

**STATE BAR COMMITTEE ON LIBRARIES, LEGAL RESEARCH  
AND LEGAL PUBLICATIONS**

**Minutes of the 19 Jan, 2013 meeting held at the University of Michigan Law Library,  
Ann Arbor**

Present: S. Barnes, G. Brown, K. Brown, M. Coir, R. Davidson, R. Foreman, D. Kopka, J. Selberg, H. Simmons (by phone) R. Stevens (by phone), L. Werner (by phone)

Guest: Patrick Meyer, UD-M Law Library

Excused: A. Baker, B. Bartlett, J. Bissett, B. Garavaglia, B. Goldman, L. Mancini, V. Thomas, T. Weiss

Absent: B. Cooper, M. Gell, M. Preston

**Chair's Report**

Minutes of Oct 20, 2012 were presented and approved.

Usage Report on Committee's Self-Help Website.

**Old Business**

Assignments for MBJ column; current assignments for remainder of 2013:

March: Worker's Compensation---J. Selberg

April: Directory---B. Bartlett

May: Law Day---V. Thomas

June: Contract Drafting---M. Coir

July: General---B. Garavaglia

August: Short Story Contest---H. Simmons

September: Labor & Employment---D. Kopka

October: General---J. Bissett

November: International Law---K. Brown

December: Animal Law---B. Goldman

Update on the Courts' Michigan Legal Help Website (sent by Laura Mancini):

More content continues to be added to the site. At the present time, the following subjects are represented:

Family Law

Domestic Violence and Protection from Abuse

Housing Law

Consumer Law

Criminal Expungement

This includes 23 Toolkits, 52 Articles, 219 Common Questions with Answers, 7 automated interviews which populate 21 forms, information on 189 referral organizations and 342 courts in Michigan. Between August and December 2012, the website had 185,181 page views and 40,636 visitors. Since late November, the site has logged 3,600 visitors per week. There are four pilot centers operating:

Adams-Pratt Oakland County Law Library  
Allegan County Circuit Court  
Oscoda Public Library  
Wayne County Circuit Court

Training sessions on the Michigan Legal Help website will take place in 10 different locations throughout the state. Sessions will be one half-day in length. Several Committee members and advisors are volunteers for this effort.

**New Business:**

Legislative update: discussion on current and pending legislation involving libraries and public support for the self-represented. A PowerPoint presentation by Lance Werner, Impact of the Loss of Personal Property Taxes on Kent District Library, was shown.

Members' roundtable updates followed.

Meeting Adjourned, 12:00 pm

**Next Meeting: May 4, 2013, Michael Franck State Bar Building, Lansing**