



Pro Bono and Community Outreach Committee

I. Purpose and Goals

- A. The purposes of the Committee are to identify and pursue pro bono and community outreach opportunities consistent with the Section's scope, direction, and defined budget, and which benefit the community or Section members.
- B. The goals of the Committee are to engage in a diverse selection of pro bono and community outreach activities and increasingly engage Section members in such activities, then maintain consistent Section engagement in ongoing activities.

II. Identifying Pro Bono and Community Outreach Activities

- A. SBOT opportunities
 - 1. Identify and evaluate SBOT pro bono activities such as:
 - a. Texas Legal Answers
 - b. Access to Justice
 - c. eClinic
- B. Evaluate Texas State Bar opportunities in addition to our own
- C. Focus on time and participation as well as financial support
- D. Consider rebranding as "community involvement" to reflect the broad scope of the committee's remit

III. Criteria

- A. Relationship to ENRLS purpose and goals (see Bylaws)
- B. Value
- C. Outcomes
- D. Opportunity for Section Participation

IV. ENRLS Participation

- A. ENRLS participation opportunities should be well publicized using:
 - 1. ENRLS newsletters (coordinate with Publications and Communications Committee and Council)
 - 2. Dedicated eBlasts to Section members (coordinate with Chair)
 - 3. Website postings, including sign-up and registration links (coordinate with Website and Technology Committee)



- B. The Committee should attempt to have 2-3 ENRLS dedicated membership pro bono or community outreach participation opportunities for each following calendar year (i.e., the calendar year following new Council slate in August).
 - 1. Some participation opportunities may be continuous, which should only count as 1 participation opportunity (e.g., SBOT’s Texas Legal Answers participation).

V. Timing and Budget; Evaluation

- A. The Committee should identify, evaluate, and recommend to the Council, and implement pro bono and community outreach activities on the timeline, below.
- B. Pro bono and community outreach activities should stay within the budget submitted to SBOT by July 15 of the current year.
 - 1. The Committee can recommend that the Council approve an off-cycle budget increase for good cause.
- C. Once implemented, the Committee should evaluate the activities for effectiveness and participation and report to the Council during quarterly meetings.
- D. Based on its evaluations and considerations for activities during the next calendar year, the Committee should recommend a budget to the Treasurer for the next calendar year.

Action	Deadline
Identify pro bono and community outreach opportunities	August 1 – September 15
Evaluate opportunities	September 15 – October 15
Recommend selected opportunities	4Q Council meeting (late October – November)
Communications to ENRLS membership advertising participation opportunities and placing calendar of events on ENRLS website	December 15
Make payments to pro bono or community outreach organizations	December 15
Implement pro bono and community outreach activities for calendar year	January 15 – December 15
Evaluate pro bono and community outreach activities and propose a budget for the following calendar year	May 15



VI. Recognition

- A. The Committee should ensure that all pro bono and community outreach activities are recognized on the ENRLS website (coordinate with Website and Technology Committee).
 - 1. Links to participating organizations should also be provided.
- B. The Committee should work with organizations selected to have ENRLS recognized on their respective website and materials as a pro bono or community outreach participant.

Revision History

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