

Approved: Council Meeting Dated 6/1/2023

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Minutes of the Consumer and Commercial Law Section Council Meeting
Saturday, April 29, 2023
JW Marriott San Antonio Hill Country Resort & Spa, San Antonio, Texas

The meeting was called to order at approximately 9:10a.m. by Chair, Gregg Stevens. Topics for the meeting were previously circulated via email.

1. ROLL CALL FOR THE MEETING (Jerry Jarzombek)
 - a. Present at the meeting: Gregg Stevens (Chair); Jerry Jarzombek (Chair-elect); John Fugate (Treasurer); Esther Chavez; Doug Scott; LuAnn Trevino; Manny Newburger; Keith Wier; Andy Sattler; Xerxes Martin; Carla Sanchez; Rachel Hytken.
 - b. Absent (excused): James Foley (Secretary); Richard Alderman; Mark Steiner; Wayne Watson; Mary Spector
 - c. Absent (unexcused):

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 9/24/2015 MEETING (Gregg Stevens)
 - a. The minutes of the previous meeting had been previously circulated for comment. A copy was again circulated prior to the meeting.
 - b. Esther moved to approve and LuAnn seconded. A vote was taken, and no opposition made, and the minutes were approved.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT (John Fugate)
 - a. The treasurer's report was circulated prior to the meeting.
 - b. Noted that section has extra cash in the bank, above the recommended amount suggested by the SBOT.
 - c. Jerry moved to approve and Keith seconded. A vote was taken, and no opposition made, and the treasurer's report was approved.

4. UPDATE – NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE (Esther Chavez)
 - a. Committee is headed by Esther; members are Carla, Wayne, Xerxes and Mary.
 - b. Nominations due 5/5/23; committee report due 5/22/23.
 - c. Gregg stated the proposed officers for the coming year would be: Jerry (Chair); Rachel (Treasurer); Xerxes (Secretary). It was noted that an

opening existed for Chair-Elect, and it was suggested that Esther Chavez fill that spot.

- d. Discussion was had regarding obtaining a membership list for the section.
5. UPDATE – WEBSITE (Gregg Stevens)
 - a. Website is much improved through Standard Beagle.
 - b. Question remains as to the monthly maintenance cost.
 6. UPDATE – ANNUAL SBOT MEETING AND CLE (Gregg Stevens)
 - a. The annual meeting of the SBOT is June 22-23 in Austin at the JW Marriott.
 - b. The next meeting of the Council will be June 22, 2023 from 1:00 – 1:30pm.
 - c. The section meeting will be from 1:30-2:00pm. Alderman award to be presented to Chad Baruch.
 - d. CLE will be on Thursday, June 22, beginning at 2:00pm. Schedule of presenters is:
 - 2:00-2:30pm – Doug Scott
 - 2:30-3:00pm – Andy Sattler
 - 3:00-3:30pm – break
 - 3:30-4:15pm – Richard Alderman
 - 4:15-4:45pm – Manny Newburger
 - 4:45-5:15pm – Jerry Jarzombek
 7. UPDATE – CRAIG JORDAN WRITING COMPETITION (Esther Chavez)
 - a. Entries were from SMU.
 - b. First place – Stacy Stevens; second place –Sanaa Ghanim
 - c. Deadline for submission of papers for the coming year is 12/21/2023.
 8. IDEAS FOR DONATIONS (Carla Sanchez-Adams)
 - a. Suggested that the section donate \$10,000.00, possibly split between two organizations that help consumers)
 - b. The recipients are to be determined. Suggestions were the Texas Equal Access to Justice Foundation; Texas Bar Foundation; Beacon Homeless.org.

9. UPDATE – ADVANCED CLE (Jerry Jarzombek)
 - a. Annual Advanced Consumer & Commercial Law CLE to be held in Austin at the Texas Law Center on September 21-22, 2023.
 - b. Planning committee has met and almost all speakers are confirmed.
 - c. Suggestion was made to convince the SBOT to do a survey on attorney rates/fees in Texas.

12. ADJOURN
 - a. Motion to adjourn was made by Doug and seconded by Esther. Vote taken without dissent.
 - b. Meeting adjourned at 11:18a.m.