

**PROGRAMS DIRECTORSHIP
REPORT PREPARED FOR THE MARCH 8, 2012 COUNCIL MEETING**

1. Next Scheduled Meeting of the Directorship.

The Directorship holds meetings, and communicates via telephone and email, as necessary, to discuss course speakers and other matters regarding the Institute and the Annual Meeting, as appropriate. Meetings for the 2012 Institute began in June 2011 and continue on a monthly basis. The Directorship is presently planning the 2012 BLI. Planning for the 2012 Annual Meeting will begin in the first quarter of 2012.

2. Council Approval

The Programs Directorship asks the Council to clarify the protocol and policy regarding approval of Section sponsored events.

3. Membership

Those serving on the Programs Directorship include Dee Dee Fuller, Eric Lark, Christopher Maeso, Dan Minkus (Chair), and Mark Peters.

4. Accomplishments Toward Committee Objectives

All of the Directorship members actively participate in the planning process.

The Directorship will schedule meetings, or communicate via telephone and email, as necessary to finalize course schedules and secure speakers.

5. Meetings and Programs

The 2012 Institute will be held on May 4 and 5, 2012 at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids. A date for the 2012 Annual Meeting has not yet been chosen.

Business Boot Camp II was held on November 7-8, 2011 in Grand Rapids and January 23-24, 2012 in Plymouth. We are extremely pleased to report that the program was well attended and evaluations were positive. A cocktail reception was held at the end of the first day of Boot Camp in both locations with modest attendance. Grand Rapids had 59 registrants and Plymouth had 105 registrants. 15 firms participated at the firm level. BBC II collected \$26,340 in revenue and had \$20,370 in expenses, resulting in surplus to the Section of \$5,969. Additional Boot Camp programs are being discussed and consideration given to Boot Camp III with further topics to allow the Section to continue to offer an annual basic training program for younger business lawyers to assist law firms with training.

6. Publications.

N/A.

7. Legislative/Judicial/Administrative Developments

N/A.

8. Miscellaneous

N/A.

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