

**NONPROFIT CORPORATIONS COMMITTEE
ANNUAL REPORT PREPARED FOR THE
DECEMBER 5, 2024 MEETING**

Please describe your committee's activities during the 2023-2024 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. Continue to sponsor programs for continuing legal education and skills-based training within the Section. (Article I, 3 of the Strategic Plan). **Each Committee meeting includes an educational component.**

2. Address substantive legal issues for committee members. (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. Further, the Committee invites Assistant AG Brien Heckman to our meetings. This has been instrumental in promoting understanding between the charitable trusts office and practitioners.**

3. Promote strong committee leadership and active committee member involvement. Please comment on your plan regarding succession. (Article I, 5 of the Strategic Plan). **After right-sizing the Committee list several years ago, weeding out practitioners who are not interested in attending or who are no longer Section members, the Co-Chairs have continued to build Committee membership back up by inviting all nonprofit practitioners with whom they come in contact in the state. We also have several in-house attorneys who join our meetings.**

4. Provide an alternative source of information and communication for members by improving the website and maintaining and improving social media presence. (Article I, 6 of the Strategic Plan). **The Committee instituted a ListServe about 4 years ago. However, it was rarely used, and so it was discontinued in order to save on the cost. Committee members with questions typically reach out to the Co-Chairs by email.**

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

(B) provide 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) 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 keeping a list of helpful updates to the Nonprofit Corporations Act and the other laws governing nonprofit corporations in MI. Some Committee members are working with the Nonprofit Corporations Committee of the Probate Bar on amendments to these laws, and their proposals will be commented upon by our Committee.

6. Encourage increased member participation through the development of personal relationships with other Section members. (Article IV, 1 of the Strategic Plan). **Post-COVID we have had a lack of interest in in-person gatherings. However, we have increased our attendance at our quarterly Zoom meetings, and given that the world of nonprofit practitioners is relatively small, we have developed personal relationships with many of them and also continue to invite nonprofit practitioners to join the Committee.**

Respectfully submitted,

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