

**STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN  
2013-2014 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 subentity 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 subentity.*

**Committee Name:** Bar Leadership Liaison Advisory Committee

**Jurisdiction:** Provide assistance developing an annual leadership training seminar for affinity bars and section chairs. Consider additional leadership programs as appropriate.

**Chair(s) and Committee Members:**

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Commissioner Liaison	N/A			

Members	Member/Advisor/Other
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Hon. Cynthia D. Stephens	
Rick Troy	
Marguerite Donahue	
Jacquise Alicia Ray Purifoy	
Aaron Sumrall	

**Committee Meeting Schedule:**

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

Meeting Type	Date	Location
Description		
Committee Meeting	1/30/14	Teleconference
<i>- Review 2013 BLF evaluation results and planning session for 2014 BLF topics.</i>		
Scholarship sub-committee	4/14/14	Teleconference
<i>-Review scholarship applications</i>		
Scholarship sub-committee	4/18/14	Teleconference
<i>-Review scholarship applications and make final determination of recipients</i>		

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

The State Bar staff provides all of the coordination of the meetings, preparation of meeting minutes, preparation of notices to be sent, as well as the preparation of the brochure, registration forms, and staffing at the event. Staff also drafts the program content and suggests possible speakers for review by the committee. Staff members coordinate the sending of the forms and retrieval of the information as well as preparing statistics for review by the committee. Staff also coordinates and assists at the Grand Hotel with the room reservations as well as the registration for the event itself and any other events associated therewith.

**Committee Activities:**

The committee met on January 30, 2014 to discuss the results of the 2013 event evaluations and prepare for the event in 2014. Two issues are apparent from our background work: (1) We need to keep the legal futurist message in the forefront, and (2) There is a strong desire to focus on basic membership issues with a special interest in engaging young and diverse members. It was recommend that we weave the basic membership messages in with last year's "future of the profession" message by using a keynote speaker to kick off the Friday afternoon session with some basic membership information, insight and motivation. Based on our review of bar leadership programs and especially on conversations with ABA staff, it was further recommended that we engage Sarah L. Sladek as our keynote speaker. Sarah presented "The Future of Associations: Provide a Must-Have Membership for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" plenary message at the 2012 ABA Bar Leadership Institute. The committee approved and discussed suggestions for panel breakouts for Saturday that include topics on law related education and membership development through strategic marketing.

**Future Goals and Activities:**

To continue to provide quality leadership education and materials to affinity bar leaders and section chairs at a location that promotes participation at the greatest level with our available resources.

**Other Information:** None.