

NONPROFIT CORPORATIONS COMMITTEE
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Please describe your committee's activities during the 2020-2021 year toward achievement of the goals outlined in the Section's Strategic Plan. Each question below corresponds to a specific Section of the Plan, a copy of which is attached and to which reference may be made for further guidance in providing responses. If the question is not applicable to your particular committee or directorship, please note as such.

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).

Each Committee meeting includes an educational component.

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

The Committee attempts to hold quarterly meetings and updates committee members on emerging legal events between meetings. Co-chairs are also available to respond to legal questions from committee members between meetings.

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 membership roster was "right-sized" three years ago so that only those members who are interested in membership are listed. Including educational components at each meeting had increased meeting attendance, although interest in meetings has fallen off during the pandemic. Committee Co-chairs continue to reach out to those practicing nonprofit law to encourage them to join the committee.

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

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

(C) as appropriate, providing amicus curiae briefs related to business-related issues being addressed by the courts, and

(D) educating Michigan businesses, their owners and employees 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).

Committee co-chairs have been composing a list of potential changes to the Michigan Nonprofit Corporation Act, gained from their own experience and input from committee members. In conjunction with local organizations, they have also done extensive education regarding tax-exempt law during 2020-2021.

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

The Committee has included a social component to at least 1 of its annual meetings and sometimes more often. However, we have still not resumed in-person meetings during 2021. The Committee will resume in-person social opportunities once it is safe to do so.