

TMA Zoom meeting - members attending (roll call):

Guest - Shannon Bookey - Federation Liaison
Guest - Joe Hayse - PKTF Executive Director

Buzzard, Jan
Fisher, Kenneth - acting Marshal
Foxx, Anthony
Garcia-Wagner, Debra-Ann
Hunt, Amy
Johnson, Linda Marie
Kiciak, Nicholas
Klulowski, Mary (attended for about 15 minutes)
Lee, Leonard
Michalak, Andrew
Pethres, Amy
Raffoul, Charlie
Steinke, Mark + Linda
Saroni, Richard
Watling, Kimberly
Worden, Rick

Not present:

Aaron Stoddart-Cordova
Ardeth Inman
Brenda Caffola
Bruce Tamulis
Dee Overly
Heidi Peterson
Kristine Casey
Michael Monette
Monir Elmlwany
Paul Peterson
Rene McGuigan
Roy Densmore
Scott Hutchinson
Troy Brown

- active members NOT in attendance at today's meeting:

Albert + Connie Trischler Jr.
Andre Chapel
Brent Barth
Michael Sparks

- members who don't show up - living in the private:

Christopher Hamilton
Doug Wilson
Elsa Carpenter-Peck
George Miller II
James Tyers
Kimberly Sue Trumble
Matt Thompson
Nathaniel Spencer III
Roger Van Order

General Assembly Meeting Agenda – April 23, 2023

- Open in prayer – Father in heaven, I ask that you guide my words and actions so that they may be used to bring glory to you and unity to the people of Michigan. Guide the words of my fellow Michiganans as well so that we can move forward as a body in order to continue the important work of building our Land and Soil government. Thank you for your great love for us and for caring about how this is done. Amen
- Bivens Decision and Meeting Protocol (read by Kenneth Fisher, who will be acting as our Marshal at Arms tonight)
- Acknowledgment of those present. I will not be taking a roll call tonight and I will talk about that more later in the meeting. Instead, I acknowledge the following people as being present at this General Assembly meeting of The Michigan Assembly (read list of participants)
- As well we have two guests tonight. Joseph Hayse is the PKTF Director. Shannon Bookey is Federation Investigator. I thank you both for being her tonight to assist in this peaceful transition.

• A brief synopsis of what has happened.

- The Michigan Assembly and its coordinator have been the subject of an investigation conducted by The Federation of States for at least the last 8 weeks. Approximately 6 weeks ago, I reached out to the PKTF Director regarding my own concerns, mainly surround the coordinator's use of the term "Coordinator Jurisdiction", which I had already confronted the coordinator about. Approximately 5 weeks ago I contacted Anna Von Reitz about the same subject, as well as my concern that our coordinator didn't appear to me, after questioning, to be making any effort to reschedule a meeting with Anna that had previously fallen through. I was not aware of any Federation-level investigation at that time.

- I soon discerned that there might be an ongoing investigation due to the type of questions I was asked by the PKTF director, but I did not know for sure.
- After a time it became apparent to me that if our coordinator is removed, we will be dissolved as an assembly. It is at that time that I volunteered to stand as coordinator, while at the same time making it clear that if course correction can be made, I am still willing to fully support our coordinator.
- A meeting was arranged for me to present my concerns to Shannon Bookey, who is the Federation Investigator. That meeting happened on Sunday and the meeting ended with no final determination told to me by Shannon.
- I found out about the removal of our coordinator and me being accepted as replacement in an email from Anna that was sent to me, the prior coordinator, Teri Sahm, and the PKTF director. I will now read that email.
- Effective immediately, Paul Douglas Peterson is removed as Coordinator for Michigan.

Letter sent by Anna to the Michigan coordinator's on 4-23-2024...

Anna - He never had any authority to establish a fictional so-called "Coordinator Jurisdiction" which does NOT exist.

As I have explained at least 1,000 times, Coordinators are volunteers who step forward as ASN's to help coordinate the assembling process.

They have no other, special, or "sovereign" authority and are merely volunteers.

Paul Douglas Peterson has assumed dictatorial powers and pretends to have these powers over other people by virtue of being a "sovereign".

The same exact sovereignty is enjoyed by all Americans.

Therefore, he has no special authority or power and cannot require other Michiganers to sign contracts as a condition of participation in a public organization.

