

**Maryland State Bar Association  
Administrative Law Section Council  
Meeting Minutes  
September 11, 2008**

**Location:** Liberator's. Towson, Maryland

**In Attendance:** Andy Baida, Kathleen Chapman, Yvette Diamond, Bob Drummer, Jack Gohn, Nathan Greenbaum, Hon. Joseph H.H. Kaplan, Elissa Levan, Michelle McDonald.

**Meeting**

**Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Elissa Levan**

**I. Approval of Minutes**

Approval of minutes was deferred due to lack of quorum.

**II. Chair's Report**

Elissa Levan noted the resignation of Judge Hardwicke and there was discussion of creating a Section award in his honor.

Elissa reminded the attendees of the upcoming Asper event, Nov 17 at the University of Maryland Law School and discussed a program at GWU Law School that Andy Baida and Bob Drummer volunteered to attend.

**III. Announcements:**

None.

**IV. Treasurer's Report**

Andy Baida reported that we have an opening budget of \$3328 for meals and \$770 for other items, which represents a cut from our requested budget of \$3400 and \$2650, respectively.

**V. Committee Assignments**

- a. *Legislative* – No report.
- b. *MICPEL* – Michelle McDonald reported that the MICPEL report is scheduled to proceed on January 26, 27 or 28, 2009, with the theme "Celebrating 50 years of the Maryland Administrative Procedure Act." Michele reported that planning is proceeding on track and that the committee is not in need of any action by the Section Council at this time.

- c. *Spring Dinner* – A discussion was held as to whether to plan a Spring Dinner for this year, in light of the Section's joint participation with the State and Local Government Section's Fall Dinner in October. No conclusion was reached; however, Kathleen Chapman suggested a happy hour aimed at meeting our Section's general membership, and those assembled expressed a positive position on the suggestion.
- d. *Annual Meeting* – The presentation of the play, *Satellite Parking*, by Paul Handy, at the June, 2008, Annual Meeting, was reported by Elissa Levan to have been a great success. Photographs were taken by Judge Bell, and Elissa indicated she would send the link to the Council so that members could suggest which photos might be posted to the Section's website. [Ed. Note: see mackbell.smugmug.com] No discussion was held as to next year's meeting except that Kathleen Chapman and Yvette Diamond have agreed to work on the program.
- e. *Public Education Outreach* – No report.
- f. *Publication Committee* – Elissa Levan requested a new chair for this subcommittee as she felt unable to continue given her other responsibilities. Bob Drummer agreed to take this on. Jack Gohn renewed his offer to write an article.

### **III. Membership Report**

Nathan Greenbaum reported that the terms of several Council members were expired and these members needed to be re-nominated to fill empty positions. A motion was made and passed to renominate these individuals. Elissa Levan noted that the resignations of Linda Lamone and Judge Hardwicke would create additional vacancies. Nathan noted that we have additional open positions and indicated he would contact the individuals suggested for possible nominate.

### **IV. OAH Liaison report**

No report.

### **V. Old Business**

None.

*Meeting ended at approximately 9:00 p.m.*