

First Meeting of the 2001-2002 Board

The meeting was called to order by President Neckers at 10:15 a.m. on Friday, September 14, 2001, at the Lansing Center, Lansing, Michigan. Commissioners present were:

John M. Barr	Ronald D. Keefe
Marjory G. Basile	Joshua A. Lerner
Scott S. Brinkmeyer, Vice President	Daniel M. Levy
Kimberly M. Cahill	Craig H. Lubben
Thomas W. Cranmer, Treasurer	Hon. William B. Murphy
Kathryn Day	Bruce W. Neckers, President
Nancy J. Diehl, Secretary	Edward H. Pappas
Evanne Dietz	Randolph P. Piper
Kim Warren Eddie	Roshunda L. Price-Harper
James N. Erhart	Thomas C. Rombach
Hon. Joseph J. Farah	Kurt E. Schnelz
Jon Feikens	Hon. Cynthia D. Stephens
Julie I. Fershtman, Assembly Chair	Charles R. Toy
Cheryl Gore Follette	Donald Tucker
Michael S. Hohausner	Reginald M. Turner, President-Elect
W. Anthony Jenkins	Gregory L. Ulrich

Commissioners Dennis P. Grenkowicz, Richard D. McLellan and Thomas G. Plunkett were absent and excused.

State Bar Staff Present:

Lisa Allen-Kost, Director, Program Services;
John T. Berry, Executive Director;
Nancy F. Brown, Director, Publications;
Thomas K. Byerley, Regulation Counsel;
Trent Cahill, Access to Justice, Technology;
Candace A. Crowley, Director, Access to Justice Fundraising;
Kathleen J. Fox; Director, Employee Services;
Victoria V. Kremski, Assistant Counsel, Regulation;
Roberta M. Lott, Administrative Assistant;
Glenna D. Peters, Executive Coordinator;
Kelly J.M. Quardokus, Access to Justice, Special Projects;
David R. Rider, Director, Finance;
MaryAnn Sarosi, Director, Access to Justice;
Dean P. Tucker, Director, Administration;
Lorraine Weber, Consultant, Open Justice;
Karen L. Williams, Committees and Sections;
Bradley A. Vauter, Service Delivery, Access to Justice.
Janet Welch, General Counsel

Present for such portions of the meeting as pertained to a specific agenda item were John Van Bolt, Attorney Discipline Board; Elaine Charney, Chairperson of the Annual Meeting Coordinating Committee; Donald Fulkerson, Law Related Education Committee; and Linda Rexer, Executive Director, State Bar Foundation. Also present were Chief Justice Maura D. Corrigan, Justice Clifford W. Taylor and Justice Elizabeth A. Weaver.

Upon a motion made and seconded, the following agenda items were approved:

Signatories – Authorize officers of the State Bar as well as Lansing Commissioners Eddie, McLellan and Toy, and the Executive Director to sign all checks on all accounts maintained by the State Bar of Michigan with the number of signatures required as follows:

1. Checks of \$3,500 or less – signature of any one of the foregoing;
2. Checks in excess of \$3,500 – signatures of any two of the foregoing except under the following circumstances where only one signature is required:
 - a) Checks for monthly rent for the Attorney Grievance Commission and Attorney Discipline Board, and checks payable to Citizens Bank for payment of long-term debt.
 - b) Checks made out to transfer funds between State Bar of Michigan accounts;
 - c) Checks made out to Ameritas, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Michigan, PHP, Paul Goebel Group, Vision Service Plan (VSP), Fortis and Boston Mutual for staff insurance benefits;
 - d) Checks made out to SBM Deferred Compensation Plan and State of Michigan Retirement System for routine retirement contribution payments.
 - e) Checks made out to Postmaster, Lansing to replenish our postage meter, bulk and postage-paid permit accounts.

Authorize the Assistant Executive Director of Finance to transfer funds by telephone among SBM cash and investment accounts as may be appropriate to have adequate cash in checking account to meet cash flow needs;

Authorize the Treasurer to invest any surplus funds over and above those necessary for current operating expenses in accordance with the investment policy.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.