

BLS AD Hoc Diversity Committee
REPORT PREPARED FOR THE MARCH 8, 2012 COUNCIL MEETING

1. Next Scheduled Meeting of the Committee

Next scheduled meeting of the Committee: March 21, 2012 at 1:00 p.m.

2. Council Approval

None.

3. Membership

We solicited interest in the Committee by means of the BLS Linked-in site and word of mouth. Excluding the Chair, six other individuals have expressed an interest in joining the Committee; four of whom participated in our first meeting.

The Committee remains open to participation by any interested parties.

4. Accomplishments Toward Committee Objectives

The Committee held it's first meeting, has plans for a second and has begun the process of reaching out to the Law Schools Committee.

5. Meetings and Programs

The Committee met on February 15. At that time the members provided introductions and discussed the purpose and role of the Committee. We discussed the importance of partnering with the Law Schools Committee as well as the Program Directorship; and identified professional groups that we would like to reach out to (i.e. the Hispanic Bar Association, D. Augustus Straker Bar Association, Women's Bar Association, etc.)

The Committee discussed the value of extending personal invitations to both the BLS and BLS events. We believe the Business Law Institute may serve as a great first time introduction to potential section members.

6. Publications

At this time the Committee is not responsible for any publications.

7. Methods of Monitoring Legislative/Judicial/Administrative Developments and Recommended Action

The Committee will monitor the membership demographics for the Business Law Section and how it compares to overall membership within the State Bar.

8. Miscellaneous

None.