

The Michigan Assembly

General Assembly Meeting

Minutes



Date: January 7, 2025

Open Michigan Public Forum

6:00pm – 7:00pm

Education/Outreach presentation

Presenter: Troy Brown

Topic: American Dejure government video and discussion

General Assembly Meeting

7:00pm – 9:00pm

Welcome

- **Meeting Moderator** – Vatisa Rivers has volunteered to be our GA meeting moderator!!! Thank you so much!!! You did a great job running the meeting! Looking forward to the next one in two weeks.
- Opening Prayer (Troy Brown)
Bivens Decision (Kenny Fisher)
Meeting Protocol (Kenny Fisher)
Acceptance & Introduction of New Members – None this week

Reports

Treasury, by Mark Steinke

- Balance in accounts: **\$3008.83**
- Summary: Treasury report shared. No Banking Committee (BC) meetings over the holidays so no report. With recent information from Anna regarding the GFG, looking optimistically to the new year and 2025 Committee budgets. Please have those to the Banking Committee by Wednesday January 15th. Next BC meeting is Wednesday January 8th, 2025 at 7pm. (Recording 00:06:44)

Records Committee, by Amy Hunt & Rene McGuigan

- Summary: Anyone interested in becoming a Recording Secretary is encouraged to come to the committee meetings on Fridays at 2pm. Review of the RS manual is beginning and that will be a great way to learn about the role. Someone has volunteered to be the Records Committee Chair so more on that soon. No Recording Secretary meetings over the holidays so no report (Recording 00:13:15)

Outreach/Freedom Guides/Orientation, by Kimberly Watling

- Summary: Next Outreach/FG meeting is Thursday, January 9th, 2025. Going forward, schedule changes for Outreach, Freedom Guides, and Orientation: starting Thursday, January 16th, Outreach will meet at NOON, Freedom Guides will meet at 1pm, and Orientation will meet at 2pm; same zoom link for all. International *Outreach* opportunities mentioned. Requesting bios from all GA members to share with the public of “who we all are”. Working on business cards and calendar of events. *Freedom Guides* and Assembly greeters are needed. “Pay it forward” program to help with recording fees to be discussed at the next Banking Committee mtg. *Orientation*: a punch-list of items to prepare a video or presentation for new GA members was shared (Recording 00:15:00)

Ombudsman, by Debra-Ann Garcia Wagner

- Summary: The International Ombudsman Think Tank meeting will be the fourth Thursday this month at 4pm. The next Michigan Ombudsman meeting will be Thursday January 9th at 4pm. Requesting any GA members who have “peacekeeping in your heart” and desire to help people work through their issues to consider joining us at committee meetings to help put together a confidential and secure service for all status corrected ASN's on Michigan. (Recording 00:32:33)

Oversight, by Elsa Carpenter Peck

- Summary: Elsa has obtained the California Assembly's Oversight committee guide/outline from Jan Buzard to review for Michigan. Oversight will be working closely with Ombudsman as the Oversight reports to the Ombudsman. To be on the Oversight committee, it's a one-year commitment. As an

example, California has 8 people on two teams; one is for 12 months, the other is for 18 months for continuity and avoiding turnover. Lots of guidelines to digest and its going to take all of us! Next meeting will be January 16th from 10:30am to 11:30am. Come check it out!!! (Recording 00:35:55)

Marshal At Arms, by Kenny Fisher

- Summary: The MMA Special Purpose Meeting was held on Tuesday January 7th, 2025 at 4pm to discuss GA meeting decorum. Thank you to Kimberly Watling for putting together the working document for that meeting. Information from Maine and California are being considered. The next meeting is this Saturday at 10am for an hour and a half to continue discussions (Recording 00:40:55)

Vetting, by Rick Worden

- Summary: Emails went out to a Banking Signatory, and the Ombudsman, IT, and Oversight Chairs over the holidays and three of four background checks were completed. Committee meetings remain confidential due to the subject matter and respect for those being vetted (Recording 00:43:00)

Information Technology & Communications, by Jan Buzard

- Summary: Working on 2025 budgets. Resubmitted request to delete BitChute assembly channel. Working on website subgroups. Discussed zoom accounts for Ombudsman and Vetting committees for confidentiality. Website has been successfully migrated to shared hosting. (Recording 00:43:50)

Jural Assembly Working Group, by Nigel Turtle

- Summary: Working on educational materials for jural assemblies, looking at other assemblies and independent sources, to help create the Michigan documents (committees and offices). We are also focusing on assembling the Jural Assembly. Currently reviewing Ohio documents for that goal to present to the GA. Next meeting: Monday January 13th, 2025 (Recording 00:48:53)

General Assembly Working Group, by Rick Worden

- Summary: There was a special meeting on Friday January 3rd to discuss New Member Orientation. A bullet list of topics were provided to Amy Hunt to put into a training video or presentation for new GA members. Next meeting Wednesday January 15, 2025 at 4pm (Recording 00:52:50)

