

**PROGRAM COMMITTEE FOR THE
2006 BUSINESS LAW INSTITUTE
REPORT PREPARED FOR THE JUNE 3, 2006 COUNCIL MEETING**

1. Meetings of the Committee

The Program Committee and Tim Damschroder held a conference telephone call to discuss location and scheduling of the next Business Law Institute. It was decided to try offering a more family friendly location with hopes of drawing more members of the section. (See below.)

The next Program Committee meeting will be June 2 at 11:30 am, the day before the Council Meeting, to confirm individual assignments and to make sure we are set for the 2006 Institute. As in past years, we also hold a debrief meeting after the Institute the afternoon of June 3. At this meeting we will discuss positives and negatives relating to the event and will tentatively discuss topics for the 2007 event. held a conference call At this time, the Program Committee is scheduled to meet to review outstanding items and issues on Friday, June 2, before the Business Law Institute seminar.

2. Council Approval

We have an immediate need to reserve a facility for the 2007 Business Law Institute and the committee recommends Boyne USA Resorts in Boyne Falls, Michigan. At Boyne Mountain we will stay at the recently updated Mountain Grand Lodge and Spa and will take advantage of the two on site 18-hole golf courses. As a draw for the families, Boyne Mountain touts of having Michigan's largest indoor water park, Avalanche Bay.

Unfortunately, due to the late notice, the only dates that Boyne has available for 2007 are June 1 and 2 and July 13 and 14. (We recognize that children are still in school on June 1 and July 13 and 14 is a peak vacation time, but we hope that if we get the word out now, people may get it on their calendars.) Thanks to the help of ICLE, we have negotiated a reduced hotel rate of \$114.00 per night, and a discounted water park rate. Boyne normally requires a minimum two night stay, and we are still negotiating with them to waive that requirement.

We also need to reserve the location for the 2008 event at this time as well, and the Program Committee recommends the Dearborn Inn in Dearborn, Michigan with Greenfield Village as the family draw component. Again, we suggest a June or July meeting date so it is easier for families to attend and we are more likely to have good weather. We have contacted the Dearborn Inn and, as of now, they have availability for every weekend in June and every weekend in July in 2008 for our program. The

Program Committee suggests that the council select a weekend now, while the availability is so great.

3. Membership

Those serving on the Program Committee include: as Mark W. Peters of Dykema Gossett PLLC; Greg E. Schmidt of Warner Norcross & Judd LLP; Daniel H. Minkus of Clark Hill, PLC; and Tania E. (Dee Dee) Fuller of Fuller Law and Counseling PC. In 2007, Mark Peters will serve as the chair of the committee and Greg Schmidt will be on deck.

Mark R. High graciously agreed to chair the sponsorship committee in 2006 and Dee Dee Fuller served on deck with the intention that she will take over sponsorship for the 2007 Business Law Institute when she is not as involved in the regular duties of the Business Law Institute Program Committee. In 2007, Mark Peters will serve on deck and in 2008 he will take over Sponsorship, after he serves as the Program Committee chair in 2007.

The Program Committee thanks Mark High for all of his work organizing and collecting from the sponsors.

4. Accomplishments toward Committee Objectives

At the time of this writing we are still about ten participants short as compared to prior years. Hopefully, by changing the location and timing, the 2007 event may draw more participants and more sponsors.

The dinner next year will include seminar attendees and their families. The committee will arrange entertainment that is appropriate for all.

5. Publications

None

6. Miscellaneous

None

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