

President Cahill called the meeting to order at 9: 30 a.m. on Friday, September 15, 2006, at the Ypsilanti Marriott Hotel and Conference Center, Ypsilanti, Michigan.

Commissioners present:

Lori A. Buiteweg  
Kimberly M. Cahill, President  
John J. Conway  
Margaret A. Costello  
Francine Cullari  
Richard L. Cunningham  
Brian D. Einhorn  
Elias J. Escobedo, Jr.  
Robert K. Fergan  
Julie I. Fershtman  
Kiffi Y. Ford  
Robert C. Gardella  
Edward L. Haroutunian, Assembly Chairperson  
W. Anthony Jenkins, Treasurer  
Katherine Kakish

Craig H. Lubben  
Ronald D. Keefe, President -Elect  
Jeffrey E. Kirkey  
Donald E. McGinnis, Jr.  
Hon. William B. Murphy  
Lambro Niforos  
Edward H. Pappas, Vice-President  
Eric J. Pelton  
Michael J. Riordan  
Thomas C. Rombach  
Kurt E. Schnelz  
Scott C. Strattard  
Charles R. Toy, Secretary  
Laurin' C. Roberts Thomas  
Gregory L. Ulrich

Commissioners Beverly Hall Burns and Bruce Courtade were absent and excused.

State Bar Staff Present:

John T. Berry, Executive Director  
Marge Bossenbery, Executive Coordinator  
Nancy Brown, Director of Communications  
Candace Crowley, Development & External Affairs Manager  
Dawn Evans, Director of Professional Standards  
James Horsch, Director of Finance and Administration  
Victoria Kremski, Deputy Director of Professional Standards  
Catherine O'Connell, Assistant Professional Standards Counsel  
Jerome Reide, Director of Justice Initiatives  
Anne Vrooman, Director of Research and Development  
Janet K. Welch, General Counsel

Guests Present:

Bruce Neckers, Past President  
Linda Rexer, Executive Director, Michigan State Bar Foundation

**President's Report**

President Cahill welcomed all of the members of the 2006-07 Board of Commissioners and introductions were made for the benefit of the new commissioners. Each Board member was asked to sign an oath of office, to complete the information sheet in their materials, and to provide the Executive Office with an updated bio and photo to be used for the State Bar of Michigan (SBM) Board and Staff Directory.

**Authorize President to Appoint an Executive Committee**

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

**2006-07 Commissioner Committees**

President Cahill distributed a list of the members of each of the Commissioner committees.

**Fiscal Matters**

**Signature Authorization**

A motion was offered 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 greater than \$15,000. The motion was supported and carried.

**Dates for 2006-07 Board Meeting**

The Commissioners were provided with a list of the 2006-07 scheduled Board of Commissioner meetings.

**Dates for 2006-07 Representative Assembly Meetings**

The Commissioners were provided with the dates of the 2006-07 Representative Assembly meetings.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.