

MEMORANDUM

To: 2002-03 Members of the Representative Assembly

From: Thomas C. Rombach

Date: March 24, 2003

Thank you for your contributions to an excellent Representative Assembly meeting on Saturday, February 22, 2003.

The Summary of Proceedings is enclosed (in accordance with Rule 4.8 of the Permanent Rules of Procedure of the Representative Assembly). Any member of the Assembly who believes that a correction should be made must notify the Clerk, Elizabeth A. Jamieson, at the address on this letterhead in writing postmarked on or before March 28, 2003. At our next Assembly meeting on April 26th, we will vote on approving the Summary of Proceedings.

Enclosure: Summary of Proceedings
Attendance Record

cc: 2002-03 Section Chairpersons
2002-03 Committee Chairpersons
Board of Commissioners
John T. Berry, Executive Director

**State Bar of Michigan
Representative Assembly
February 22, 2003**

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

The following is a summary of proceedings of the State Bar Representative Assembly session held Saturday, February 22, 2003 in the University Ballroom at the Marriott Hotel in East Lansing, Michigan.

1. Call to Order by Chairperson Thomas C. Rombach.
2. Vice-Chairperson Daniel M. Levy declared that a quorum (50) was present.
3. Upon a motion made and seconded, the calendar was adopted, as proposed.
4. As provided in Rule 4.8, the Summary of Proceedings of the September 26, 2003 meeting was deemed approved since no objections had been received.
5. Upon a motion made and seconded, Shawn P. Davis of Muskegon (14th Judicial Circuit); Michael A. Zagaroli (17th Judicial Circuit); and Lisa Kirsch-Satawa (6th Judicial Circuit) were appointed to fill immediate vacancies in their respective circuits.
6. A moment of silence was observed in honor of former State Bar of Michigan President John W. Cummiskey.
7. Mr. Rombach addressed the Assembly.
8. John T. Berry, Executive Director of the State Bar of Michigan, addressed the Assembly.
9. Liaison status reports were provided on:
 - Ethics 2000 Committee - Kevin H. Breck (6th Circuit)
 - Judicial Qualifications Committee – Bruce A. Courtade (2000-2001 Assembly Chairperson)
10. Kimberly M. Cahill, 1999-2000 Assembly Chairperson and State Bar Treasurer, provided a report on the section summit.
11. Scott S. Brinkmeyer, 1998-99 Assembly Chairperson and State Bar President-elect, provided a report on the 2003 Annual Meeting.
12. The Honorable Marilyn J. Kelly, Michigan Supreme Court Justice, provided a report on the National Consortium on Racial & Ethnic Fairness in the Courts, which will be held April 9-12 in Detroit.

13. Upon a motion made and seconded, the Assembly voted to table proposed amendments to the Michigan Court Rules regarding challenges to medical malpractice notices of intent to sue, affidavits and expert witness qualifications; time for filing dispositive motions. The proposal was tabled for future consideration by the Assembly and referred back to the Civil Procedure and Courts Committee.
14. Allyn D. Kantor, Chairperson of the Assembly Special Issues Committee, presented an overview of the recommendation in support of funding for implementation of the State Bar of Michigan Strategic Plan.
15. Edward L. Haroutunian, Chairperson of the Assembly Hearings Committee, reported to the Assembly on the hearings process and findings of the committee.
16. Upon a motion made and seconded, the Assembly unanimously voted to adopt resolution one endorsing the implementation of the Strategic Plan.
17. Upon a motion made and seconded, the Assembly unanimously voted to adopt resolution two increasing fees for the administration of the licensing process.
18. Upon a motion made and seconded, the Assembly voted to adopt substitute resolution three increasing the age from 70 to 75 at which active members are exempt from paying dues.
19. Upon a motion made and seconded, the Assembly voted to adopt resolution four establishing a \$15.00 annual assessment for the Client Protection Fund.
20. Upon a motion made and seconded, the Assembly voted to adopt resolution five, as amended, increasing membership dues by \$40 (from \$160 to \$200) effective in the 2003-04 fiscal year and automatically increasing or decreasing dues based on the Consumer Price Index, beginning with the 2004-05 fiscal year unless otherwise ordered by the Supreme Court.
21. Adjournment.