

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

Minutes of the 20 Oct, 2012 meeting held at the Michael Franck Building, Lansing, MI

Present: K. Brown, M. Coir, R. Davidson, B. Garavaglia (by phone), D. Kopka, H. Simmons, R. Stevens, T. Weiss, S. Barnes, B. Bartlett, J. Bissett, R. Foreman, L. Mancini, V. Thomas
Excused: A. Baker, G. Brown, B. Goldman, L. Werner
Absent: B. Cooper, M. Gell, M. Preston

Chair's Report

Minutes of May 5, 2012 were presented and approved.
Report on Committee Chair orientation of September 28

Old Business

Review and discussion of changes made by State Bar staff to Self-Help Website; resolution to send a statement to Nancy Brown of the State Bar asking that all changes to Self-Help website be reviewed first by the Committee Chair.

Review of schedule and assigned articles for the Committee's monthly article in the Michigan Bar Journal., updated to December, 2013 (see separate list).

Assignments for checking links and updating Committee's Self-Help Legal Website to be submitted to Chair by December, 2012:

Consumer Protection: Ruth Stevens
Criminal: Randy Davidson
Debt Relief: Marlene Coir
Elder Law: Virginia Thomas
Family Law: Laura Mancini
Identity Theft: Heather Simmons
Immigration: Ruth Stevens
Landlord & Tenant: Laura Mancini
Wills, Probate & Estate Planning: Dan Kopka

New Business:

Discussion of list of *Public Libraries with Law-Related Collections*, maintained by Barb Bonge for the Committee. Since the recent Committee resignation of Barb Bonge, recommendation to merge the list with the Library of Michigan's *Directory of Michigan Law Libraries*. Bernadette Bartlett assigned to manage this merger.

Discussion on the future of the Self-Help Legal Website: concluded by Committee that the Website should continue and that it makes a contribution that is not duplicated by other self-help websites.

Presentation by Laura Mancini on progress of the SOS Task Force and the Courts' Self-Help Website.

Roundtable announcements of Committee members.

Meeting Adjourned, 12:00 pm

Next Meeting: January 19, 2013 University of Michigan Law Library, Ann Arbor