PKTF Liaison, by Kimberly Watling

- Summary: Second interview as PKTF Liaison occurred over the holidays, as a follow-up after going through the training this past year. Next up is a third interview that Kimberly conducts herself. She requested affirmation from the GA regarding her work so far and a blessing to continue; by a show of hands, GA members gave a resounding “thumbs up” to continue. If the GA has questions desired answered by the Federation, please email to Kimberly within the next 2-3 weeks so she can incorporate them into the final interview. *Radios:* training has been delayed but will be coming soon. Gave update on North Carolina’s situation regarding the aftermath of Helene. Recommending a *MAA - PKTF Liaison - Militia* committee meeting on Thursdays at 6:30pm starting January 16th, 2025 (Recording 00:54:10)

Coordinator Updates, by Amy Hunt

- Summary: No updates from GFG regarding training for Prosperity accounts yet. Continuing to look at next positions I can give away. Extremely pleased with the assembly and its committees and how everyone is working together. (recording 01:13:20)

In Process Items

- None this week

New Items

- **Proposal for Ombudsman Services** (Debra-Ann Garcia Wagner)
 - Proposal Designation: **20241221-OS-02-01** (document was attached to the meeting agenda and the proposal DRAFT was also emailed with the agenda for all GA members to review before the meeting)
 - **The Michigan Assembly Reconciliation Process** - Debra Ann read the proposal to the GA and questions and comments followed. The Ombudsman Service is for conflict resolution for all Americans, including family members or relatives, not just GA members. It is overseen by the MAA and GA as a whole. The 83 counties will eventually develop their own ombudsman services, but they will need to be trained by the GA Ombudsman. Document is ready for proofreading before vote (Recording 01:15:15)

- **Outreach** (Kimberly Watling)
 - Kimberly shared the “*Achievement Balance sheet for 2024*” which was put together by Dolores Fernandez after gathering information from GA members. Well done, Michigan Assembly!!! Let’s keep going!!!

Minutes prepared by:

Linda Steinke

1/10/25

Attachments

- Treasury Report
- Zoom attendance
- Zoom Chat

Meeting Recording Link

- <https://rumble.com/v67575g--0031-the-michigan-assembly-general-assembly-meeting-january-1-2025.html>

Treasury Report through Cash App

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Date	Description	In	Out	Balance
05/17/2024	Cash App set up	\$0.00		\$0.00
05/21/2024	Balance Reported at GA	\$245.00	\$0.00	\$245.00
05/28/2024	Balance Reported at GA	\$225.00	-\$327.33	\$142.67
06/04/2024	Balance Reported at GA	\$30.00	-\$4.99	\$167.68
06/11/2024	Balance Reported at GA	\$675.00	-\$494.35	\$348.33
06/18/2024	Balance Reported at GA	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$373.33
06/25/2024	Balance Reported at GA	\$434.95	-\$57.77	\$750.51
07/02/2024	Balance Reported at GA	\$48.00	-\$82.00	\$716.51
07/09/2024	Balance Reported at GA	\$100.00	-\$194.55	\$621.96
07/16/2024	Balance Reported at GA	\$0.00	-\$5.77	\$616.19
07/23/2024	Balance Reported at GA	\$0.00	-\$21.00	\$595.19
07/30/2024	Balance Reported at GA	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,595.19
08/06/2024	Balance Reported at GA	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$1,605.19
08/13/2024	Balance Reported at GA	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$1,655.19
08/20/2024	Balance Reported at GA	\$110.00	-\$5.77	\$1,759.42
08/27/2024	Balance Reported at GA	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$2,009.42
09/03/2024	Balance Reported at GA	\$135.00	-\$64.97	\$2,079.45
09/10/2024	Balance Reported at GA	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,079.45
09/24/2024	Balance Reported at GA	\$60.00	-\$5.79	\$2,133.66
10/01/2024	Balance Reported at GA	\$0.00	-\$40.00	\$2,093.66
10/08/2024	Balance Reported at GA	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$2,118.66
10/15/2024	Balance Reported at GA	\$535.00	\$5.80	\$2,647.86
11/05/2024	Balance at CashApp	\$140.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,787.86
11/19/2024	Balance at CashApp			\$1,817.06
12/03/2024	Balance at CashApp	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,817.06
12/17/2024	Balance at CashApp			\$1,682.86
12/19/2024	Recording donation		\$25.00	
12/26/2024	IT supplies – IONOS Inc			\$12.00
12/29/2024	Recording donation		\$25.00	
01/01/2025	Recording donations		\$40.00	
01/03/2025	Recording donation		\$25.00	
01/07/2025	Balance at CashApp	\$115.00	-\$12.00	\$1,785.86
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12/17/2024	Balance at Fifth Third			\$800.00
12/19/2024	“Pay it forward” donation		\$500.00	
12/19/2024	“Pay it forward” donation???		\$100.00	
12/27/2024	Vetting Committee Clear Checks			\$144.92
01/06/2025	Ombudsman Committee supplies			\$32.11
01/07/2025	Balance at Fifth Third	\$600.00	-\$177.03	\$1,222.97
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01/07/2025	CURRENT BALANCE			\$3,008.83

Designations approved by the General Assembly:

