

**State Bar of Michigan
Representative Assembly
September 21, 2023**

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

The following is a summary of proceedings of the State Bar Representative Assembly session held Saturday, September 21, 2023, via Zoom Meetings and in-person at the Detroit Troy Marriott in Troy.

1. Call to order by Chair Gerrow D. Mason.
2. Clerk John W. Reiser, III 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 29, 2023 meeting was deemed approved.
5. Phillip Louis Strom, Chair of the Nominating and Awards Committee, addressed the Assembly on filling vacancies for the current meeting. Upon a motion made and seconded, Jacqueline P. Olson (13th), Anca I. Pop (13th), Ashley L. Zacharski (16th), Lauren D. Walker (16th), Alena M. Clark (30th), Joshua M. Pease (30th), were appointed to fill immediate vacancies within their respective Circuits.
6. Richard L. Cunningham presented the *Unsung Hero Award* to Judge Melissa L. Pope. Judge Melissa L. Pope accepted the award and addressed the Assembly.
7. Edward L. Haroutunian presented the *Michael Franck Award* to Mr. Sheldon G. Larky. Sheldon G. Larky accepted the award and addressed the Assembly.
8. Gerrow D. Mason, Chair, addressed the Assembly.
9. Nicholas M. Ohanesian addressed the Assembly for consideration of a proposed amendment to Michigan Court Rules Concerning the State Bar of Michigan Rule 6, Section 6, Regarding the Continuation of Service. After discussion and vote, the Assembly voted 73 to 11 with 3 abstentions to support the proposal.
10. Nicholas M. Ohanesian addressed the Assembly for consideration of a proposed amendment to Michigan Court Rules Concerning the State Bar of Michigan Rule 6, Section 4, and State Bar of Michigan Bylaws Article IV, Section 2 Regarding Petitions for Election. After discussion and vote, the Assembly voted 59 to 30 with 5 abstentions to support the proposal.
11. Nicholas M. Ohanesian addressed the Assembly for consideration of a proposed amendment to Michigan Court Rules Concerning the State Bar of Michigan Rule 6, Section 5 Regarding Terms. After discussion and vote, the Assembly voted 69 to 23 with 0 abstentions to support the proposal.

12. Nicholas M. Ohanesian addressed the Assembly for consideration of a proposed amendment to Michigan Court Rules Concerning the State Bar of Michigan Rule 6, Section 4 Regarding the Election of Representatives. After discussion and vote, the Assembly voted 69 to 17 with 0 abstentions to support the proposal.
13. Nicholas M. Ohanesian addressed the Assembly for consideration of a proposed amendment to Michigan Court Rules Concerning the State Bar of Michigan Rule 6, Sections 2 & 3, Regarding Redistricting. After discussion and vote, the Assembly voted 18 to 69 with 1 abstention to not support the proposal.
14. Gerrow D. Mason, Chair of the Representative Assembly, announced the election of Nicole A. Evans as the 2023-2024 Clerk of the Assembly.
15. Yolanda M. Bennett was sworn in as 2023-2024 Chair of the Assembly by Judge Cynthia D. Stephens.
16. Yolanda M. Bennett, Chair of the Representative Assembly, thanked Gerrow D. Mason for all his work over the past year as Assembly Chair.
17. Adjournment.