It has been repeatedly explained to Paul that The Michigan Assembly is a public organization and that the current members have no ability to blackball other Michiganers or unreasonably control, restrict, or impose requirements upon their participation in a public government organization.

It has also been explained that the only use of vetting is for public office and not for membership in the Assembly, and it has been explained that the use of time outs must be (1) progressive, and (2) used to control "drunk and disorderly" kinds of behavior that disrupt our ability to conduct business.

Paul has weaponized time outs improperly for political purposes and proposed to set himself up as dictator for life in Michigan.

He is hereby removed as Coordinator for Michigan and Amy Hunt is appointed Coordinator until additional people step up.

Contrary to Paul's theories, the Coordinator serves at the pleasure of the Federation; we do not select Coordinators, but we are not obligated to entertain the unwanted "services" of a rogue or run amok volunteer Coordinator who is taking our instructions out of context and misrepresenting his own position so as to invoke non-existent powers in precisely the same way that the de facto corporate government has done.

This action is effective immediately. Anyone who thinks that Paul's ideas are correct is invited to leave The Michigan Assembly. We have done a thorough investigation over a period of two months and have determined that what Paul has been teaching with respect to his own position, its nature and "authority", is wildly at odds with reality.

We have also determined that many of the ideas that he has taught and espoused while acting as Coordinator are not in keeping with the tenets of the American Way and the American Government and he has refused to learn and practice our manner of government which rests upon the principles espoused by The Unanimous Declaration of Independence.

We thank Paul for his service and we appreciate his due diligence with respect to various organizational goals, but it is clear that he has not been able to make the required transition from a government based on position and hierarchy to cooperative government.

Paul is and was a Michigan National and is welcome to participate in The Michigan Assembly as a member and is also protected as an ASN with regard to his Constitutional Guarantees.

We understand the frustration that many people in Michigan have experienced, but ask that they keep their attention focused on the best outcomes for their State and people. That best outcome requires cooperation and education.

Please give your attention to the work to be done, which is far more important than any petty political storm, he-said - she-said, or revenge.

Paul has been operating out of school, but the important thing is to correct and keep going.

Sincerely,
Anna Maria Riezinger, Fiduciary
The United States of America

- Shannon Bookey is in attendance tonight. Shannon, is there anything you would like to add or correct about what I have said?

- **Next..A list of items to address during the transition.**

- I officially step down as a member of the International Business Assembly as I am no longer eligible to be a State Citizen. I have changed my status from ASC back to ASN this afternoon.
- I am the current Sign-In America coordinator. My only concern about passing that on right away is that Anna has just assigned work to the SIA coordinators and it would be a lot for someone to just now try to get acclimated with that. However, eventually I need to give up that position. In the meantime I will be reaching out for help with this new project, if it is possible to do so. Unfortunately the project involves sensitive data for people on michigan so I have to figure out what to do for that.
- I am currently a recording secretary. I am committed to continuing to work with the people who I am already in communication with. We need more Recording Secretaries! We have six total, but three of them are not working with anybody due to personal issues. Is there anyone here who would like to be considered as a Recording Secretary? I will get with each of you individually.
- I will be reaching out each man or woman who currently holds a job within the assembly. I will be attempting to schedule a zoom meeting with each one. The meetings will be recorded and a copy of that recording will be provided to each one. The purpose of those meetings will be to assess their interest in continuing their role, go over assets in their possession, and the transfer of assets if it is necessary. A summary report of these meetings will be brought by me at the GA meeting following successful connections.

- Last week on April 16th 2024, the outgoing coordinator provided a partial list of our assets in the recorded training meeting and I thank him very much for providing that.
- I find it important to relist them tonight, with some additions.
- The following known assets are now considered frozen until they can be placed with the appropriate man or woman:
 - Credit Union account. Current signatories are Bruce Tamulis as treasurer, as well as Paul Peterson, Dee Overly, Amy Hunt (for SIA payouts only), and I believe Scott Hutchison if I am not mistaken. Could you please confirm, Bruce? Bruce, what is the current balance in that account?
 - Debit cards for the credit union account. Current card holders to my knowledge are Bruce Tamulis, Paul Peterson and Dee Overly. Bruce, please confirm.
 - Next week I will expect to see a detailed Treasury report, as we have not seen such a report in five months.
 - Paypal account. To my knowledge, Bruce Tamulis is the only one with access to this, but I am not certain. Bruce can you confirm?
 - Copy machine/printer. Currently held by Paul Peterson and Brenda Cafolla.

