

**State Bar of Michigan
Representative Assembly
April 9, 2011**

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

The following is a summary of proceedings of the State Bar Representative Assembly session held Saturday, April 9, 2011, at the Lansing Community College West Campus in Lansing, Michigan. Call to order by Chairperson Victoria A. Radke.

1. Clerk Dana M. Warnez declared a quorum (50 members) was present.
2. Upon a motion made and seconded, as the calendar was adopted, as proposed.
3. As provided in Rule 4.8, the Summary of Proceedings of the September 30, 2010, meeting was deemed approved.
4. Jeff Nellis, Chair, Nominating and Awards Committee, addressed the Assembly on filling vacancies for the current meeting. Upon a motion made and seconded, Dennis Flessland (6th Circuit); Alana Glass (6th Circuit); Ava Ortner (6th Circuit); David Mechlin (12th Circuit); David Kortering (14th Circuit); Victoria Vuletich (17th Circuit); Kathryn Glancy (19th Circuit); Elizabeth Jolliffe (22nd Circuit); Kristen Krol (29th Circuit); Kimberly Breitmeyer (30th Circuit); Daniel Damman (31st Circuit); T. Allen Francis (31st Circuit); Alisa Parker (37th Circuit); James Barlett (38th Circuit); Joe Sepsey (42nd Circuit); Everette Ayers (46th Circuit); Matt Antkoviak (48th Circuit); John Bishop (54th Circuit); Jessica Fox (56th Circuit) were appointed to fill immediate vacancies within their respective Circuits.
5. Victoria A. Radke, Chair of the Representative Assembly reported on the Assembly member survey. Responders indicated that they would like to see the ABA report in electronic summaries, and they want to continue the reports and comments from the president, the executive director and the chair in person. A majority overall like the way the meetings are presented.
6. W. Anthony Jenkins, President of the State Bar of Michigan addressed the Assembly, focusing on the history and diversity of the Assembly over the years.
7. Janet Welch, Executive Director of the State Bar of Michigan addressed the Assembly, focusing on Judicial Crossroads Task Force developments.
8. Anne Vrooman, Director of Research and Development for the State Bar of Michigan spoke to the Assembly on the Demographics and Economics of Law Practice Survey.
9. Elizabeth Lyon, Director of Governmental Relations for the State Bar of Michigan updated the Assembly on public policy actions related to Assembly positions.

10. Vanessa Williams, Representative Assembly member and American Bar Association House of Delegates member gave a brief overview of the ABA Mid-Year Meeting and the proposals that were discussed at the ABA Mid-Year Meeting.
11. Jeff Nellis, Chair, Nominating & Awards Committee addressed the Assembly concerning the 2011 Award Nominations. Upon a motion made and seconded the Representative Assembly unanimously approved the 2011 Award Recipients. The Michael Franck Award will be presented to Dr. Clark Johnson from MSU College of Law. The Unsung Hero Award will be presented to two recipients this year, Karen Gullberg Cook of Beverly Hills, MI and Mayra Lorenzana-Miles of Dearborn Heights, MI.
12. Michael Blau, Chair, Rules and Calendar Committee addressed the Assembly concerning the Representative Assembly Past Chairperson's Committee. At the September 2010 meeting the Assembly directed the Rules and Calendar committee to develop the concept of a Past Chairpersons' Committee, including recommendation on the duties of the committee. After discussion a motion to create a Past Chairpersons' Committee was defeated.
13. Krista Licata Haroutunian, Chair of the Special Issues Committee and member of the Assembly, addressed the Assembly concerning the Uniform Collateral Consequences of Conviction Act. This proposal was referred to the Special Issues Committee at the September 2010. The Committee unanimously supports the concept of a Uniform Collateral Consequences of Conviction Act. Upon a motion made and supported, it was proposed that the Assembly support and advocate for state legislation that implements a collateral consequences of conviction act. After discussion the motion passed.
14. Josh Ard, Chair of the Drafting Committee and member of the Assembly, addressed the Assembly regarding the Equal Access to Court and Administrative Proceedings Proposal. This proposal was referred to the Drafting Committee at the September 2010 meeting for review and redrafting for clarification. The Committee presented the Assembly the following resolution for approval:

RESOLVED, that the State Bar of Michigan shall adopt a position in favor of the implementation of procedures or administrative rules designed to ensure that, upon application and payment or waiver of any applicable fee, an official state personal identification card is issued to any Michigan resident who is "legally present" in the United States (as that term is defined in MCL 28.291), and who otherwise qualifies for the card.

Upon motion made and supported, after discussion, the resolution was approved.

15. Adjournment