

STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN
PRISONS AND CORRECTIONS SECTION
MEETING MINUTES
State Bar Building, Lansing

DECEMBER 4, 2010

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

ABSENT W/EXCUSE: D. Moffitt; J. Shea; A. Watts.

ABSENT WITHOUT NOTICE: None.

GUESTS: None.

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

Adoption of Agenda and Meeting Minutes:

M. Marutiak made a motion to accept the agenda and November meeting minutes, seconded by K. Schaefer. Approved.

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

In September, Chair Streeter sent a letter to the Supreme Court regarding our policy position on Judicial Vetoes. Now she would like to follow up with the court and publish our position on our Section website. Once she speaks with the court she'll let us know where our position statement is and whether or not we can update our website.

Chair Streeter may have Barb Levine attend either our January or February meeting to give us updates on legislative changes and new committee appointments.

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

Revenues for the year: \$1,175.00 (Dues)
Beginning Balance: \$825.55
Ending Balance: \$2,000.55

Chair Streeter will pursue a discussion in January to determine if we should raise our section dues. S. Gobbo will review our bylaws regarding dues and any other overall issues.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

We are now trying to get enough articles together for two newsletters. R. Johnson suggested only sending an electronic version. R. Stapleton stated he would be able to forward the e-mail version to institutional librarians to print for the law libraries. The articles were scheduled to be sent to typesetting within a week.

The following articles are complete:

K. Schaefer: "The High Cost of Doing Time"

D. Manville: case Summaries

A. Watts: Student article "From Prisoner to Paralegal"

R. Stapleton: Changes to the prisoner misconduct policy

J. Zimbelman: Ombudsman progress on medical and mental health issues

POSITION STATEMENTS:

- **Parole Board Issues**

Discussion was continued on the remaining sections of the revised document. A final draft will be reviewed at the next meeting.

EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES: None discussed.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

NEXT MEETING: January 8, 2011, 10:00 am at the State Bar Building.

S. Gobbo made a motion to adjourn, seconded by R. Stapleton. Meeting adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

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Patricia Streeter, Chair