

President Keefe called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m. on Wednesday, September 26, 2007 at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids.

Commissioners present:

Lori A. Buiteweg	Elizabeth M. Johnson
Laura A. Chappelle	Katherine Kakish
Chris Christenson	Ronald D. Keefe, President
John J. Conway	Donald E. McGinnis, Jr.
Margaret A. Costello	Hon. William B. Murphy
Bruce A. Courtade	Lambro Niforos
Francine Cullari	Edward H. Pappas, President-Elect
Richard L. Cunningham	Eric J. Pelton
Brian D. Einhorn	Michael J. Riordan
James N. Erhart	Thomas C. Rombach
Elias J. Escobedo, Jr.	Kurt E. Schnelz
Robert K. Fergan	Julie A. Sullivan
Julie I. Fershtman, Treasurer	Laurin' C. Roberts Thomas
Kiffi Y. Ford	Charles R. Toy, Vice President
Robert C. Gardella	Gregory L. Ulrich

Commissioners Beverly Hall Burns and W. Anthony Jenkins, Secretary, were absent and excused.

State Bar Staff Present:

Janet K. Welch, Executive Director
Marge Bossenbery, 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
Nassem Stecker, Manager, Media and Communications
Anne Vrooman, Director, Research and Development

President's Report

President Keefe welcomed all of the members of the 2007-08 Board of Commissioners and introductions were made for the benefit of the new commissioners. Commissioners were given an oath of office to sign and were sworn in.

Authorize President to Appoint an Executive Committee

A motion was offered to authorize President Keefe to appoint an Executive Committee. The motion was supported and carried.

2007-08 Commissioner Committees

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

Fiscal Matters

Signature Authorization

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

Dates for 2007- 08 Board Meetings

The commissioners were provided with a list of the 2007-08 scheduled Board of Commissioner meetings.

Dates for 2007- 08 Representative Assembly Meetings

The commissioners were provided with the dates of the 2007-08 Representative Assembly meetings.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.