

State Bar of Michigan | 2017–2018

Article VIII §1, Bylaws of the State Bar of Michigan

Every Section and State Bar entity so directed by the Board of Commissioners or Representative Assembly shall annually make a written report containing a summary of its activities during the association year which shall be submitted to the Secretary on or before May 31. Annual reports may not exceed five 8 1/2" x 11" pages unless a waiver of this limitation is approved by the Executive Director.

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Council Meeting Schedule:

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

Meeting Type	Date	Location
Annual Meeting, initial meeting of new Council	9/28/2017	Cobo Hall, Detroit
Council Meeting	10/14/2017	Hotel Indigo, Traverse City
Council Meeting	11/10/2017	Family Law Institute, Novi
Council Meeting	12/02/2017	Crowne Plaza, Lansing
Council Meeting	01/20/2018	Weber's Inn, Ann Arbor
MidWinter Conference	2/3-10/2018	Punta de Mita, Mexico
Council Meeting	03/03/2018	DoubleTree, Novi
Council Meeting	04/07/2018	University Club, Lansing
Council Meeting	05/05/2018	University Club, Lansing
Council Meeting	06/02/2018	University Club, Lansing

Addendum Information: Please list any addendums attached.

Committee and Chairperson listing

Events and/or Seminars:

Please attach any additional information needed regarding events and/or seminars as an addendum.

Event or Seminar Title	Date	Location
Sponsor of ICLE's Family Law Institute	11/9-10/2017	Suburban Collection, Novi
Mid Winter Conference	02/03-10/2018	Punta de Mita, Mexico
Family Court Forum	06/08/2018	Travis Pointe, Ann Arbor
Mid Summer Conference	07/19-21/2018	Boyne Mountain Resort

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Legislative issues:

Our Legislative Committee and our Court Rules committee meet monthly to review proposals that impinge on domestic relations. We have maintained active opposition to HB 4141, which would mandate equal physical custody in most cases, regardless of the best interest of the children.

Recommendations for next Council:

We need to focus on ways to recruit younger attorneys to our section. Out of our 2,861 members last year, 928 were not dues paying, i.e., they were over 70 years of age. Almost a third of our membership is nearing the end of their practicing years.

Other Information:

Switching to an electronic journal in 2015 put us on a sounder financial footing. Our section had a starting balance of over \$150,000, and instead of losing money each year our balance increases by about \$20,000 each year.

Reports must be submitted before May 31, 2018 to:

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