

**NONPROFIT CORPORATION COMMITTEE
ANNUAL REPORT PREPARED FOR THE
DECEMBER 1, 2018 ANNUAL MEETING**

Please describe your committee's activities during the 2017-2018 year toward achievement of the goals outlined in the Section's Strategic Plan. Each question below corresponds to a specific Section of the Plan to which reference may be made for further guidance in providing responses.

1. Sponsorship of programs for Continuing Legal Education via a means accessible to Section Members, including holding at least one program yearly (Article I, 3 of the Strategic Plan).

Committee Co-Chairs presented at the Business Law Boot Camp on Nonprofit Corporations.

Further, either the Committee Co-chairs or a Committee member present an educational portion at the beginning of each meeting. Meetings are held in-person and by phone.

2. Addressing substantive legal issues for committee members, including holding regular committee meetings (at least twice per year) and reporting on the meetings to the Council (Article I, 4 of the Strategic Plan).

The Committee holds meetings approximately 4x per year. Also, see responses to #1 above.

3. Committees chaired by one chair should add a co-chair or vice-chair. Committee leadership to report on growth in committee membership, and active involvement by existing and prospective members, in quarterly and annual reports to the Council. (Article I, 5 of the Strategic Plan).

The Committee took steps to "right size" its membership roster given that the same list had been used for several years and many of the names on the list were no longer active.

The Committee continually seeks new members. It has added several new members to its roster this year. We also try to be sensitive to geography and have attempted to hold gatherings outside of SE MI (interest has been a challenge).

4. (A) monitor and raise awareness of laws or developments in laws that affect Michigan businesses and, when appropriate, make recommendations for updates and improvements;

(B) provide assistance to appropriate government personnel with respect to business-related legislation and rule making;

(C) as appropriate, provide amicus curie briefs related to business-related issues being addressed by the courts; and

(D) educate and seek input from Michigan businesses, their owners and employees, and Michigan attorneys about changes to Michigan's laws in order to maintain Michigan's ability to attract and retain new business enterprises and enable existing businesses to remain competitive. (Article II, 1 of the Strategic Plan).

The Committee has been seeking input on the Nonprofit Corporation Act from practitioners and the community for the past 3 years and is keeping a list of recommended potential changes or clarifications to the Act. We also have an educational portion of each meeting to discuss new developments, and Committee members share insights and practice challenges and guidance.

Practitioners and Judges have reached out to the Co-chairs with questions regarding the Act.

5. Include social activities as an element of Section activities and educational programs. (Article IV, 1 of the Strategic Plan).

At least once or twice during the year, the Committee holds a social hour after the meeting. We also attempted to hold a social gathering after the BLI meeting in October, but unfortunately there was insufficient interest.

Respectfully Submitted,

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