

Maryland State Bar Association  
Consumer Bankruptcy Section  
Executive Council Open Meeting  
Elkridge Furnace Inn  
Elkridge, Maryland  
Minutes  
May 14, 2007

Attendees:

J. Nesson	D. Gorius	M. Wolff	B. Weiss
M. McLean	C. Fascetta	A. Anderson	M. Caskey
C. Krohn	R. Rogers	A. Gordon	M. Kivitz
L. Robinson	M. Scurti		

MINUTES:

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:15. D. Gorius, Section President and Executive Council Chair, presided and thanked everyone for coming.

II. Review of March 20, 2007 Easton, Maryland Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the March 20, 2007 council meeting were reviewed by the council. Upon motion by P. Anderson, seconded by D. Gorius, the March 20, 2007 minutes were accepted.

III. Guest Speaker: Amelia Lazarus, Esquire, Homeless Persons Representation Project, Inc. (HPRP)

Ms. Lazarus spoke about the work of the HPRP and mentioned that the project is seeking a panel of volunteer bankruptcy attorneys. Ms. Lazarus explained that the project would cover all court costs and malpractice insurance for panel volunteers.

IV. Chair's Report

A. NACCT Annual Meeting

D. Gorius announced that the National Association of Chapter 13 Trustee's annual meeting was being held in Baltimore, Maryland in August 2007 and encouraged members to attend the highly consumer-oriented annual conference.

B. Budget

As of May 2007, \$1000 remained in the Section's budget. After deduction of the costs associated with the March meeting in Easton, Maryland, all remaining funds are allocated for expenses associated with the June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007 MSBA Annual Meeting in Ocean City, Maryland.

C. Maryland Bar Journal

The Chair remarked that the Section had received a positive response for its contribution's to the journal.

D. Bankruptcy Bar Association (BBA) Spring Break Annual Conference

The conference was held in late April, 2007 and was well attended by Section members. It was noted that the BBA is considering inviting additional consumer-oriented members participate in its monthly Board meetings.

E. Judge Derby's Portrait: contributions from section members disappointing

The ceremony and portrait unveiling was well attended. Mark Scurti presented remarks on behalf of the Section.

F. Easton Meeting

Given the expense of the meeting and this year's relatively low attendance, it was suggested that the meeting be combined with the MSBA's Annual Meeting in Ocean City in future years.

G. Mark Sammon's Court Symposium

The Section responded to the Bankruptcy Clerk's request for customer responses were limited but informative.

III. Committee Reports:

A. Ocean City Presentation, June 15, 2007

B. Krohn reported that seven distinct PowerPoint presentations were being developed for the meeting.

C. Nominations Committee:

a. Election of Officers:

The nominations committee presented the following slate of officers for the year 2007 executive council: Mike Wolff, Chair; Chris Fascetta, Vice Chair; M. McLean, Secretary. D. Gorius moved to accept the proposed slate of officers, P. Anderson seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

b. Nominations of New Section Council Members:

The following individuals were nominated as the 2007 new council members: Laura Margulies and Harris Ammerman. M. Castkey moved that the new proposed council members be approved, P. Anderson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

D. Section Award/ Project of the Year Submission

The Section's Pro Bono Video Project was selected to receive the Project of the Year Award. The Award will be presented at the June 15, 2007 Annual Meeting. The Section decided to initiate an annual service award in honor of the Section's found, Alan Belsky. The award will be given at the Ocean City Annual Meeting.

IV. New Business: Open forum; no new business was discussed.

V. Adjournment

Upon motion by the Chair, seconded by R. Rogers, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.