

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF SECTION COUNCIL
REAL PROPERTY SECTION
Tuesday, March 16, 2010**

A meeting of the Section Council for the Real Property Section of the MSBA was held on Tuesday, March 16, 2010 at Snyders Willow Grove in Linthicum, Maryland. The following Section Council and Committee Chair members were present:, Terry Shea (Chair), Ron Deutsch (Vice Chair), Sara Arthur, Emerson L. Dorsey, Jr., Sheila Durant, Nicole Lacoste Folks, Guy Flynn, David Freishtat, Rich Harvey, Searle Mitnick, Cindy Motsko, Alexis Peters, Paul Rieger, David Severn and Regan Smith. Also present were Richard Froehlinger III (Discussion Lunch Committee Chair), Jeff Nadel (Foreclosure Committee Chair) and Deborah Dopkin (Liason).

1. Call to Order - Ms. Shea called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. Prior Meeting Minutes - The prior meeting minutes were noted as approved and are being posted on the website.
3. Chair's Report
 - (a) Board of Governors Election – Montgomery County – Ms. Shea led a discussion surrounding the issue of the four open positions. A slate has been formed and the election will occur shortly.
 - (b) Presidential Best Section Project Awards. Ms. Shea led a discussion on the issue of the Best Section Project Award.
 - (c) Land Records Improvement Fund. Ms. Shea next discussed the situation involving the Land Records Improvement Fund. Sara Arthur also reported on her experience with testifying at the Committee.
 - (d) MICPEL. Ms. Shea led a discussion about the cessation of MICPEL and its merger with MSBA and its having a separate budgetary line. The Section must consider our role in providing future educational programs. The Board of Governors will consider the issue of administering future programs as well.
4. Committee Reports
 - (a) Legislative Committee – Regan Smith, Chair -- No report.
 - (b) Real Estate Discussion Group - Rick Froehlinger, Chair, reported that planning was in process for this year's meetings. The next meeting will be occur in April and the discussion will be led by David Fishman, Honorable Atkins, Honorable Judge Harrell and Honorable Judge Kenny.
 - (c) Technology Committee (includes webcasting, listserv, website monitoring, e-filing)– Mark Dopkin, Chair – No report.

(d) Education Committee – Guy Flynn, Chair – Guy Flynn reported that a Symposium will be held on April 24, 2010 at the University of Baltimore on Mass Transportation, Land Use & Environmental Matters.

(e) Mentoring – Guy Flynn – Guy Flynn reported that currently there are seven (7) mentor/mentee pairs. This is down from the previous years. Guy also reported that on March 25, the University of Baltimore and the University of Maryland are participating on a career panel providing private practitioner perspectives of working for big firms, little firms, and government entities. Guy Flynn will also be participating on the panel. A meet and greet will be held with faculty and participants.

(f) Annual Meeting – Nicole Lacoste Folks and Searle Mitnick reported that they are finalizing the panels. The panels will include discussions of environmental law, current issues in green buildings, lead certification and tax incentives.

(g) Advanced Real Property Institute:. The Section is refocusing efforts now that MICPEL has folded. Currently planning an educational presentation at the Maritime Institute.

(h) Foreclosure Committee – Jeff Nadel, Chair, reported on the new foreclosure issues and potential laws that will be enacted in the areas of corporate trustees and mediation. Two bills had been submitted for consideration and it was felt that one of the two would pass with some modification. Whether that modification would be extensive or small is yet to be seen.

(i) Ground Rules – No report was offered.

(j) Land Use Committee - David Freishstat, Co-Chair – The Committee is planning an April 23 seminar at the MSBA office with John Delaney speaking on exactions.

5. Other Reports/Updates - None

6. New Business - Next Meeting, Wednesday, May 12, 2010 at 6:15 pm at a place to be determined.

7. Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lila Shapiro-Cyr, Secretary