

**STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN  
2012-2013 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:** Standing Committee on 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.

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

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Mary Chartier-Mittendorf - Advisor	

**Committee Meeting Schedule:**

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

Meeting Type	Date	Location
Description		
Committee Meeting	11/29/2012	Teleconference
<i>- Yearly program review, discuss insurance programs, create insurance sub-committee.</i>		
Committee Meeting	4/11/2012	Teleconference
<i>-Program updates and new programs: Attorney Protective, Volunteer Energy</i>		

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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. In addition, Amy Castner and Tracy Sproul 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.

**Committee Activities:**

The committee started the year by reviewing the 2012 SBM Partnership Programs Overview report. Staff highlighted programs that were popular with our members and those that were not performing as expected. Those not performing will be reviewed again when their contracts expire. The committee discussed future insurance programs that have been brought forward by Member Insurance Solutions (MIS), the company that has been handling member inquiries for our Blue Cross Blue Shield program. MIS proposed a worker compensation program and a professional liability insurance program that would meet the needs of the Master Lawyer sections and fulfill an item of the SBM strategic plan. The committee decided to form an insurance subcommittee to review the workers compensation program and recruit attorneys outside of the committee that had knowledge of worker compensation policies.

After ongoing review of materials about the professional liability program from Attorney Protective, the committee voted to approve this program as a non-exclusive partner program. The committee also voted to approve a partnership with Volunteer Energy. Both programs will move the Program and Services Commissioner committee on April 26<sup>th</sup> then to the full board for final approval.

**Future Goals and Activities:**

The Committee will continue its efforts to develop a worker compensation program and is looking at future programs, such as cellular telephone service discounts, payroll processing programs, and technology driven services. The Committee is also exploring other programs with an emphasis on helping small firms and solo practitioners and will work with the Practice Management Resource Center to help develop resources for our members

**Other Information:**

None.