

**State Bar of Michigan
Representative Assembly
April 13, 2019**

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

The following is a summary of proceedings of the State Bar Representative Assembly session held Saturday, April 13, 2019, at the Lansing Community College West Campus in Lansing, Michigan.

1. Call to order by Chairman Richard L. Cunningham.
2. Clerk Chelsea M. Rebeck declared a quorum (50 members) was present.
3. Upon a motion made and seconded, the proposed calendar was adopted as amended.
4. As provided in Rule 4.8, the Summary of Proceedings of the September 27, 2018 meeting was deemed approved.
5. Judge Michael C. Brown, Chair of the Nominating and Awards Committee, addressed the Assembly on filling vacancies for the current meeting. Upon a motion made and seconded, Jennifer A. Cupples (3rd Circuit), David A. McCreedy (3rd Circuit), Kristina L. Robinson (3rd Circuit), Steven G. Storrs (5th Circuit), J. Matthew Catchick, Jr. (6th Circuit), Joseph F. Sawka (6th Circuit), Reh Starks-Harling (9th Circuit), Matthew C. Eliason (12th Circuit), Stephen M. Steinhardt (16th Circuit), Alyia M. Hakim (16th Circuit), Laura Polizzi (16th Circuit), Lisa J. Vogler (19th Circuit), Elizabeth C. Jolliffe (22nd Circuit), Melissa K. Wangler (34th Circuit), Lauren M. Wickman (47th Circuit), and Timothy H. Havis (56th Circuit) were appointed to fill immediate vacancies within their respective Circuits.
6. Hon. Michael C. Brown, Chair of the Nominating & Awards Committee, addressed the Assembly concerning the 2019 Award Nominations. Upon a motion made and seconded, the Assembly unanimously approved the 2019 Award Recipients. The Unsung Hero Award will be presented to Clarence M. Dass. The Michael Franck Award will be presented to Mary Chartier.
7. Chairman Richard L. Cunningham addressed the Assembly.
8. Janet Welch, Executive Director of the State Bar of Michigan, addressed the Assembly.
9. President Jennifer M. Grieco and Chairman Richard L. Cunningham updated the Assembly about the work of the State Bar Operation, Structure, and Governance Task Force. Mark Engle from the Association Management Center addressed the Assembly.

10. Michael H. Dettmer, Member of the Receivership Workgroup, addressed the Assembly for consideration of the Interim Administrator Proposal to protect clients in the event their attorneys become unexpectedly unable to practice law, recommending that the State Bar of Michigan (SBM) recommend rule changes to the Michigan Supreme Court to allow SBM to implement an Interim Administrator Program (IAP) to help lawyers prepare for end of practice events and to require attorneys in private practice to choose to either: 1) designate an Interim Administrator (IA) or 2) participate in the IAP. Upon a motion made and supported, after discussion, the proposal passed.
11. Joshua A. Blanchard, Chair of the Criminal Law Section, addressed the Assembly for consideration of the proposed addition of Rule 8.128 to the Michigan Court Rules providing a mechanism for members of the Bar to secure periods of leave for vacation or other purposes. Upon a motion made and supported to waive discussion, the proposal passed.
12. Adjournment