

**State Bar of Michigan
Representative Assembly
April 26, 2003**

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

The following is a summary of proceedings of the State Bar Representative Assembly session held Saturday, April 26, 2003, in the University Ballroom at the Marriott Hotel in East Lansing, Michigan.

1. Call to Order by Chairperson Thomas C. Rombach.
2. Clerk Elizabeth A. Jamieson declared that a quorum (50) was present.
3. Upon a motion made and seconded, the proposed calendar was adopted, with amendment being made, to eat lunch during the panel discussion on the ABA New Model Rules of Professional Conduct.
4. As provided in Rule 4.8, the Summary of Proceedings of the February 22, 2003 meeting was deemed approved since no objections had been received.
5. Mr. Rombach addressed the Assembly.
6. John T. Berry, Executive Director of the State Bar of Michigan, addressed the Assembly regarding the Strategic Plan and current bar activities.
7. Nancy J. Diehl, Chair of the Programs and Services Committee of the State Bar Board of Commissioners, presented information to the Assembly regarding member services.
8. Michael J. Blau (30th Circuit) provided a liaison report regarding statewide training on issues of domestic violence, sponsored by the State Bar's Open Justice Commission and Michigan Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence.
9. Honorable William C. Whitbeck, Chief Judge of the Michigan Court of Appeals, addressed the Assembly regarding the Michigan Court of Appeals Delay Reduction Plan plan.
10. Informational reports were provided by:
 - Assembly Review Committee - William R. Knight, Chair
 - Nominating Committee - Thomas C. Rombach (in the absence of Christopher Ninomiya, Chair)
11. Upon a motion made and seconded, the Assembly adopted the proposed amendments to Michigan Court Rules 2.112, 2.116 and 2.401, as amended, regarding Challenges to Medical Malpractice Notices of Intent to Sue, Affidavits and Expert Witness Qualifications; Time for Filing Dispositive Motions.

12. Upon a motion made and seconded, the Assembly adopted the following, as amended:

RESOLVED, that the State Bar of Michigan commends the House of Delegates of the American Bar Association for creating and adopting the Blueprint for Cost-effective Pretrial Detention Sentencing and Corrections Systems, and recommends consideration of the Blueprint provisions to the State of Michigan, federal and local governments, and all others seeking to take steps to eliminate unnecessary expenditures, enhance cost-effectiveness and promote justice.

13. Upon a motion made and seconded, the Assembly rejected the proposed resolution in support of increasing federal judicial compensation as recommended by the National Commission on the Public Service ("Volcker Commission").
14. A panel discussion was made to the Assembly regarding ABA's New Model Rules of Professional Conduct. Guests included: Nancy Moore, Chief Reporter, ABA Ethics 2000 Commission; Becky Stretch, ABA Center for Professional Responsibility; Elaine Fieldman, Co-Chair, State Bar Ethics Committee; Tom Byerley, Director, State Bar Professional Standards.
15. Adjournment.