

**STATE BAR COMMITTEE ON LIBRARIES, LEGAL RESEARCH,
& LEGAL PUBLICATIONS**

**Minutes of May 6, 2006 Meeting
State Bar of Michigan Michael Franck Building, Lansing**

Present: Sue Adamczak, Ann Baker, Sandi Barger, Sharon Barnes, Jan Bissett, Barbara Bonge, Randy Davidson, Randy Foreman, Barbara Goldman, Daniel Kopka, Kimberly Koscielniak, TeLisa Owens, Nancy Robertson, Ruth Stevens, Charles Toy, and Dianne Zyskowski.

Absent: Georgia Clark, Byron Cooper, Jane Edwards, Barb Garavaglia, Jim Hogan, Roger Peters, Marilyn Preston, Jennifer Selby, Kathy Vance, and Lance Werner.

Chair Randy Davidson called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

The Committee members present approved the minutes of the February 4, 2006 meeting, with the correction that Ann Baker had reported on new public acts that provide for expedited corporation document review, revised filing fees, and provide for online filing of annual reports.

Introduction of Nancy R. Robertson, State Librarian

The Committee welcomed State Librarian Nancy R. Robertson, who provided an overview of State Library services and goals. Services include the Michigan E-Library (MeL) (Link: <http://mel.org/>) and the Michigan E-Library Catalog (Link: <http://elibrary.mel.org/search>). The Library is presently archiving State documents through OCLC (Link: <http://www.oclc.org/>). Goals include moving the law collection from the Williams Building to the Michigan Library and Historical Center in spring 2007, and fully establishing the Library as the central repository for State documents. Our Committee can help the Library by promoting its importance as a repository, and by providing input on collection policies. Digitally prepared documents should be preserved in digital, rather than paper format. Documents created in paper format should still be deposited with the Library.

Chair's Report:

Randy provided copies of the following published Michigan Bar Journal articles by Committee members: *Michigan Family Law Research Resources: Review and Update*, by Barbara H. Garavaglia (February 2006); and *Reference Sources: English Grammar and Usage, Plain Language*, by Jan Bissett (March 2006).

Randy also provided copies of Administrative Order 2006-3, Revised Michigan Uniform System of Citation, and a March 2006 AALL Spectrum article on the evolution of public law libraries.

Old Business:

Web Page Project

The Committee welcomed State Bar webmaster Sandi Barger. TeLisa Owens reported on several broken links which need updating. Members discussed adding meta tags to our web page to ensure that Web search engines find our page. Randy Foreman agreed to work on a list. Members also discussed adding an online survey to our page in a format that will allow State Bar software to automatically compile responses. Ann Baker and Ruth Stevens agreed to work on the survey. Dan Kopka will provide a link on the Michigan Statutory Will for the wills and trusts page. Dianne Zyskowski and Randy Davidson will review revising the criminal law page, which now automatically links to the SADO web site.

Randy provided an updated report from the State Bar on web hits for our web page. The report disclosed the following new statistics:

Web hits from 2/2/05 to 4/19/06:

Page	Views
Help Center Home	3,040
Wills, Estate Planning, Probate	843
Family Law	937
Probate and Estate Planning	372
Elder Law	293
Michigan Law Websites	460
Landlord-Tenant Law	715
Finding a Lawyer	581
Finding a Law Library	297
Consumer Protection Law	385

Committee Position on HB 4686

Committee members observed that no action appears to have been taken on this bill since referral on April 28, 2005 to the House Committee on Government Operations. Members voted to table consideration of this bill until our next meeting.

New Business:

Round table on news and emerging issues:

Randy Davidson reported on HB 5964, which would make it a two-year misdemeanor to willfully destroy electronic records of State documents (Link to bill: <http://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2005-2006/billintroduced/House/htm/2006-HIB-5964.htm>). We will discuss this bill at our next meeting.

Sue Adamczak asked about feedback from Michigan Bar Journal readers on our monthly research articles. Sharon Barnes will report at our next meeting.

Barb Goldman informed us that the next Michigan Appellate Bench Bar Conference will be held May 2-4, 2007, at the Inn at St. John's Conference Center in Plymouth.

Ann Baker reported that the Corporations Division is proceeding with E-filing of corporate documents. Filers may pay fees by credit card.

Dan Kopka informed us about ICLE's continuing project to offer books online (Link: <http://www.icle.org/store/currentonlinealpha.cfm>).

Committee members congratulated Ruth Stevens on receiving her MLS Degree from Wayne State University.

Randy Foreman reported that the Thomas M. Cooley Law School has been meeting with representatives of the American Bar Association in order to obtain full accreditation for Cooley's branch campuses.

Dianne Zyskowski informed us that the Clark J. Adams-Philip Pratt Oakland County Law Library now has wireless Internet access for patrons.

Jan Bissett and Margi Heinen are co-authoring a column entitled *Reference from Coast to Coast* for LLRX.COM (Link: <http://www.llrx.com/columns/reference46.htm>).

Adjournment:

Our next meeting will be Saturday, August 12, 2006 from 10:00 a.m.-Noon at the Michigan Library and Historical Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m., and we thanked our host, Sharon Barnes.

Respectfully submitted,
Randy Davidson, Chair