**Maryland State Bar Association, Consumer Bankruptcy Section**

**Spring Banquet, May 18, 2018**

**King’s Contrivance**

**10150 Shaker Dr, Columbia, MD 21046**

Call to order: 12:21 p.m.

Introductions/Attendance

 Jeanne Crouse Gerard Vetter Michael Wolff Richard S. Stolker

 Tiffany Franc Bud Tayman Richard London Nancy Alquist

 Sari Kurland David Rice Wayne Clark Mark Neal

 Fred Nix David Mintz Terri Lowery Amy Hennen

 Jeff Nesson Marc Kivitz Leslie Pladna Joe Selba

 William Steinwedel Brett Weiss Dan Press Rasneek Gujral

Approval of Minutes – April 26, 2018

* April 26, 2018 minutes approved

Treasurer’s Report

* $1,076 meal and $1,500 programming
* MSBA has mixed it up, we think. So there should only be $1,100 left total
* R. Stolker: BoG budget meeting
	+ New accounting system
	+ Should have real time access to balance
	+ 85% of membership dues comes to us, so more members = more money
* Can now have members with access to budget if we so decide
* 372 members (estimate)
	+ Could look at case filer report for possible membership
	+ 722 does this already

Vice President’s Report (Nominating Committee)

* Rotations are off and we don’t know why
	+ Mistake by the MSBA?
* All expiring members except F. Morris wish to renew
	+ A. Hennen nominated at last meeting
* No additional nominations
* Slate approved
* For future, we need to do a better job with diversity in location and age
* Thanks to Hon. N. Alquist and Hon. D. Rice, as well as Clerk of the Court M. Neal for attending

Mark Neal Guest Report

* Case filing stats:
	+ 2017 nationally down, but MD up
	+ 2018 filings were down
	+ Pro se filings up at 21%
		- Highest in the 4th Circuit
* 1 millionth order in electronic filings
	+ 6k order/month since 2003
* New Ch 13 forms are up
	+ “Strongly recommended” to make judges happy
	+ Make sure they are served correctly
* Website is being revamped
	+ Going to try to get feedback
* NextGen is coming
	+ Learning it now, getting the kinks out
	+ Should be out late 2019 or early 2020
* 12/1/18 rule changes are mostly appellate
* BestCase new form on Notice to Modify Ch 13 plan is not a new rule change, they are catching up
* Form M-1 has service box
* New forms found on court’s external website
* Pro se debtors and BPPs
	+ Why MD has higher level than close-by states of pro ses?
		- Lot of BPPs, may need to prosecute for unauthorized practice of law
		- DAP Program (no screening)
	+ Need to study DAP Program and stats
	+ Easy to get info on the internet here, more connected
	+ BPPs have good marketing here, many through religious groups
	+ May need to do outreach to groups that are recommending BPPs

Marc Kivitz Current Events

* Will be on Law Talk, asked B. Tayman to join, but he cannot do it
* A lot of talk on the list serve about lien stripping
* State bar presentation at OC with the Tax Section
* New *Sheehen* order on 5-4-18
	+ Application of state’s extraterritoriality

Alan J. Belsky Award Presentation

* R. Stolker received last year and presented
* Presented to Tiffany Franc

Chair’s Final Report

* No big project this year
* Great list serve
* 8 meetings, 2 were open
* G. Vetter and Hon. T. Catliota spoke at kick-off
	+ Hon. L. Simpson sent notes
* SCORE presentation at first official meeting
* Victor Velazquez spoke at last meeting
* Ch 13 Planning committee presentations
* M. Cantrell worked hard on Tax Sale Committee
* IWIRC-MD joint program coming up
* OC 18 with Tax Section coming up
* Hon. M. Harner is new to the bench
* Lost M. Park McLean
	+ Renamed Brow Bag program in her honor
	+ 3 brown bags coming up, 1 about fee petitions
* M. Wolff held many meetings and brown bags

Richard Stolker Incoming President

* Been a busy transition for the BoG
* When we started we had one Rockville judge and paper filings
* Victor has shaken up the MSBA and getting tech modernized
	+ Can create videos and more projects
* Need conference space for 10-20- people
	+ Can’t have M. Wolff host section meetings all of the time

David Mintz Membership Committee

* Can we put poster up in 341 meeting rooms?
	+ Maybe can get more members that way
* MSBA is going to give us a list of former members

Amy Hennen MVLS

* MVLS training on Tuesday on marketing for small businesses
* 21 open bankruptcy cases currently

Adjournment