

State Bar of Michigan | 2015-2016 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.

Membership Services

Jurisdiction: · Evaluate and make recommendations concerning the selection, retention, development and marketing of State Bar services and products.
· Make recommendations concerning programs and services to meet the needs and interests of lawyers in the Upper Peninsula.

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Amy J. Castner, Lansing
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Committee Meeting Schedule:

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

Meeting Type		Date	Location
Description			
Meeting Type	Committee Meeting	1/7/16	Teleconference
Description	The committee met to review the yearly program report and to discuss new developments in membership services.		
Meeting Type	Committee Meeting	4/22/16	Teleconference
Description	Reviewed new programs to bring to Programs & Services Committee for approval by the BOC.		
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Resources provided by the State Bar of Michigan in support of committee work:

The Membership Services Committee has worked with State Bar Liaisons, Kari Thrush and Nancy Brown. State Bar staff have routinely provided historical information from records maintained by the State Bar as needed to facilitate the activities of the Membership Services Committee. Thus, we were able to obtain guidance from the past in planning for future programs and services and evaluating State Bar endorsed programs and services. In addition, staff have performed administrative assistance in scheduling meetings and circulating information to committee members for our meetings. Through the collective efforts of the State Bar staff, they have ensured preparation of meeting agendas, minutes, and detailed reports, and they have gathered information to facilitate committee meetings. They have also promptly responded to action items articulated during our meetings to facilitate further committee action.

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Future Goals and Activities:

To continue to provide quality programs, services, and discounts to State Bar members by making recommendations concerning the selection, retention, development and marketing of State Bar services and products.

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Committee Activities:

On January 7, 2016 the committee met to review the yearly program report and to discuss new developments and programs to work on for the upcoming year.

Committee met on April 22 to discuss 3 new programs: Credible, a one-stop-shop for student loan refinancing. This program would allow members to search different loan option on one website. It allows the borrower to customize their student loan terms and payment amount based on their individual circumstances allowing them to find the best fit for their needs; Hartsville Pet Insurance, a program that allows members to purchase pet insurance at group rates; LawPay, credit card processing program developed specifically for lawyers that integrates with some of the law practice management software currently being used by our members.

Other Information:

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Approved by	Approved	Name
Chair		
Co-chair		
Staff Liaison		
Other		

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