

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF SECTION COUNCIL
REAL PROPERTY SECTION
Wednesday, January 13, 2010**

A meeting of the Section Council for the Real Property Section of the MSBA was held on Wednesday, January 13 at Dalesio's in Baltimore, Maryland. The following Section Council and Committee Chair members were present:, Terry Shea (Chair), Ron Deutsch (Vice Chair), Lila Shapiro-Cyr (Secretary), Sara Arthur, Marc Bergoffen, Nicole Lacoste Folks, David Freishtat, Ed Lee, Searle Mitnick, Cindy Moskow, Hilary O'Connor, Paul Rieger, David Severn and Regan Smith. Also present was Richard Froehlinger III (Discussion Lunch Committee Chair),.

1. Call to Order - Ms. Shea called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.
2. Prior Meeting Minutes - The prior meeting minutes were noted as approved and have been posted on the website.
3. Chair's Report
 - (a) Recommendation from Judiciary for filing fee surcharge increase – Terry Shea reported that the Board of Governors agrees with our opposition to the increase, but that the Judiciary appears to be pushing the increase through.
 - (b) Recordation taxes on IDOTs in Howard County – Paul R., Ed Levin and Rick met with the folks in Howard County prior to this meeting, but the County has not provided a response to the issue. Searle also called the County Executive, but had not yet heard back on the issue.
 - (c) Business Law Section/Board of Governors Openings: We discussed the Business Laws Section's efforts in putting forward candidates for the BOG.
4. Committee Reports
 - (a) Legislative Committee – Regan Smith, Chair, reported that the Session was off to a slow start and that the majority of bills will be driven by their fiscal notes. He also requested suggestions for a Vice-Chair and for new blood on the Committee.
 - (b) Real Estate Discussion Group - Rick Froehlinger, Chair, reported that he has speakers lined up for May. Rick also reported that a successor has not been found for his position and asked for suggestions.
 - (c) Technology Committee (includes webcasting, listserv, website monitoring, e-filing)– Mark Dopkin, Chair – No report.
 - (d) Education Committee – Guy Flynn, Chair, reported that UB and UMD were going to collectively host a panel discussion in April.
 - (e) Mentoring – Guy Flynn reported that the mentor/mentee program was ongoing.

(f) Annual Meeting – Searle and Nicole, Chairs, led a discussion of suggestions for speaking/panel topics, including potentially having another focus on green building for the meeting. A suggestion of a collaboration with the Environmental Section was to be followed up on.

(g) Advanced Real Property Institute: - Cynthia Moskow, Chair, led a discussion of whether the ARPI should continue and if so, under what format. The group discussed potential other formats and collaboration with other Sections or Groups. Cyndi reported that this year's attendance was particularly low and that there was a tremendous struggle to solicit the attendees.

(h) Foreclosure Committee – Jeff Nadel, Chair – No report.

(i) Ground Rules - Marc Bergoffen, Editor, reported that he has commitments for 3 articles for the upcoming edition, including one on short sales.

(j) Land Use Committee - David Freishstat, Co-Chair, reported that the Committee recently had a meeting with Shelley Wasserman regarding Terrapin Run.

5. Other Reports/Updates - None

6. New Business

(a) Distinguished Practitioner: Ron will lead the selection committee, which will include Paul, Sara, Lila and Terry.

(b) Next Meeting, Wednesday, March 16, 2010 at 6:15 pm at a place to be determined.

7. Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lila Shapiro-Cyr, Secretary