- **Recording Secretary Stamps and Seals.** One set each are currently being held by Scott Hutchison, Brenda Cafolla, Dee Overly, Rene McGuigan and Troy Brown. Four sets are being held by me, Amy Hunt.
- **Electronic copy of the Recording Secretary Manual.** PDF versions are held by each RS. Editable copy is held by me, Amy Hunt, and is backed up on Nextcloud.
- **Nextcloud access,** used as a backup to status records of all Michiganians. Scott Hutchison has Privileges in order to give other Recording Secretaries access to the counties they are responsible for. Each Recording Secretary has access to the records for their counties of responsibility. I, Amy Hunt, was given access to all counties in order to help Scott Hutchison back up necessary documents.
- **Other Electronic copies of the status documents of Michiganians.** One copy is held by Recording Secretaries for their counties of responsibility. An additional copy is held for all status documents by Scott Hutchison.
- **Zoom account** passwords and access. There are three accounts in possession of Paul Peterson, Dee Overly and Aaron Stoddart-Cordova.
- **General Assembly meeting and/or Orientation & Training recordings.** These should be in each respective Zoom account above. A copy of each recording was suppose to be passed on to Richard Saroni as well for archiving. Richard do you know if this has been done consistently? Richard - "Not consistently."
- **Welcome Kits** – There are 38 completed kits awaiting mailing to new ASNs as they come on the land and soil. They are currently held by me, Amy Hunt.
- **Finalized electronic or physical Notices** that were sent out in behalf of the assembly to any defacto office or officer. I don't know who is in possession of those at the moment. Is there anyone here who currently has possession? Richard - "I have them here."
- **Electronic or physical contact cards, Getting-To-Know-You Questionnaires, Vetting Interview notes and recordings.** These are currently held by Paul Peterson.
- **TheMichiganAssembly.org Website.** Dee Overly is the originator of the website, but I don't know about the domain name itself. The people with usernames and passwords for editing the website are Dee Overly, Paul Peterson and Amy Hunt. Dee, is there anyone I am missing?
- **Any other hard drives and/or cloud storage devices or services.** Dee Overly has recently obtained an Ice Drive account, but I don't know if anything meaningful has been placed there.
- **Any foundational documents necessary for creation of The Michigan Assembly,** if they exist. These would be held by Paul Peterson.
- **Any original electronic or hardcopy logos, stamp or seal designs, copyrights or any other thing related to the printed or electronic branding of The Michigan Assembly.** Whatever

there is is likely held by Paul Peterson. I believe Bruce Tamulis holds stamp and seal designs.

- **Telegram channels**

- TheMichiganAssembly.org (official) which includes 190 members. Paul Peterson is listed as Owner. Dee Overly, Amy Hunt, Aaron Stoddart-Cordova, Troy Brown are listed as Admins.
- There are several other channels used as a convenience for communication, but they are unimportant.

- **MatterMost channels.**

These are unimportant because MaterMost is going away.

- **Email addresses.** Those with mail.americanstatenationals.us email addresses are: Aaron Stoddart-Cordova. Amy Hunt (two addresses), Brenda Cafolla, Bruce Tamulis, Dee Overly, Paul Peterson, Rene McGuigan, Scott Hutchison, and Troy Brown. These are likely actually Federation assets, but important to list them here nonetheless.
- Again, **all assets** are considered frozen for the current moment. Everyone who has access to these assets, please remain in honor. No bank, debit card or Paypal transactions. No moving around of assets. No use of communication assets to sow division. We will talk more about any changes that need to be made in the coming days. When I speak to each one I mentioned earlier on a one-on-one basis, we will discuss the assets in their possession.

- **A look into the near future** for things that must be implemented quickly.

