

**STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN  
2007-2008 ANNUAL REPORT  
STANDING COMMITTEE  
May 2008**

**Committee Name:** Standing Committee on Annual Meeting

**Jurisdictional Statement:**

Provide assistance in the development and planning for the State Bar's Annual Meetings.

**Officers and Membership:**

Max R. Hoffman, Jr., Chair

**Members:**

David W. Centner

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Rick Troy

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Lorraine H. Weber

**Advisors:**

None

**Commissioner Liaison:**

Edward H. Pappas

**Staff Liaisons:**

Kari Brandel

Nancy Brown

**2007-08 Meeting Schedule:**

November 14, 2007 – Conference Call

February 29, 2007 – Conference Call

**Resources Provided by the State Bar of Michigan in Support of Committee Work:**

State Bar staff provides the coordination of the meeting preparation and meeting minutes and notices for the meeting in conjunction with a much larger task to prepare and present the State Bar Annual Meeting. While virtually everyone in the State Bar lends a hand for the Annual Meeting, the Committee wishes to extend special appreciation to Kari Brandel, Events Manager, Nancy Brown and the enthusiastic staff of the Member Services and Communications Division.

**Committee Activities:**

The Committee met on two occasions to assist in planning the 2007 Annual Meeting and following the Annual Meeting to review the 2007 event and begin preparations for the 2008 Annual Meeting. The Committee approved the theme for 2007, "An Annual Meeting Like Never Before," the first ever combined event of the State Bar of Michigan Annual Meeting and ICLE's Sole and Small Firm Institute. For 2008, the Committee has adopted two changes regarding the format of the Annual Meeting. First, at the suggestion of the Committee, State Bar staff has arranged for a special speakers' presentation at the Friday luncheon. Second, the Committee clarified the manner of presentation of awards made by the Representative Assembly and the State Bar Foundation. The presentation of the State Bar Foundation Founders Award will be presented at the awards banquet on Wednesday evening. The Representative Assembly will present the Michael Frank and Unsung Hero awards at the Representative Assembly meeting rather than at the Inaugural luncheon on Thursday. All three of these award recipients will receive verbal recognition from the State Bar President at the Inaugural luncheon.

**Future Goals and Activities:**

With the assistance and support of the Board of Commissioners and the staff of the State Bar of Michigan, the Committee hopes to present an Annual Meeting which appeals to a greater number of members of the State Bar of Michigan, providing an opportunity for education, collegiality and a renewed enthusiasm for the practice of law.

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