

President Pappas called the meeting to order at 3:45 p.m. on Wednesday September 17, 2008 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Dearborn.

Commissioners present:

David R. Brake
Lori A. Buiteweg
Beverly Hall Burns
B. D. "Chris" Christenson
Margaret A. Costello
Bruce A. Courtade, Treasurer
Richard L. Cunningham
Brian D. Einhorn
James N. Erhart
Elias J. Escobedo, Jr.
Robert K. Fergan
Julie I. Fershtman, Secretary
W. Anthony Jenkins, Vice President
Elizabeth M. Johnson
Katherine Kakish

David A. Kallman
Donald E. McGinnis, Jr.
Hon. William B. Murphy
Lambro Niforos
Edward H. Pappas, President
Eric J. Pelton
Victoria A. Radke
Michael J. Riordan
Donald G. Rockwell
Thomas C. Rombach
Kurt E. Schnelz
Richard J. Siriani
Julie A. Sullivan
Charles R. Toy, President-Elect
Gregory L. Ulrich

Commissioners absent and excused:

Danielle Mason Anderson
Laura A. Chappelle

State Bar Staff present:

Janet K. Welch, Executive Director
Marge Bossenberg, Executive Coordinator
Nancy Brown, Director, Member Services and Communications
Gregory Conyers, Acting Director, Justice Initiatives
Candace Crowley, Director, External Development
Dawn Evans, Director, Professional Standards
Cliff Flood, General Counsel
James Horsch, Director, Finance and Administration
Elizabeth Lyon, Director, Governmental Relations
Naseem Stecker, Manager, Media and Communications Division
Anne Vrooman, Director, Research and Development
Nkrumah Johnson-Wynn, Professional Standards Service Counsel
Danon Goodrum-Garland, Professional Standards Investigative Counsel

Guests:

Jeff Kirkey, ICLE
Lyn Chard, Executive Director, ICLE

Presidents Report

President Pappas welcomed all of the members of the 2008-09 Board of Commissioners. Commissioners were provided with an oath of office to sign and were sworn in.

Authorize President to Appoint an Executive Committee

A motion was offered to authorize President Pappas to appoint an Executive Committee. The motion was supported and approved.

2008-09 Commissioner Committees

The commissioners were provided with a list of the members of each of the Commissioner committees.

Fiscal Matters

A motion was offered to allow all officers of the State Bar of Michigan and all Lansing-based SBM Commissioners authority to provide a second signature for checks that are written for amounts greater than \$15,000. The motion was supported and approved.

Dates for the 2008-09 Board Meeting

The Commissioners were provided with a list of the 2008-09 scheduled Board of Commissioner meetings.

Dates for the 2008-09 Representative Assembly Meeting

The commissioners were provided with the dates of the 2008-09 Representative Assembly meetings.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.