President Keefe called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m. on Wednesday, September 26, 2007 at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids.

Commissioners present:
Lori A. Buiteweg
Laura A. Chappelle
Chris Christenson
John J. Conway
Margaret A. Costello
Bruce A. Courtade
Francine Cullari
Richard L. Cunningham
Brian D. Einhorn
James N. Erhart
Elias J. Escobedo, Jr.
Robert K. Fergan
Julie I. Fershtman, Treasurer
Kiffi Y. Ford
Robert C. Gardella
Elizabeth M. Johnson
Katherine Kakish
Ronald D. Keefe, President
Donald E. McGinnis, Jr.
Hon. William B. Murphy
Lambro Niforas
Edward H. Pappas, President-Elect
Eric J. Pelton
Michael J. Riordan
Thomas C. Rombach
Kurt E. Schnelz
Julie A. Sullivan
Laurin’ C. Roberts Thomas
Charles R. Toy, Vice President
Gregory L. Ulrich

Commissioners Beverly Hall Burns and W. Anthony Jenkins, Secretary, were absent and excused.

State Bar Staff Present:
Janet K. Welch, Executive Director
Marge Bossenbery, Executive Coordinator
Nancy Brown, Director, Member Services and Communications
Gregory Conyers, Acting Director, Justice Initiatives
Candace Crowley, Director, External Development
Dawn Evans, Director, Professional Standards
Cliff Flood, General Counsel
James Horsch, Director, Finance and Administration
Elizabeth Lyon, Director, Governmental Relations
Nassem Stecker, Manager, Media and Communications
Anne Vrooman, Director, Research and Development

President’s Report
President Keefe welcomed all of the members of the 2007-08 Board of Commissioners and introductions were made for the benefit of the new commissioners. Commissioners were given an oath of office to sign and were sworn in.

Authorize President to Appoint an Executive Committee
A motion was offered to authorize President Keefe to appoint an Executive Committee. The motion was supported and carried.

2007-08 Commissioner Committees
The commissioners were provided with a list of the members of each of the Commissioner committees.
Fiscal Matters
Signature Authorization
A motion was offered and supported that all officers of the State Bar of Michigan and all Lansing-based SBM commissioners be given authority to provide a second signature for checks that are written for amounts greater than $15,000. The motion passed.

Dates for 2007-08 Board Meetings
The commissioners were provided with a list of the 2007-08 scheduled Board of Commissioner meetings.

Dates for 2007-08 Representative Assembly Meetings
The commissioners were provided with the dates of the 2007-08 Representative Assembly meetings.

Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.