

State Bar of Michigan
Representative Assembly
September 26, 2019

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

The following is a summary of proceedings of the State Bar Representative Assembly session held Thursday, September 26, 2019, at the Opal/Garnet Room at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi, MI.

1. Call to order by Chairperson 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.
4. 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, the vacancies were filled via the memorandum distributed at the meeting.
5. Jennifer M. Grieco presented the *Unsung Hero Award* to Clarence M. Dass. Mr. Dass accepted the award and addressed the Assembly.
6. Bernard A. Jocuns presented the *Michael Franck Award* to Mary Chartier. Ms. Chartier accepted the award and addressed the Assembly.
7. Janet K. Welch, Executive Director of the State Bar of Michigan, and James Horsch, Director of Finance & Administration, presented to the Assembly on a financial update of the State Bar of Michigan.
8. Jennifer M. Grieco, President of the State Bar of Michigan, and Richard L. Cunningham, Chair of the Representative Assembly, addressed the Assembly regarding an update on the activities of the State Bar Operation, Structure, and Governance Task Force.
9. As provided in Rule 4.8, the Summary of Proceedings of the April 13, 2019 meeting was deemed approved with one amendment.
10. Bernard A. Jocuns, member of the Assembly, and Joshua A. Blanchard, Chair of the Criminal Law Section, addressed the Assembly for consideration of a proposal supporting an amendment to Rule 6.005 of the Michigan Court Rules. Upon a motion made and supported, after discussion, the proposal passed 84 to 18.
11. Mathew Kobliska, member of the Assembly, addressed the Assembly for consideration of a proposal supporting an amendment to Rule 3.206 of the Michigan Court Rules. Upon a motion made and supported, after discussion, the proposal passed 97 to 9.

12. After a motion from the floor, the Assembly voted to postpone discussion and debate on the proposal to amend the Code of Judicial Conduct until April 25, 2020.
13. Edward H. Pappas, Past-President of the State Bar of Michigan, addressed the Assembly for consideration of a proposal supporting Professionalism Principles as provided to the Assembly in a handout. Upon a motion made and supported, after discussion, the proposal passed 94 to 14.
14. Richard L. Cunningham, Chair of the Representative Assembly, announced the election of Nicholas M. Ohanesian as the 2019-2020 Clerk of the Assembly.
15. Aaron V. Burrell was sworn in as 2019-2020 Chair of the Assembly by Judge Leo Bowman.
16. Aaron V. Burrell, Chair of the Representative Assembly, presented a plaque to Richard L. Cunningham as thanks for all his work over the past year as Assembly Chair.
17. Adjournment.