

**State Bar of Michigan
Representative Assembly
April 21, 2007**

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

The following is a summary of proceedings of the State Bar Representative Assembly session held Saturday, April 21, 2007, at the Lansing Community College West Campus in Lansing, Michigan.

1. Call to order by Chairperson Edward L. Haroutunian.
2. Clerk Kathy Kakish declared a quorum (50) was present.
3. Upon a motion made and seconded, the revised calendar was adopted, as proposed.
4. As provided in Rule 4.8, the Summary of Proceedings of the September 14, 2006, meeting was deemed approved.
5. Elizabeth Johnson, Chair, Nominating and Awards Committee, addressed the Assembly in regards to filling vacancies for the current meeting. Upon a motion made and seconded, Laurie Schmidt of St. Joseph (2nd Circuit); Michael McClory of Detroit (3rd Circuit); Andrew Dillon of Redford Township (3rd Circuit); Fred Herrmann of Detroit (3rd Circuit); James VanderRoest of Kalamazoo (9th Circuit); Rob Witkop of Traverse City (13th Circuit); Shon Cook of Muskegon (14th Circuit); Peter Peacock of Mt. Clemens (16th Circuit); Martin Hillard of Grand Rapids (17th Circuit); Maureen VanHoven of Jenison (20th Circuit); Alan Cropsey of DeWitt (29th Circuit); Julia Close of Midland (42nd Circuit); Paul Marcela of Midland (42nd Circuit); Roy Mienk of Gladwin (55th Circuit); and Katherine Gustafson of Eaton Rapids (56th Circuit) were appointed to fill immediate vacancies within their respective Circuits.
6. Upon a motion made and seconded the Representative Assembly unanimously approved the 2007 Award Recipients in that the Michael Franck Award be presented to William P. Hampton and Alan D. Kantor and that the Unsung Hero Award be presented to the late Norris J. Thomas.
7. Upon a motion made and seconded the Representative Assembly unanimously approved a special resolution honoring the late President Gerald R. Ford to be presented at the Annual Meeting in Grand Rapids.
8. Jon Kingsepp, Immediate Past Chair of the Senior Lawyers Section proposed whether Emeritus Members of the State Bar of Michigan should be entitled to receive referral fees so long as the Emeritus Members do not engage in the practice of law. After motion made and seconded, and discussion, the Assembly failed to pass the proposal.

9. Jesse Reiter, President of the Michigan Trial Lawyers Association and Tom Rombach, Past Chair of the Representative Assembly presented a proposal to provide guidelines for specialized dockets. After motion made and seconded, and discussion and amendments, the proposal as amended was passed by the Assembly.
10. Dan Quick, member of the Representative Assembly and a member of the Civil Courts and Procedures Committee introduced for consideration the adoption of MCR 2.519 pertaining to special masters. . After motion made and seconded, and discussion, the Assembly passed the proposal.
11. Dan Quick, member of the Representative Assembly and a member of the Civil Courts and Procedure Committee introduced for consideration the adoption of Michigan Court Rules 2.301, 2.302, 2.313, 2.401 and 2.506 dealing with electronic discovery rules. After motion made and seconded, and discussion and amendment, the Assembly passed the proposal as amended.
12. Adjournment