

#### MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

President Toy called the meeting to order at 3:20 p.m. on Wednesday September 16, 2009 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Dearborn.

#### Commissioners present:

David R. Brake Lori A. Buiteweg

B. D. "Chris" Christenson

Margaret A. Costello

Bruce A. Courtade, Secretary Richard L. Cunningham

Brian D. Einhorn, Treasurer

James N. Erhart Elias J. Escobedo, Jr. Robert K. Fergan

Julie I. Fershtman, Vice President W. Anthony Jenkins, President -Elect

Elizabeth M. Johnson Katherine Kakish David A. Kallman Donald E. McGinnis, Jr. Hon. William B. Murphy

Lambro Niforos David A. Perkins

Victoria A. Radke Michael J. Riordan

Donald G. Rockwell Thomas C. Rombach

Kurt E. Schnelz Richard J. Siriani

Angelique Strong Marks

Julie A. Sullivan

Laurin' C Roberts Thomas Charles R. Toy, President

Gregory L. Ulrich

### Commissioners absent and excused:

Commissioner Lawrence Nolan was absent and excused.

# State Bar Staff present:

Janet Welch, Executive Director

Marge Bossenbery, Executive Coordinator

Nancy Brown, Director, Member Services and Communications

Gregory Convers, Director, Justice Initiatives

Candace Crowley, Director, External Development

Dawn Evans, Director, Professional Standards

Cliff Flood, General Counsel

Danon Goodrum-Garland, Professional Standards Investigative Counsel

James Horsch, Director, Finance and Administration

Nkrumah Johnson-Wynn, Professional Standards Service Counsel

Elizabeth Lyon, Director, Governmental Relations

Naseem Stecker, Manager, Media and Communications Division

Anne Vrooman, Director, Research and Development

#### Guests:

Stephen J. Gobbo

Krista Haroutunian

Mary Hinniker, Institute for Continuing Legal Education

John Van Bolt, Executive Director, Attorney Discipline Board

#### Presidents Report

President Toy welcomed the members of the 2009-10 SBM Board of Commissioners. Commissioners were sworn in and were provided with an oath of office to sign.

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# Authorize President to Appoint an Executive Committee

A motion was offered and supported to authorize President Toy appoint an Executive Committee. The motion was approved.

# 2009-10 Commissioner Committees

The Commissioners were provided with a list of the members of each of the Commissioner committees.

# Fiscal Matters

A motion was offered and supported to allow all officers of the State Bar of Michigan and all Lansing-based SBM Commissioners authority to provide a second signature for checks that are written for amounts greater than \$15,000. The motion was approved.

#### **Board Materials Options**

The Board will receive an e-mail to ask for the preference for receiving the Board materials.

# Dates for the 2009-10 Board Meeting

The Commissioners were provided with a list of the 2009-10 scheduled Board of Commissioner meetings.

# Dates for the 2009-10 Representative Assembly Meeting

The Commissioners were provided with the dates of the 2009-10 Representative Assembly meetings.

#### Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 pm