

State Bar of Michigan | 2017-2018 COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Article VI § 6, Bylaws of the State Bar of Michigan

No later than May 1 of each year, the chair of each committee and sub entity of the Bar, with the assistance of the staff liaison, shall report to the Executive Director on a form provided by the State Bar on the activities and accomplishments of the committee or sub entity.

Communications/Member Services

- Jurisdiction:
- Promote greater member engagement to connect members with the bar, its resources, each other.
 - Help new lawyers to be practice ready.
 - Engage members in learning about and implementing innovative delivery methods.
 - Provide timely, targeted messages to promote understanding of the rule of law, role of judicial and legal profession.
 - Create and maintain an accessible, coordinated online foundation of legal resources for the public.
 - Create and maintain greater public awareness and competence around legal issues that affect them.
 - Target communications to build awareness of bar programs and initiatives among members and the recipient community.

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Committee Meeting Schedule:

Please attach any additional information needed regarding Committee meetings as an addendum.

**Please keep meeting descriptions brief.*

Meeting Type Description	Date	Location
Meeting Type In-Person Description The committee met and reviewed new committee structure, committee jurisdiction/previous committee involvement by members and, steering committee job description. Staff gave reports on current status of committees and projects.	10/9/2017	SBM Building
Meeting Type In- Person Description Staff reported on progress since last meeting, and committee reviewed annual report template. Committee also reviewed strategic plan goals to ensure committees where in line with goals and strategies.	2/7/2018	SBM Building
Meeting Type Teleconference Description Teleconference to review and discuss committee annual reports. Reviewed strategic plan and jurisdiction of committees. Solicited feedback from committee regarding the work of this group, asked for suggestions for future plans.	3/26/2018	
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Resources provided by the State Bar of Michigan in support of committee work:

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Committee Activities and Strategic Goal Accomplishments:

Please list each accomplishment/activity, and indicate which strategic plan area it supports by checking the corresponding boxes.

<p>Goal: The State Bar of Michigan provides resources to help all of its members achieve professional excellence and success in the practice of law. Strategy 1: Helping new lawyers to be practice ready. Strategy 2: Supporting each active member's professional competence and continuing professional development. Strategy 3: Engaging members in learning about and implementing innovative delivery methods. Strategy 4: Promoting greater member engagement to connect members with the bar, its resources and each other. This goal and all strategies were accomplished by the Awards Committee, Michigan Bar Journal Committee, Public Outreach and Education Committee and the Professional Education & Events Committee.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G1 <input type="checkbox"/>G2 <input type="checkbox"/>G3 <input type="checkbox"/>G4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input type="checkbox"/>S6 <input type="checkbox"/>S6</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Reset Section</p>
<p>Goal: The State Bar of Michigan champions access to justice, and builds public trust and confidence in the justice system in Michigan. All strategies were accomplished under this goal. This goal and all strategies were accomplished by the Awards Committee, Michigan Bar Journal Committee, Public Outreach and Education Committee and the Professional Education & Events Committee.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/>G1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G2 <input type="checkbox"/>G3 <input type="checkbox"/>G4 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S5 <input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S6 <input type="checkbox"/>S6</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Reset Section</p>
<p>GOAL: The State Bar of Michigan maintains the highest conduct among its members, and initiates and advocates for improvements that facilitate accessible, timely justice. Strategy 2: Educating members on ethical rules and regulations Strategy 6: Promoting respect for diversity as an important element of professionalism This goal and strategies indicated were accomplished by the Michigan Bar Journal Committee and the Public Outreach and Education Committee.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/>G1 <input type="checkbox"/>G2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G3 <input type="checkbox"/>G4 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input type="checkbox"/>S6 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S6</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Reset Section</p>
<p>GOAL: The State Bar of Michigan structures itself to achieve its strategic goals in a responsive and cost-efficient manner. Strategy 4: Targeting the State Bar of Michigan's communications to build awareness of bar programs and initiatives among members and the recipient community. This goal and strategy indicated was accomplished by the Michigan Bar Journal Committee and the Public Outreach and Education Committee.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/>G1 <input type="checkbox"/>G2 <input type="checkbox"/>G3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>G4 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S1 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S2 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S3 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>S4 <input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input type="checkbox"/>S5 <input type="checkbox"/>S6 <input type="checkbox"/>S6</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Reset Section</p>
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REPORT Future Goals and Activities:

The committee agreed that this year's experience was worthwhile and served two clear purposes: (1) it provided valuable insight to members into the important work of the committees and work groups under our jurisdiction; and (2) we were able to ensure that the activities of such committees and work groups remain laser focused on the strategic goals of the State Bar.

Looking to the 2018-2019 bar year, it seems both of these purposes may be accomplished with a more streamlined process. The future goal of this committee is to do exactly that, streamline the process. Therefore, this committee will recommend to the BOC that a Communications and Member Services Steering Committee for the 2018-2019 bar year be formed however, schedule only one meeting, early in the bar year, probably in October or November. We would also ask that steering committee to review the proposed structure, goals, objectives, and activities of all committees and work groups under its jurisdiction, and ensure that all of these continue to align with and advance the strategic goals of the State Bar. From that point through the remainder of the bar year, the Communications and Member Services Committee Commissioner committee would oversee the activities of the committees and work groups. However, in the spring, steering committee members would receive draft copies of the annual reports and will be invited to provide feedback.

In adopting this proposal, we meet the two purposes outlined in the first paragraph above and, in addition, we provide a mechanism for State Bar members who are not commissioners to continue serving a role in ensuring that the State Bar's work with respect to the bar journal, professional education and events, public outreach, awards, and communications always align with, support, and promote the State Bar's strategic plan.

Other Information:

In addition to any other important information, please indicate the titles of any workgroups or subcommittees, and attach their annual report as an addendum.

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Co-chair		
Staff Liaison		
Other		

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