

# **COUNCIL OF THE PUBLIC CORPORATION LAW SECTION OF THE STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN**

## **Minutes of the December 3, 2005 Meeting**

A regular meeting of the Council of the Public Corporation Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan was held on Saturday, December 3, 2005 via teleconference. The meeting started at approximately 10:00 AM.

**Members participating included:** L. Bluhm, M. Fales, G. Fisher, M. Howe, D. Matson, C. McKone, S. Morgan, C. Robinson, C. Rosati, K. Schloff, D. Schmidt, A. Seuryneck, J. Sluggett, J. Tamm, E. Williams and K. So.

Not participating: W. Beach, J. Beras, D. Walling and M. Watza.

Morgan moved, and McKone supported, a motion to excuse absent members. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Approval of Agenda:**

There was a motion by Matson, supported by Robinson, to approve the agenda for the December 3, 2005 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Approval of Minutes of the November 5, 2005 Council Meeting:**

There was a motion by McKone, supported by Bluhm, to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2005 Council meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Treasurer's Report (Year End Financial Audit)**

Sluggett reported on the year-end financial reports. No action was required as the most recent financial reports were approved at a previous meeting.

### **Report on Survey:**

Robinson indicated that 48 responses to the survey had been received to date, both from those who attended in the past and others who had not. He said that the survey responses thus far indicated the primary importance of location, speakers and topics, while cost and other/ancillary activities were not ranked as highly by respondents. As to possible locations for the seminar, Mackinac Island and the Grand Hotel followed by the Grand Traverse Resort led the vote getters. Additional comments that had been received indicated that some respondents felt the dates of the seminar conflicted with typical family activities in the summer and some thought should be given to changing dates. The survey will remain available until the end of December. Rosati suggested re-sending the survey to improve the response level. There was also a discussion regarding moving the times of the seminar to another time in the summer and to potentially different locations. So indicated he would send out a reminder encouraging responses and share the results

with Bill Matthewson for purposes of helping to decide the location of the 2007 summer seminar.

**Co-Sponsorship of ICLE Seminar in February, 2006/Reception:**

Bluhm and Rosati reported on the status of the winter seminar. They indicated that law students would be permitted to attend for only \$25, but would need to pre-register. Bluhm has the information for the law schools. Motion by Rosati, supported by Robinson to assist up to two law students per school in this manner. Motion adopted unanimously.

Bluhm then led a discussion regarding potential lunch and reception locations. Rosati indicated she would make an announcement at the beginning of the seminar regarding where the reception would be held and this information would be included in a brochure. It was generally agreed that the Council will hold a meeting/lunch at 12:00 (noon) at the Palms Restaurant in Troy and that Section members would be invited to Charley's Crab for a reception afterwards.

**Summer Seminar:**

Howe and Sluggett reviewed the proposed list of topics and speakers for the summer seminar. There was also confirmation that the Harbor Springs cruise would be held on Thursday, June 22, 2006, and that Plunkett & Cooney had indicated a willingness to financially support the cruise. Sluggett said he would confirm via e-mail with D. Walling the Supreme Court speaker status. There was a general consensus that the topics should be kept as practical as possible and the conditional rezoning/consent judgment/regulatory taking discussion might be put off for a year to allow for further development. Council members were reminded that the Public Corporation Section portion of the meeting will be on Friday, June 23, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. and that a meeting will be held immediately thereafter at 4:00 p.m.

**Communications, Announcements and ListServe**

So mentioned that there is legislation pending regarding immunity for emergency workers and that he would circulate an e-mail and solicit input regarding taking a Council position on this issue.

**Adjournment:**

So adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jeff Sluggett, Secretary/Treasurer