

**PERMANENT RULES OF PROCEDURE 8.8
AWARDS**

Issue

Should the April meeting of the Assembly be established as a deadline for the Nominations and Awards Committee to meet and recommend to the Assembly qualified members of the State Bar as recipients of the Michael Franck and Unsung Hero Awards?

Synopsis

Currently, the Permanent Rules of Procedure, Rule 8.8, establishes no deadline for the submission of nominations to the Assembly by the Nominations and Awards Committee.

Background

The Michael Franck and Unsung Hero Awards are handed out at the meeting of the Assembly that coordinates with the State Bar Annual Meeting. Usually, the awards are handed out at the luncheon which occurs in the middle of that Assembly meeting. Often, the Assembly's approval of the nominations is not on the agenda until after the luncheon. Even if the approval of the nominations is on the agenda before the luncheon, the plaques have already been engraved, the unofficial winners notified and their guests are in attendance for the ceremony, all before the Assembly's official vote approving the nominees is taken.

This proposal would require the Assembly to vote on the awards at the Assembly's April meeting and the award winners would be "official" when they receive their awards. Any risk that the nominees are not going to be approved by the Assembly would be removed.

Opposition to the Proposal

None known.

Fiscal Impact on State Bar of Michigan

None known.

**STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN POSITION
By vote of the Representative Assembly on September 14, 2006**

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(a) Yes

or

(b) No