

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

Minutes of the January 7, 2006 Meeting

A regular meeting of the Council of the Public Corporation Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan was held on Saturday, January 7, 2006 via teleconference. The meeting started at approximately 10:00 AM.

Members participating included: J. Beras, L. Bluhm, M. Fales, G. Fisher, M. Howe, D. Matson, C. Robinson, C. Rosati, K. Schloff, D. Schmidt, A. Seurnyck, J. Sluggett, J. Tamm, D. Walling, M. Watza (joined in progress) and K. So.

Not participating were: W. Beach, C. McKone, S. Morgan and E. Williams.

Bluhm moved, and Walling supported, a motion to excuse absent members. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Agenda:

There was a motion by Walling, supported by Bluhm, to approve the agenda for the January 7, 2006 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes of the December 3, 2005 Council Meeting:

A discussion was held regarding the Council's willingness to allow law students to attend the upcoming winter seminar at a cost of \$25. There was general agreement that the Council would pay for the students.

Motion by Matson, supported by Rosati, to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2005 Council meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report (11/30/05 Financials):

Sluggett reported on the month ending 11/30/05 financial reports. There was a general discussion regarding the cost of the newsletter as well as potential savings/costs available to the Section. Motion by Fales, supported by Fisher, to approve the financial report.

Report on Survey:

Robinson reported that due to the Chair's e-mail, 31 new responses were received for a total of 79. Robinson noted that this represented approximately 10% of the Section's membership; 38% of those responding had not attended the summer seminar for the last three years. Robinson provided an overview of those matters deemed most important to respondents and location, speakers and programs were all deemed to be very important. Not as important were family activities and cost. Among the respondents, the Grand Hotel was the preferred location with the Grand Traverse Resort also receiving a significant number of votes. The Gaylord area also received some recognition by

respondents. Additional responses received indicated that reconsideration of the dates of the seminar should occur to increase attendance and common complaints included the fact that topics were not deemed “fresh,” that county issues were not addressed and that some of the topics had little relevance to participants current practices. The Council thanked Robinson and Schmidt for their efforts in preparing the survey and assembling the responses. A discussion followed regarding what to do with the responses and how to proceed. There was a general consensus that a new location ought to be considered in future years and that a survey format might be used to glean topics from the members. Robinson indicated he would also prepare an article for the newsletter encouraging suggestions as to both topics and locations.

Co-Sponsorship of ICLE Seminar in February, 2006: Rosati and Bluhm reported that ICLE had already sent out an announcement on the seminar. Bluhm indicated she had checked with the Palm Restaurant and it was agreed that the Council would hold its meeting there at noon on February 16, 2006. Bluhm also discussed the reception afterwards at Charley’s Crab. It was agreed to have a cash bar and hors d’oeuvres will be provided by the Council. Motion by Matson, supported by Fales, to approve the expenditures for the reception. The motion was approved unanimously.

Summer Seminar Topics (topics and speakers, Supreme Ct. judge, reservation for 2007, registration fee, memory sticks, etc.): Sluggett provided an overview of the Section’s proposed outline for the afternoon of Friday, June 23, 2006. The current topics identified included telecommunications/franchising, bankruptcy, and a Section 1983 panel discussion based on a sexual harassment fact pattern. Various speakers were identified and agreed to by the Council. Walling identified the designated speaker from the Michigan Supreme Court and there was a discussion regarding potential topics the Justice might speak on. It was generally agreed that in response to a request from MAMA, the consensus of the Council was that the 2007 summer seminar should be held at the Grand Traverse Resort with the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island being the Council’s second choice. There was also consensus that raising the registration fee for the conference was acceptable. Rosati led a discussion regarding the need to address certain topics including electronic discovery and record retention issues. There was a further discussion regarding the policy on reimbursement of expenses. It was pointed out that in the past the Section had agreed to generally pay for MAMA’s staff who assisted in summer seminar preparations, but not MML representatives.

Communications, Announcements and ListServe (tax tribunal review and contribution request): So indicated he had received a communication from the Michigan Tax Tribunal regarding a newly-appointed commission. It was generally agreed that the Section was interested in the topic, but does not have an interest in assisting financially. So indicated he would invite someone from the State to speak to the Council at its March meeting regarding the Commission.

Adjournment:

So adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:55 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Sluggett, Secretary/Treasurer