



**MINUTES OF MEETING OF SECTION COUNCIL  
SECTION OF REAL PROPERTY, PLANNING AND ZONING  
May 22, 2007**

The final meeting of the Section Council for the 2006-2007 Bar Association year was held on Tuesday, May 22, 2007 at Chiapparelli's in Baltimore, Maryland. The following Section Council members were present: Tracey Skinner (Chair), Michael Swanenburg (Vice-Chair), Hilary O'Connor (Secretary), Sara Arthur, Sheila Brooks-Tahir, Ron Deutsch, David Kochanski, Nicole Lacoste, Ed Lee, Paul Rieger, Dave Severn, Theresa Shea and Barry Weiskopf.

1. Call to Order – Ms. Skinner called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes – The minutes for the March, 2007 meeting were noted as being previously approved via email.
3. Chair's Reports
  - (a) Nominating Committee Report - Ms. O'Connor reported that no nominations were received from Section Members, and that the Nominating Committee's Report has been circulated to the Section via email.
  - (b) Distinguished Practitioner Award – Mr. Swanenburg reported that Ed Levin will be this year's recipient.
  - (c) Committees – Ms. Skinner reported that an announcement was distributed regarding the formation of a Construction Law Committee, and that the response has been enthusiastic.
  - (d) Section Award – Ms. Skinner reported that the Opinion project won a Section award. The Section Council voted unanimously to endorse it, provided that the Section Council be updated as to any changes to the report.
  - (e) By-Laws – Ms. Lacoste summarized the proposed changes to the By-Laws. The Section Council unanimously approved the revised By-Laws. Ms. O'Connor agreed to forward the By-Laws to the Board of Governors for approval.

4. Committee Reports

(a) Legislative Liaison/Code Revision – Ms. Shea reported that the summary of the legislation of interest has been posted on the Website. Ms. Shea stated that she will speak at the Annual Meeting regarding the legislation.

(b) Commercial Real Estate Discussion Group – Mr. Lee reported that the lunches have been completed and will resume in the Fall. He is in the process of arranging for speakers for next year.

(c) Newsletter – Mr. Deutsch reported that the Spring edition has been completed, and that it will be distributed in the near future. Mr. Deutsch reported that they were seeking a new student editor.

(d) Education – No report.

(e) Technology – No report.

(f) Annual Meeting Program – Mr. Severn reported that the topics for the Annual meeting have been finalized. He also stated that the Section is acting as co-sponsor for Solo Day. There was a brief discussion regarding whether the Annual Meeting should be webcast, and the Section Council supported it.

(g) MICPEL Liaison – Ms. O'Connor reported that Matt Kimball and Cynthia Berman will serve as co-chairs for the 2007 ARPI, and that the date of the program will be October 17.

(h) Land Records Oversight/Clerk's Practice – No report.

(i) Foreclosure Trustee Committee – Mr. Deutsch reported that the recent breakfast meeting was successful.

(j) Alternative Dispute Resolution – No report.

5. Other Reports/Updates – None.

6. New Business

(a) 2008 Planning – Mr. Swanenburg spoke briefly about plans for the upcoming year.

(b) Attorney General – Mr. Rieger summarized his meeting with the Attorney General's office regarding staffing of the Assistant Attorney General position (Clerks Office). There was a brief discussion regarding the value of an internship.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Hilary J. O'Connor, Secretary