

**State Bar of Michigan  
Representative Assembly  
September 17, 2022**

**SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS**

The following is a summary of proceedings of the State Bar Representative Assembly session held Saturday, September 17, 2022, via Zoom Meetings and in-person at the Crowne Plaza in Lansing.

1. Call to order by Chair Nicholas M. Ohanesian.
2. Clerk Yolanda M. Bennett declared a quorum (50+ members) was present.
3. Upon a motion made and seconded, the proposed calendar was adopted.
4. As provided in Rule 4.8, the Summary of Proceedings of the April 9, 2022 meeting was deemed approved.
5. Mark W. Jane, Chair of the Nominating and Awards Committee, addressed the Assembly on filling vacancies for the current meeting. Upon a motion made and seconded, Jean-Paul Rudell (1<sup>st</sup>), Khara Moody (6<sup>th</sup>), Patrick J. Crowley (25<sup>th</sup>), Alexa B. Pratl (29<sup>th</sup>), Mark A. Manning (36<sup>th</sup>), Keely A. Beemer (45<sup>th</sup>), and Michelle J. Ambrozaitis (55<sup>th</sup>) were appointed to fill immediate vacancies within their respective Circuits.
6. Christopher G. Komara presented the *Unsung Hero Award* to Angela M. Cole. Ms. Angela M. Cole accepted the award and addressed the Assembly.
7. The *Michael Franck Award* was presented posthumously to Mr. George W. Gregory. Eric W. Gregory accepted the award on his behalf and addressed the Assembly.
8. Nicholas M. Ohanesian, Chair, addressed the Assembly.
9. Edward L. Haroutunian, member of the Assembly, addressed the Assembly regarding the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the body.
10. Patrick D. Crandell, Chair of the Assembly Review Committee; Nicole A. Evans, Chair of the Special Issues Committee; Mark W. Jane, Chair of the Nominating & Awards Committee; and Michael P. Hanrahan, Chair of Outreach & Hearings Committee addressed the Assembly regarding challenges and opportunities for the upcoming year.
11. Nicholas M. Ohanesian addressed the Assembly for consideration of an inconsistent advocacy request from the Family Law Section. After discussion and vote, the Assembly voted 23 to 71 with 6 abstentions to not support the proposal.
12. Ashley E. Lowe, Chair of the Justice Initiatives Committee, and Jamie Hochman Herz, member of the Justice Initiatives Committee, addressed the Assembly for

consideration of a proposed amendment to Michigan Rule of Professional Conduct Rule 6.1 regarding the pro bono standard. After discussion and vote, the Assembly voted 50 to 54 with 3 abstentions to not support the proposal.

13. Lore A. Rogers, Co-Chair of the Access to Justice Policy Committee, and Elisa Gomez, member of the Civil Procedure & Courts Committee, addressed the Assembly for consideration of a proposed amendment to Michigan Court Rule 8.120 to permit individuals barred (licensed) in other U.S. states to staff, under supervision by a member of the State Bar of Michigan, public and nonprofit defender offices, legal aid clinics, and civil legal aid services and programs, subject to certain requirements. After discussion and vote, the Assembly voted 69 to 36 with 2 abstentions to support the proposal.
14. Nicholas M. Ohanesian, Chair of the Representative Assembly, announced the election of John W. Reiser III as the 2022-2023 Clerk of the Assembly.
15. Gerrow D. Mason was sworn in as 2022-2023 Chair of the Assembly by Justice Brian K. Zahra.
16. Gerrow D. Mason, Chair of the Representative Assembly, thanked Nicholas M. Ohanesian for all his work over the past year as Assembly Chair.
17. Adjournment.