

**State Bar of Michigan  
Representative Assembly  
April 27, 2002**

**SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS**

The following is a summary of proceedings of the State Bar Representative Assembly session held Saturday, April 27, 2002, in the University Ballroom at the Marriott Hotel in East Lansing, Michigan.

1. Call to Order by Chairperson Julie I. Fershtman.
2. Clerk Daniel M. Levy declared that a quorum was present.
3. Upon a motion made and seconded, the proposed calendar was adopted, as amended, with the following changes: Item #5 – John Berry will give member services presentation for Lisa Allen-Kost; Item #6 – Bill Knight will give the Assembly Review Committee presentation for Elizabeth Jamieson; Item #8 – Jim Neuhard and Jim Shonkwiler will present the proposal on the criminal defense assigned counsel guidelines for Bruce Neckers.
4. Upon a motion made and seconded, Jeffrey C. Nellis of Ludington was appointed to fill the 51<sup>st</sup> Judicial Circuit vacancy.
5. Ms. Fershtman addressed the Assembly.
6. John T. Berry, Executive Director of the State Bar of Michigan, addressed the Assembly.
7. Mr. Berry provided a member services report.
8. Informational status reports were provided by:
  - Assembly Drafting Committee – Francine Cullari, Chair
  - Assembly Review Committee – Bill Knight, Member
  - Assembly Rules & Calendar Committee – Margaret Costello, Chair
9. Upon a motion made and seconded, the proposed amendment to Rule 2.3 of the Permanent Rules of Procedure of the Representative Assembly to clarify time for submission of items from the floor was approved. There was a friendly amendment to the proposal.  
2.3 Method of Presentation. No item of business shall be placed on the calendar under sub-sections (3), (4), (5), (6), or (7) ~~or (8)~~ of Section 2.2 unless...
10. Upon a motion made and seconded, the proposed criminal defense assigned counsel guidelines were adopted.

11. Upon a motion made and seconded, the proposed resolution regarding the State Bar of Michigan's continued involvement in the screening of candidates was unanimously adopted as amended.

By resolution adopted April 27, 2002, it is resolved:

- 1) The Governor of the State of Michigan should call upon the State Bar of Michigan to assist in screening candidates for judicial appointments when vacancies occur. No judicial appointment should be made by the Governor unless the State Bar of Michigan has received adequate time and opportunity to screen each candidate.
  - 2) The State Bar of Michigan should dedicate sufficient resources to continue its process of screening candidates for judicial appointments in a manner that is as fair and timely as possible.
12. Adjournment.