

STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN BUSINESS LAW SECTION

Nonprofit Corporations Committee Report

September 23, 2009

1. Next Scheduled Meeting of the Committee

A meeting of the full Committee to plan for legislative and other projects has been tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, November 17 at 4:00 p.m.. Active members will receive a notice confirming the time, location and call-in information. Others interested in participating should contact Jane Forbes for meeting materials and further information.

2. Council Approval

None.

3. Membership

The Committee continues to welcome active members who will assist in (i) obtaining legislative approval of the bills making technical and other changes in response to 2008 amendments to the Nonprofit Corporation Act; (ii) reviewing and updating the comprehensive proposed legislation updating the Act; (iii) monitoring Michigan tax legislation affecting nonprofit organizations; and (iv) planning programs. Interested lawyers should contact one of the Committee Co-Chairs.

4. Accomplishments Toward Committee Objectives

The group has been working on a relatively short bill making technical corrections to the Nonprofit Corporation Act that was approved by the Council in December, 2008. Members of the committee decided to revise that proposed legislation to address issues raised by churches wishing to incorporate or to carry out social programs under the Nonprofit Corporation Act (as opposed to the provisions of the old General Corporation Act governing ecclesiastical corporations). At the upcoming meeting, the Committee will discuss whether to continue to pursue these changes as separate legislation or to include the revisions in the more comprehensive amendments to the statute that it has prepared.

5. Meetings and Programs

See the information about the Committee meetings above.

6. Publications

None.

7. Legislative/Judicial/Administrative Developments

None.

8. Miscellaneous

None.

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