

**SECTION DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR  
REPORT PREPARED FOR SEPTEMBER 20, 2007 COUNCIL MEETING**

**1. Next Scheduled Meeting of the Committee**

We will hold a committee meeting this fall to discuss the upcoming year's activities.

**2. Council Approval**

N/A

**3. Membership**

Tim Damschroder (Bodman), Roger Mali (Honigman), Ed Lukas (Miller Canfield), Justin Peruski (Butzel Long) and Michael Kennedy (Kerr Russell Weber)

**4. Accomplishments Toward Committee Objectives**

Member Database. The member database continues to be updated annually. The database includes information regarding all members, such as name, contact information, type of practice (from surveys sent to the Section), and certain administrative data. The database provides a wealth of information regarding the Section's members and all Committees and Directors are encouraged to make full use of it in connection with future projects.

**5. Meetings and Programs**

Business Boot Camp II. The 9-session Business Boot Camp II program concluded in May. The program ran from September 2006 to May 2007 in both Grand Rapids and Plymouth. Following the practice from previous years, we recommend taking a one year break from the program and starting up with a new Boot Camp I in the fall of 2008.

Scholarship Award. Cristina Walters is the winner of the Section's Fourth Annual Scholarship Award program. Cristina attended Wayne State University Law School and won with an entry entitled *Cross-Cultural Negotiations: A Role Evaluation of Four Cultural Dimensions and Two Cultural Components*. Cristina's article will appear in the next issue of *The Journal*. Cristina was presented with the Award's \$2,500 prize at the Section dinner at Boyne Mountain Resort on June 1.

Given the historically small number of participants in the past, we recommend that Council determine whether to continue the Scholarship Award contest in 2008.

Upcoming Programs. As part of BLS' outreach efforts, Roger Mali has contacted Barbara LaSusa, President of the Grand Traverse/Leelanau/Antrim Bar Association and discussed conducting a joint program in the Traverse City region. Ms. LaSusa is very interested in the BLS' small business programs because of the nature of the business climate in northern Michigan.

Ed Lukas and Justin Peruski are working to coordinate a program to be held in Western Michigan. Potential locations are Holland, Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids.

Roger Mali, Justin Peruski, Ed Lukas and Michael Kennedy are working on planning an event in Detroit which would be held in the Fall of 2007.

**6. Publications**

N/A

**7. Legislative/Judicial/Administrative Developments**

N/A

**8. Miscellaneous**

N/A

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