran-Marie Silveri – U of M  
Heather Johnson – MSU  
Josh Driskell - Toledo  
Joshua Birk – U of M  
Mylika Johnson - UDM  
Nadia Hamade - WSU E-board  
Samantha Orvis - WSU E-board  
Sarah Biedron - WSU E-board  
Stefani Silverstein – UDM SBA  
Sylvia Saco – WSU  
Tom Smith – WSU E-board

**Section Meeting and Purpose:**

Suggestions for Law Student Section to accomplish this year

- Section meetings with the various State Bar Sections
  - Council would like to request that each section of the State Bar meet with one school on an annual basis. Every year the section will rotate which school its annual meeting will occur at.
    - Sections of interest include, Immigration law, Tax Law, Elder Law, Labor and Employment, Intellectual Property, Property, Young Lawyers Section.
    - Stefan will e-mail the section heads to see if he can gather interest.
      - Will also request that we have an updated copy of the meeting times and locations for each section. Once this is received, Pete Domas will compile a comprehensive list of all planned section meetings and post the document on TWEN.
- Establish functions with the young lawyers section of the SBM

- Heather Anderson suggested that we have at least one rep from the LSS attend the State Bar Convention in Grand Rapids.

### **Oral Advocacy Update**

- One of Heather's two ideas has recently been settled by the Supreme Court.
- Potential Dates for competition are Feb 26, 2011 and March 26, 2011
- There was some concern as to whether the topic of Gay divorce would be able to be debatable under Michigan Law.
  - Heather is continuing to do a little more research and will report back to group
  - Other option would be to establish a closed jurisdiction
- Request was made to the group to please provide any other ideas for Oral Advocacy Competition topics.
- Need attorneys and judges for competition. Please ask if anyone would be interested in assisting.
- Heather Suggests having 10-20 participants from each school.
- Governing Council will be asked to market competition at local school and to answer any questions if necessary.

### **Treasurers Report**

- William suggested that we need to try to have the school reps sign up additional students to the state bar.
  - The \$15 dues to the bar go to the LSS and will increase our budget.
- Law Student Section has many services to offer students including
  - Reduced subscriptions to other bar sections
  - Michigan Bar Journal
  - Annual Attorney Directory.
- Suggestion was made to create a competition between the schools for getting the most new members

### **Scholarship Awareness**

- As previously discussed, there has been very little knowledge about the numerous SBM scholarships available.
  - Please send Stefan a local school, contact in order to direct the scholarship information to the correct place.