Balance of Approved Committee Budgets 2024	\$0.00
Balance of Approved Committee Budgets 2025	\$0.00
Donations to PKTF from Michigan	\$0.00
Donations to Anna from Michigan	\$0.00

Total Designated Funds **\$0.00**

Remaining after Designated Funds: **\$3,008.83**

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01/07/2025 05:49:55 PM - 01/07/2025 08:55:22 PM

Name (original name)	Duration
*Richard Saroni - Kalamazoo, Michigan	186
*Jan Buzard	185
*Mary Klukowski©	158
Bob *troy brown Wayne/Michigan	157
Zulu's iPhone	62
*Mariana & *Michael Forrest	176
ERIC SCHUTTE	62
*Amy Pethers Mecosta, Michigan	156
*Debra-Ann GarciaWagner on Washtenaw (*Debra-Ann GarciaWagn	173
*Vatisa/Wayne	154
Paul Merriweather	57
Shell'ey Gilbert- Muskegon County	56
*Dolores on Michigan/Spain	168
*James Wayne county Michigan	149
*Brent Alan Barth / Lenawee County (Brent Barth)	161
*Fred Beaudet Mich/Oakland	142
Mike's iPad	137
*Linda Marie Johnson - Macomb county	124
*Mark & *Linda Steinke on Alger County Michigan (*Linda Steinke)	135
*Rick Worden - Midland County	128
iPhonehjeffbarth	112
*Amy Hunt, Kent County, Michigan (Michigan State Coordinator))	104
charlesraffoul	99
*Kenny Fisher/MAA	118
*Kimberly Watling - Ottawa Michigan ASN	116
David Custer on Missouri	95
*Aaron Stoddart-Cordova	66
*Elsa Carpenter-Peck	101
*Michelle Gerard in Michigan	18

01:15:53 David Custer on Missouri: I loved that, Bob *Troy!
01:16:01 *Kimberly Watling - Ottawa Michigan ASN: Reacted to
"I loved that, Bob *T..." with ❤
01:23:00 *Dolores on Michigan/Spain: Reacted to "I loved that,
Bob *T..." with ❤
01:26:08 *Kenny Fisher/MAA: Meeting Protocol

As men and women on the land and soil of Michigan, we are called to act in honor at all times. During this meeting we are all expected to abide by the following protocol:

- Everyone please mute your microphones now if they are not already. Keep them muted unless you are speaking.
- We will follow the meeting agenda. If you wish for a topic to be added to the agenda for a future meeting, please email the coordinator.
- Assembly members will have an opportunity to speak at the appropriate time. Use the raise hand function and wait to be called on. Once called upon you will have three (3) minutes.
- 01:26:33 *Kenny Fisher/MAA: - Please be polite and courteous while speaking and keep comments focused solely on the topic at hand. This General Assembly meeting is not the appropriate forum to discuss personal issues.
- General Assembly members are marked with an asterisk (*) before their name. Everyone else is a guest. Guests are welcome to observe but shall refrain from speaking and text chatting during these proceedings. An Outreach invitation will be offered at the end of the meeting.
- 01:27:08 *Kenny Fisher/MAA: If anyone speaks out of turn or over three (3) minutes, strays off topic or does not follow the meeting protocol, the following will happen:
 - 1st Offense - Marshal at Arms will mute your microphone and give a warning.
 - 2nd Offense - Marshal at Arms will mute your microphone and disable your video. You will not be acknowledged to speak for the remainder of the meeting.
 - 3rd Offense - Marshal at Arms will remove you from the meeting.
 - The same protocol applies to the chat function. Keep chat appropriate, on topic and cordial. Inappropriate items include any files or attachments not directly on the agenda and discussed by voice.

- Offenses are counted as three total, whether by voice or chat.
- If these offenses happen for multiple meetings, a longer-term time-out may be issued.

01:29:31 *Mary Klukowski@: FYI Kimberly, that's smack dab in the middle of my workday. I'll try, but no guarantees.
01:47:43 *Kimberly Watling - Ottawa Michigan ASN: Replying to "FYI Kimberly, that's..."

thank you - as you can. The conflict with other meetings has a bit backed me into these times. for now - this is what I could put together and still accomodate other meetings. As you can my friend. Thank you.

02:06:25 *Mary Klukowski@: Debra, do you have additional information on notaries in relation to court officers...?
02:08:57 charlesraffoul: yes
02:09:09 *Elsa Carpenter-Peck: Yes Kimberly!
02:21:32 *Elsa Carpenter-Peck: Kimberly, will you pls share PTKF website ulr here please? Thank you for all you do:-)
02:22:48 *Fred Beaudet Mich/Oakland: <https://pktfnews.org/> home page
02:25:00 *Kimberly Watling - Ottawa Michigan ASN: Replying to "https://pktfnews.org..."

thank you Fred)

02:25:57 *Fred Beaudet Mich/Oakland: Replying to "https://pktfnews.org..."

02:44:48 *Kenny Fisher/MAA: Well done Dolores
02:45:43 *Linda Marie Johnson - Macomb county: thank you! GREAT WORK!