



**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF SECTION COUNCIL  
SECTION OF REAL PROPERTY, PLANNING AND ZONING  
FRIDAY, JUNE 16, 2006**

The annual meeting of the Section Council for the 2005-2006 Bar Association Year was held on Friday, June 16, 2006 at the Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel in Ocean City, Maryland. The following Section Council Members were present: Thomas Barbuti (Chair), Tracey Skinner (Vice Chair), Michael Swanenburg (Secretary), Ronald Deutsch, Michelle DiDonato, David Kochanski (Immediate Past Chair, Ex-Officio), Mark Rabin, Paul Rieger, Theresa Shea, Raymond Truitt (Past Chair, Ex-Officio), and Jack Zemil.

1. Call to Order – Mr. Barbuti called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.
2. Prior Minutes – The Minutes of the May 10, 2006 Section Council Meeting were approved and will be posted on the Section's website.
3. Distinguished Practitioner of the Year Award – Mr. Barbuti presented the award to Lawrence A. Shulman. Mr. Shulman accepted the award, spoke briefly and thanked the Section for the honor.
4. Survey – Mr. Barbuti reported that the Section has received approximately 160 responses to the recently circulated Survey. The Section Council will review and digest the results of the Survey, and attempt to respond appropriately. The majority of the responses received have been from (a) attorneys practicing in small firms, or (b) solo practitioners. Preliminary reviews of the responses indicate the following: The current activities and programs offered by the Section that have received favorable reviews are (i) the monthly commercial real estate lunch discussion group, (ii) the mentor/mentee program, (iii) the Ground Rules news letter (which in the future will be sent only in electronic format), and (iv) the ListServe. Areas where improvement was suggested include (i) offering more programs and opportunities related to land use, and (ii) redesigning the web-site to make it more user-friendly. Additionally, most members do not support the Section Council taking an active role in proposing legislation to address the Rule Against Perpetuities.

A drawing was then conducted from among the names of those who have responded to the Survey. The winner will receive free attendance to the upcoming Advanced Real Property Institute. Mr. Barbuti reported that the Section was the recipient of an award from the Maryland State Bar Association

(to be presented later at the Annual Convention) for the Advanced Real Property Institute as the best section project benefiting its members.

5. Nomination and Approval of Officers – Mr. Barbuti reported that no new nominations, (other than those in the Nominating Committee Report circulated to the members on May 8, 2006) were received. The Nominees were elected by acclamation as follows:

**OFFICERS and COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

Chair*:	Tracey E. Skinner
Vice-Chair:	Michael Swanenburg
Secretary:	Hilary O'Connor
Legislative Liaison:	Theresa Burian Shea
Commercial Real Estate Discussion Group:	Edward U. Lee III
Advanced Real Property Institute Chair:	Nancy Haas

\*Consistent with the provisions of Section 402 of the Bylaws, the current Vice Chair automatically succeeds to the office of the Chair upon the expiration of the term of the current Chair.

**TO SERVE AS MEMBERS-AT-LARGE FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM ENDING JUNE 2008**

Nicole M. Lacoste	Baltimore City
Michelle D. DiDonato	Howard County
J. Paul Rieger	Baltimore City
Sheila Brooks-Tahir	Baltimore City
Christopher Drummond	Queen Annes County
David Severn	Frederick County

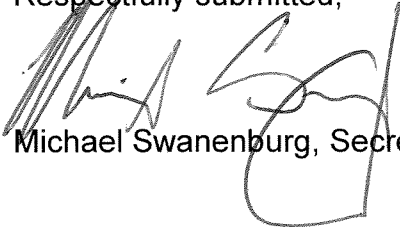
The following Members-At-Large of the Section Council shall continue to serve for the remainder of the two-year term ending June 2007.

Sara H. Arthur	Anne Arundel County
Ronald S. Deutsch	Baltimore County
Guy E. Flynn	Baltimore City
H. Mark Rabin	Montgomery County
Barry Weiskopf	Baltimore City
Jack N. Zemil	Baltimore City

6. Comments. As the incoming Chair, Ms. Skinner spoke briefly about upcoming efforts and activities of the Section Council. Additionally, she thanked Mr. Barbuti for his service and presented him with a gift expressing the Section's appreciation for his service.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Swanenburg". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "M" and a long, horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Michael Swanenburg, Secretary



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**REAL PROPERTY, PLANNING & ZONING SECTION**

**BREAKFAST AND BUSINESS MEETING**

8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. --- Breakfast  
8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. --- Business Meeting:  
Welcome Tom Barbuti  
Distinguished Practitioner Award  
Survey Comments and Drawing  
Presentation & Approval of Slate  
Closing Comments & Adjournment Tracey Skinner

**ANNUAL PROGRAM**

**NEW TWISTS ON OLD RULES: RESPA, ABA, FORECLOURES,  
AND AGE RESTRICTED HOUSING**

9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. --- Age Restricted Housing (Bruce D. Brown, Esq.)  
9:45 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. --- RESPA (including Affiliated Business Arrangements)  
(Marjorie A. Corwin, Esq.)  
10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. -- New Foreclosure Law (Ronald S. Deutsch, Esq.)  
10:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. -- Recent Legislation and Case Law (Theresa B. Shea, Esq.)  
10:30 a.m. --- Adjournment