

First Meeting of the 2003-2004 Board

The meeting was called to order by President Brinkmeyer at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, September 12, 2003, at the Lansing Center, Lansing, Michigan. Commissioners present were:

Scott S. Brinkmeyer, President	Daniel M. Levy, Assembly Chair
Kimberly M. Cahill, Secretary	Craig H. Lubben
Thomas W. Cranmer, Vice-President	Stephen J. Murphy, III
Kathryn Day	Hon. William B. Murphy
Nancy J. Diehl, President-Elect	Lambro Niforos
Kim Warren, Eddie	Edward H. Pappas
James N. Erhart	Randolph P. Piper
Elias J. Escobedo, Jr.	D. Andrew Portinga
Julie I. Fershtman	Kurt E. Schnelz
Michael S. Hohausser	Hon. Cynthia D. Stephens
Elizabeth A. Jamieson	Angelique Strong Marks
W. Anthony Jenkins	Charles R. Toy
Allyn G. Kantor	Gregory L. Ulrich
Ronald D. Keefe, Treasurer	Debra A. Walling

State Bar Staff Present:

John T. Berry – Executive Director
Lisa Allen-Kost – Director, Program Services
Thomas K. Byerley – Director, Regulation Counsel
Kathleen J. Fox – Director, Human Resources
Jim Horsch – Director, Finance and Administration
Glenna D. Peters – Executive Coordinator
Chad Sluss – Member Services Manager
Lesia Smith – Development Coordinator
Janet Welch – General Counsel

Introduction of New Commissioners

Mr. Brinkmeyer introduced District G Commissioner Allyn G. Kantor, District I Commissioner Julie I. Fershtman, Young Lawyers Section Chair Elect Angelique Strong Marks, and Commissioner-at-Large Debra A. Walling. Mr. Brinkmeyer also welcomed Commissioners-at-Large Richard D. McLellan and Rodger D. Young in their absence, and noted that the Clerk of the Representative Assembly would be elected at the Assembly meeting that would follow the Board meeting.

Authorize President to Appoint an Executive Committee

Upon a motion made and seconded, the Board unanimously authorized President Brinkmeyer to appoint an Executive Committee in accordance with Article III, Section 9 of the State Bar Bylaws. Its ten members will also become members of the Representative Assembly.

Fiscal Matters

Upon a motion made and seconded, the Board unanimously approved the following items:

1. Renew the line of credit with Bank One until January 31, 2005.
2. Authorize the President Treasurer and Executive Director to execute documents and negotiate transactions on behalf of the Board.
3. Authorize the Officers of the State Bar, as well as Lansing-based Commissioners Kim Warren Eddie and Charles Toy to sign as a second signature on checks over \$15,000.

Creation and Appointment of Justice Initiatives Standing Committee

Upon a motion made and seconded, the Board unanimously authorized the President to create and appoint a Justice Initiatives Standing Committee.

2003-04 Commissioner Committees

President Brinkmeyer announced the appointment of the following 2003-2004 Commissioner Committees and a copy is attached.

- A. Executive
- B. Finance and Human Resources
- C. Professional Standards
- D. Programs and Services
- E. Public Policy, Image and Identity
- F. Justice Initiatives

A list of the Commissioner Liaison assignments to committees and sections was distributed and is also attached.

Dates for the 2003-2004 Board Meetings

President Brinkmeyer announced the dates for the 2003-2004 Board of Commissioners meetings as follows:

- September 12, 2003
- November 21, 2003
- January 16, 2004
- April 16, 2004
- June 11, 2004 (Mackinac)
- July 23, 2004
- September 9-10, 2004

Questions & Comments

President Brinkmeyer stated that the Justice Initiatives Standing Committee would have about four subcommittees below the standing committee and that he has received a large list of names from interested parties, both lawyers and non-lawyers. He will work with the Executive Committee and staff to determine the best way to allocate those resources.

Oath of Office

President Brinkmeyer asked that all Commissioners sign the Oath of Office.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.