

STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN
PRISONS AND CORRECTIONS SECTION
MEETING MINUTES
STATE BAR BUILDING, LANSING

January 8, 2011¹

PRESENT: S. Basel; R. Beracy; S. Gobbo; C. Green; R. Johnson; A. Laws-Wright; P. Martel; M. Marutiak; P. Reingold; K. Schaefer; J. Shea; R. Stapleton; P. Streeter; L. Thomas; M. VanDusen; A. Watts, J. Zimbelman.

ABSENT W/EXCUSE: C. Green; D. Moffitt; R. Stapleton; L. Thomas.

ABSENT WITHOUT NOTICE: None.

GUESTS: None.

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m. with a voting quorum present.

Adoption of Agenda/Meeting Minutes

J. Shea made a motion to accept the agenda, seconded by S. Gobbo. M. Marutiak moved to accept the December meeting minutes, seconded by P. Reingold. Approved.

- **Chairperson's Report:** P. Streeter

In September, Chair Streeter sent a letter to the Supreme Court regarding our policy position on Judicial Vetoes. She spoke with Ann, counsel for the Supreme Court, who had concerns on whether the issue was procedural or substantive. We believe the issue is procedural. The question of whether or not to post our position on our website remained unanswered, so Chair Streeter will clarify that: 1. this is a procedural issue, 2. clarify the website posting, and 3. send a copy of the Court letter to the Representatives on the House Corrections Appropriations Committees.

Our February meeting will discuss issues of interest to the Section, what we've done in the past and where we are going. We'll have a discussion in preparation for a meeting where new legislators will be invited to tell us their concerns and the directions they are going. Please e-mail Chair Streeter any issues you want included in the discussion.

June 4, 2011, will be our Section training on Representing Prisoners at Parole Revocation Hearings.

¹As corrected February 5, 2011.

- **Treasurer's Report:** A. Laws-Wright

Beginning Balance: \$825.55
Revenues for the year: \$2,375.00
Expenses: \$140.75
Ending Balance: \$3,059.80

In February, Laws-Wright will discuss bar dues for Associate members and finding a new canteen service.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by R. Johnson, seconded by S. Gobbo.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Newsletter:** P. Streeter; A. Watts

All materials are in. We will use the person at the Bar Association for typesetting the newsletter.

POSITION STATEMENTS:

- **Parole Board Issues**

All eight positions passed with a quorum, 6 of which were unanimous.

- **ABA Resolution on Prison Oversight:** S. Gobbo

ABA Resolution 104B promotes the development of an office that inspects and monitors prisons. Some questions remained and other members wanted to review the materials further. This issue will be discussed at the February meeting.

EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES: None discussed.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

NEXT MEETING: February 5, 2011, 10:00 am at the State Bar Building.

J. Shea made a motion to adjourn, seconded by P. Martel. Meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

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Patricia Streeter, Chair