

# 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.*

## Public Policy

Jurisdiction: · Encourage progress toward the public policy goals set forth in the strategic plan.  
· Help ensure that public policy work is carried out in a manner that effectively considers input from members, efficiently responds to public policy issues, encourages Keller-permissible proactive public policy work, and effectively communicates public policy issues and positions to our members.

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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 Public Policy Steering Committee - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Description Initial meeting of full committee.	10/03/17	State Bar of Michigan
Meeting Type Timely & Responsive Public Policy - 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Description Subcommittee meeting.	10/30/17	Teleconference Only
Meeting Type Communicating Public Policy Issues to Members - 3:45 p.m. to 5 p.m. Description Subcommittee meeting.	11/13/17	Teleconference Only
Meeting Type Timely & Responsive Public Policy - 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Description Subcommittee meeting.	01/11/18	Teleconference Only
Meeting Type Communicating Public Policy Issues to Members - 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Description Subcommittee meeting.	01/17/18	Teleconference Only
Meeting Type Public Policy Steering Committee - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Description Meeting of the full committee.	02/15/18	Teleconference Only

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**Resources provided by the State Bar of Michigan in support of committee work:**

The committee receives the following support from the State Bar of Michigan (SBM):

- Financial support is provided in the SBM budget under Governmental Relations.
- SBM staff provides support preparing for meetings, including polling for meeting dates and times, scheduling meetings, providing teleconference numbers, preparing and circulating materials for meetings (including a printed agenda book), and drafting agendas.
- SBM staff provides support during meetings, including taking notes, preparing minutes, ensuring quorum, tracking votes, and providing refreshments for in-person meetings.

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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>The Steering Committee met and discussed various issues concerning public policy and decided to break into the following 3 subcommittees: (1) Timely &amp; Responsive Public Policy Positions; (2) Proactive Public Policy Work; and (3) Communicating Public Policy Issues to Members.</p>	<p> <input type="checkbox"/>G1 <input type="checkbox"/>G2 <input 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>S5  <input type="checkbox"/>S6 <input type="checkbox"/>S6                 </p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Reset Section</b></p>
<p><b>TIMELY &amp; RESPONSIVE PUBLIC POLICY POSITIONS</b>                      After meeting multiple times, the subcommittee agreed to the following recommendations:                      1. Use technology to give sections and committees a series of best practices concerning public policy positions and present these best practices to section and committee leaders at the BLE and Annual Meeting.                      2. Explore a rule a change to allow the EC to take legislative public policy positions if members are unanimous and the legislation affects the functioning of the courts.                      3. Set placeholder monthly Board meetings to consider public policy issues via conference call.</p>	<p> <input type="checkbox"/>G1 <input type="checkbox"/>G2 <input 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>S5  <input type="checkbox"/>S6 <input type="checkbox"/>S6                 </p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Reset Section</b></p>
<p><b>PROACTIVE PUBLIC POLICY WORK</b>                      The subcommittee met once to discuss how the Representative Assembly and Board could improve its consideration of proactive public policy work. Due to separate discussions between RA and Board members on the same subject, the subcommittee disbanded and members joined the Timely &amp; Responsive Subcommittee.</p>	<p> <input type="checkbox"/>G1 <input type="checkbox"/>G2 <input 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>S5  <input type="checkbox"/>S6 <input type="checkbox"/>S6                 </p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Reset Section</b></p>
<p><b>COMMUNICATING PUBLIC POLICY ISSUES TO MEMBERS</b>                      After multiple meetings, the subcommittee agreed to the following recommendations:                      1. Review and make recommendations on public policy website.                      2. Utilize the e-Journal to promote the Public Policy Update.                      3. Utilize Twitter more effectively for public policy issues.</p>	<p> <input type="checkbox"/>G1 <input type="checkbox"/>G2 <input 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>S5  <input type="checkbox"/>S6 <input type="checkbox"/>S6                 </p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Reset Section</b></p>
<p>The steering committee met in February to have an initial discussion of the subcommittee recommendations.</p>	<p> <input type="checkbox"/>G1 <input type="checkbox"/>G2 <input 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>S5  <input type="checkbox"/>S6 <input type="checkbox"/>S6                 </p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Reset Section</b></p>

**REPORT Future Goals and Activities:**

The steering committee will meet as a whole in April to discuss and finalize its recommendations to the Board. In addition, the steering committee will review the public policy committees' annual reports and evaluate our progress toward Strategic Plan goals and effectiveness of new committee structure.

**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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Approved by	Approved	Name
Chair	3/28/18	Jennifer Grieco
Co-chair		
Staff Liaison	03/27/18	Peter Cunningham and Kathryn Hennessey
Other		

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