

**MSBA State & Local Government Law Section
Council Minutes
October 15, 2007**

The Council convened by conference call, Monday, October 15, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. Participating were: Chair Karen Federman Henry, Treasurer/Secretary Diane Jones, Robert McDonald, Laura Swisher, and Vice-chair, William Varga.

Administrative Matters

In advance of the meeting, the Chair distributed an agenda to the Council and minutes of the Council's August 23, 2007 meeting. The Council approved the minutes as drafted.

Because Jay Liner is not currently a member of the section, he is not eligible to serve on the Council.

Mini-Program on Brownfield Issues

Diane Jones and Laura Swisher have been working diligently on the Section's upcoming mini-program on brownfields. The program will be held at the offices of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission in Laurel, Maryland. The facility is being made available without charge. Hors d'oeuvres will be served, but alcohol may not be served in the WSSC facility. However, participants may participate in a dinner at a restaurant following the program. It was suggested that the charge for the program could be set at \$20. The Chair reminded the Council that one goal of the Section was to raise revenue. It was suggested that members of the Administrative Law, Environmental Law, and Real Property Law Sections could be invited to attend.

As of the date of the conference call, not all of the speakers had been confirmed. But an effort would be made to finalize the list of speakers ASAP so that an announcement of the program could be issued with sufficient lead time. There was further discussion concerning the program format and potential moderators. The program was tentatively confirmed for December 12.

Institute

The Chair reported that she has had difficulty getting in touch with the MICPEL coordinator to set a date for the next State & Local Government Law Institute. The Institute is tentatively scheduled for early May.

Dinner Program / Curran Award

Discussion turned to the Section=s proposed dinner program, at which time the Section would award the first J. Joseph Curran, Jr. Public Service Award to former Attorney General Curran. The program would include a panel of individuals who served as counsel to the Governor. The Council discussed the best location for the program, given the Section=s membership. It was felt that either Columbia or Baltimore would be appropriate. It was also suggested that we contact the Administrative Law Section to see if they would be interested in co-sponsoring a dinner program. Bill Varga agreed to contact the chair of the Administrative Law Section to explore this issue further.

Website

The Chair reminded Council members to forward matters of interest for inclusion on our website.

Adjournment

The Chair indicated we would schedule another conference call in advance of the December 12 mini-program. The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.