

President Fershtman called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday September 14, 2011 at the Hyatt Regency Dearborn Hotel.

Commissioners present:

Dennis M. Barnes
David R. Brake
Robert J. Buchanan
Lori A. Buiteweg, Treasurer
Margaret A. Costello
Bruce A. Courtade, President-Elect
Richard L. Cunningham
Brian D. Einhorn, Vice President
James N. Erhart
Julie I. Fershtman, President
Stephen J. Gobbo
Jennifer M. Grieco
Edward L. Haroutunian
Felicia O. Johnson

Donald E. McGinnis, Jr.
Maureen M. McGinnis
Lawrence P. Nolan
Jules B. Olsman
David A. Perkins
Michael J. Riordan
Brandy Y. Robinson
Donald G. Rockwell
Thomas C. Rombach, Secretary
Richard J. Siriani
Angelique Strong Marks
Laurin' C Roberts Thomas
Gregory L. Ulrich
Dana M. Warnez

Commissioners absent and excused:

Commissioner Julie A. Sullivan was absent and excused.

Guest

George Googasian, Past State Bar President

State Bar Staff present:

Janet Welch, Executive Director
Marge Bossenbery, Executive Coordinator
Gregory Conyers, Director, Diversity
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
Anne Smith, Administrative Assistant
Naseem Stecker, Media and Public Relations Manager
Anne Vrooman, Director, Research and Development

President's Report

President Fershtman welcomed the members of the 2011 – 2012 SBM Board of Commissioners. Commissioners were sworn in and were provided with an oath of office to sign.

Authorize President to Appoint an Executive Committee

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

2011 - 2012 Commissioner Committees

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

Ms. Fershtman reviewed the SBM Section and Committee liaison job description with the Commissioners.

Fiscal Matters

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

Ms. Fershtman asked for volunteers to serve on the 2011-12 Audit Committee. Commissioners Brake, Gobbo, Olsman, Riordan, and Rockwell offered to serve. Appointees will receive a letter of appointment from Ms. Fershtman.

Board Member Forms

The Board members were asked to complete the pictorial directory information form and return it to Ms. Bossenbery.

Dates for the 2011-12 Board Meeting

The Commissioners were provided with a list of the 2011-2012 scheduled Board of Commissioner meetings.

Dates for the 2010-11 Representative Assembly Meeting

The Commissioners were provided with the dates of the 2011-12 Representative Assembly meetings.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.