

**STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN
CRIMINAL LAW SECTION**

Annual Meeting and Program
October 9, 2015
Suburban Collection Showplace, Novi, MI
Onyx Room

Attendees:	<p>Council Members: Charlie Marr, Steve Gobbo, Judge Caprathe, Stephanie Farkas, Elaine Spiliopoulos, Ken Malkin, Michael Brady, Bruce Timmons, Michael Marutiak, Bruce Timmons, David Gilbert, Opolla Brown, Michael Brady, Ward McDonough, Jonathan Sacks (term limited upon new election), Shauna Dunnings, Judge Manderfield</p> <p>Other Attendees: Martin Palus, Marla McCowan, Kayleen Hendler, Kristina Dunne, Brad Hall, Jacqueline Robinson, Nancy Diehl, Kimberly Young, Ronald Pierce, Rick Cunningham, Nancy Shell, Fred Johnson, Matthew Bahringer, Mabel Mayfield, Walter White, William Schooley, John McWilliams, Lawrence Talon, Eric VanSteel, Kim Coleman, William Cowdry, M. Jon Posner, Van Newman, Sara Smolenski, Michael Steinberg, Joyce Reasonover, Philip Ragan, Pat Streeter, Steven Moss, Jason Engram</p>
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I. Call to Order – Section Meeting

- Charlie Marr called the meeting of the State Bar of Michigan Criminal Law Section to order at 9:15am

II. Nominations and Elections for Council Members

- Nominations - Chair Michael Marutiak discusses the time and energy commitments prospective candidates to Council. Three current members are running again and have previously submitted their names for election: William Winters, Opolla Brown, David Gilbert. Two additional people nominated: Bruce Timmons nominated by Ken Malkin and Ryan Zemke nominated by Stephanie Farkas. Five candidates now on the slate before nominations are closed by Chair Marutiak: **Bruce Timmons, William Winters, Ryan Zemke, Opolla Brown, David Gilbert.** Motion made by Steve Gobbo to allow election by acclamation. Seconded by Dave Gilbert. Five members elected by acclamation and, thus, no election was held.

III. Adjournment of Section Meeting

- Section Meeting adjourned by Charlie Marr.

IV. Call to Order – Council Meeting

- Charlie Marr calls to order the meeting of the Council.

V. Nomination and Elections of Council Officers

- Discussion of possible candidates for Council Treasurer. Steve Gobbo nominated Joshua Blanchard. Charlie Marr motioned to nominate **Joshua Blanchard** for Treasurer, seconded by Stephanie Farkas. No other nominations heard, nominations closed by Charlie Marr. Unanimous vote by Council to elect Joshua Blanchard as Treasurer.

VI. Close of Council Meeting

- Council meeting closed by Charlie Marr.

VII. Call to Order – Section Meeting

- Steve Gobbo called the meeting of the State Bar of Michigan Criminal Law Section to order at about 9:40am.
- Steve Gobbo presents service plaque to outgoing Chair, Charlie Marr. Presentation of gavel to incoming Chair, Steve Gobbo, by Charlie Marr.

VIII. Legislative Business

- Steve Gobbo opened discussion regarding proposed e-filing bills, SB 0531-SB 0533.
- Bruce Timmons discussed status of bills and potential concerns, such as e-filing fees.
- Question from Michael Brady regarding the “mens res” bills. Bruce Timmons provides brief summary and status of bills.
- Steve Gobbo opened to motion to take policy position on the e-filing bills, SB 0531-SB 0533. No motion made.

IX. Adjournment

- Section Meeting adjourned by Steve Gobbo.

X. Annual Meeting Program

- Annual Meeting Program held from 10am-noon on indigent defense reform and the proposed minimum standards from the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission (MIDC). Speakers included: Jonathan Sacks, Executive Director, MIDC; Nancy Diehl, former Wayne County Prosecutor and SBM past president; Frederick D. Johnson, Jr., Muskegon Public Defender; and the Honorable Sara J. Smolenski, 63rd District Court. Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Opolla Brown moderated the program.
- Jonathan Sacks discussed the background that led to the formation of the MIDC, the structure and mandate of the MIDC, the first set of proposed minimum standards, the

timeline and process for compliance with these standards, and future minimum standards.

- Nancy Diehl discussed a prosecutor's historical perspective of indigent defense reform; Fred Johnson discussed starting a public defender office at the local level in Muskegon and Judge Smolenski discussed pilot projects for appointed counsel at arraignment (Standard 4).
- The program concluded with question and answer session.