

First Meeting of the 2005-06 Board

The meeting was called to order by President Cranmer at 8:35 a.m. on Friday, September 23, 2005, at the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center in East Lansing, Michigan. Commissioners present were:

Lori A. Buiteweg, Assembly Chairperson	Jeffrey Kirkey
Kimberly M. Cahill, President-Elect	Craig H. Lubben
John J. Conway	Richard D. McLellan
Margaret A. Costello	Hon. William B. Murphy
Bruce A. Courtade	Lambro Niforos
Thomas W. Cranmer, President	Edward H. Pappas, Secretary
Francine Cullari	Scott C. Strattard
Brian D. Einhorn	Laurin C. Roberts Thomas
Elias J. Escobedo, Jr.	Charles R. Toy, Treasurer
Julie I. Fershtman	Gregory L. Ulrich
Kiffi Y. Ford	Debra A. Walling
Robert C. Gardella	
Edward L. Haroutunian	
W. Anthony Jenkins	
Allyn D. Kantor	
Ronald D. Keefe, Vice President	

Commissioners Michael S. Hohausser, Angelique Strong Marks, Kurt E. Schnelz, and Rodger D. Young were absent and excused.

State Bar Staff Present:

John T. Berry – Executive Director
Gregory Conyers – Program Administrator
Candace Crowley – Manager, Access to Justice
Kathleen Fox – Director of Programs and Services
Victoria Kremski – Deputy Regulation Counsel
Elizabeth Lyon – Public Policy Program Analyst
Dawn Miller – Director of Professional Standards
Jerome Reide – Director of Justice Initiatives
Anne Smith – Administrative Assistant – Executive Office

President's Report

President Cranmer welcomed and introduced new Commissioners: District B – Francine Cullari, District E – Laurin C. Roberts Thomas, – District H – Margaret A. Costello and Richard L. Cunningham, Young Lawyers Section Chair Elect John J. Conway and the Clerk of the Assembly Robert C. Gardella.

President Cranmer reported that new Board members would be receiving an orientation handbook.

Executive Committee Appointment

Upon a motion made and seconded, the Board approved the appointment of an Executive Committee by the President in accordance with Article III, Section 9 of the State Bar Bylaws. Motion carried. Its ten members will also become members of the Representative Assembly.

Fiscal Matters

Signature Authorizations – Upon a motion made and seconded, the Board approved the authorization that effective with the 2005-06 fiscal year, all checks that are \$15,000.00 or more must have the signature of Executive Director John T. Berry, and one of the Officers of the State Bar as well as Lansing Commissioners Ford, McLellan and Roberts Thomas.

2004-05 Commissioner Committees

President Cranmer announced the appointment of the following 2005-06 Commissioner Committees that was distributed at the meeting and is attached.

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

Mr. Cranmer discussed the role of the commissioner liaison, noting the importance of the role in an effort to better communicate with sections and committees. He reported that commissioners would be receiving a letter explaining the role of the liaison and that a similar letter would be sent to the committee and section chairs. He asked that commissioners establish contact with their chair as soon as possible and plan to attend at least one committee and one section meeting in coordination with the chair.

2005-06 Board Meeting Dates

President Diehl announced the following dates for the 2005-06 Board meetings:

- September 23, 2005
- November 18, 2005
- January 20, 2006
- March 3, 2006 (if needed)
- April 7, 2006
- June 9 & 10, 2006 (Mackinac)
- July 28, 2006
- September – Annual Meeting, September 14 & 15, 2006 in Ypsalanti

2005-06 Representative Assembly Dates

- April 29, 2006 (LCC M-Tech – West Campus)
- September – Annual Meeting, September 14 & 15, 2006 in Ypsalanti

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.