- I will make mistakes.
- Need MAA. We have two men attending training. For tonight, Kenneth Fisher has volunteered to take on that role, but he is not our assembly-elected **Marshal-at-Arms**. Is there anyone here tonight who would like to volunteer as an additional candidate?
 - Please use the raise hand function now.
 - I will get with each of you individually and rotate that position so that each of you can experience the position and so that each of you can be vetted to determine eligibility. Once that is complete, at an upcoming GA meeting we will have official nominations and a question/answer period for each candidate. The following week we will hold an election for our Marshal-at-Arms, unless we discover a longer waiting period or election announcement period is needed.
- We need an **Ombudsman**. I know of one man who I believe was selected by the outgoing coordinator, but it was never announced officially to the General Assembly. Is that man willing to identify himself at this time?
 - Still want to be considered?
 - Is there anyone else who would like to be considered?
 - This is an appointed position. I will meet with each of you individually.

- We need an **Oversight Committee**. The Ombudsman is part of that committee, but not its chair, and the Ombudsman function is not the only function of oversight. The Oversight Committee is only activated when a complaint is received about how a committee or other General Assembly function is being performed. They will then report to the GA and work with the committees to ensure they are being operated with integrity and honor.
 - Is there anyone here who would like to be part of the Oversight Committee?
- Need to decide as a body about any type of agreement.
- Need to decide if we want established rules of order beyond the decorum stated earlier by the acting MAA.
- **Time-out process**. Only for within meetings. I don't know that we can give time outs for bad behavior outside of meetings, but it is something we need to discuss and decide as a body.
- As people come into the Assembly, we do need a way of keeping track of any potential conflicts of interest that may prevent someone from voting on particular issues. An example would be that a licensed real estate agent should not vote on issues concerning land.
- We need to figure out which positions are considered private and which are public. What I mean by that is, when we elect a MAA, does that need to be published in a newspaper, or is that considered internal?
- We have **several State Citizens** that were elected to be part of the International Business Assembly. I don't know if that was a legitimate election, because those would definitely be public-facing offices, meaning those definitely would need to be published in a newspaper and they never were. But the General Public needs to be able to contact them.
- If anyone here has any other ideas that I have not covered tonight, please contact me via email or Telegram.

- **An open forum for comments.**

- The last item on the agenda tonight is our open forum. If you would like to make a comment, please use the raise hand function at this time. Our **Marshal-at-Arms** will be moderating this part of the meeting. Everyone will have their opportunity to speak so please be patient.
- I will reiterate what was said in the email invitation:
 - **NOTE:** Every man or woman who wishes to speak will be recognized for three minutes. If you are muted for going over the time limit, know that this is not personal. We need to provide enough time for everyone to speak. This open forum is your opportunity to express concerns directly to me about what is happening, or your excitement about the future. This is NOT the time to

disparage the former coordinator group. Anyone doing this will be immediately muted.

- With that I turn the meeting over to Kenny to call on people in order.

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about coordinators

@ 1:30:00 - 1:58:00

Anna - The Federation does not choose coordinators.

Coordinators are ASN's who come forward to help their state assemble. They work as go between's of their state assembly and the Federation, with the Federation giving them the direction, guidance and blueprint for them to be able to build their state assembly, and do a credible, secure and safe job of it.

Now, we are in an environment that if we don't do this correctly we could be considered and insurrectionist movement or organization, and our people could be attacked and arrested.

We also can't allow a coordinator to use their ideas of what should happen instead of using the ideas of what is our traditional customary law and organization. We can't have coordinator's who go off on their own track and spin their own theories... and that they're going to get in the middle as the middleman, and distort the message that the program blueprint that the Federation is transmitting to each and every state assemblies as guidance to them to construct their assembly.

We've had a coordinator who has gone off the track and made all sorts of theories by creating a separate coordinator jurisdiction that doesn't exist, and assuming dictatorial powers that doesn't exist.

The assemblies are Public bodies... they're not private clubs.

We do not have the right to obstruct the participation of anyone in a public institution, especially a public institution that belongs to them, quite literally.

I fought with different individuals in different groups that have thought that their little group could take over the assembly, and rule on who got to be a member or not, or who could participate, and who couldn't.

And we had problems with vetting committees being used in this inappropriate politicized manner... and oversight committees being used to blackball people they didn't like.

We can't do that. That's not the American way.

When it says all men are created equal, it does not presume an existence of an authoritarian based hierarchy. That's the foreign system that we lived in.

Some people cannot make that transition from an authoritarian orientated structure to a community based cooperative structure. They not only accept the role of being dictator, they actually enjoy the role.

We don't want those kinds of people volunteering as coordinators. From time to time, it's necessary to remove coordinators.

We all share the same sovereignty. If I were to go to the Alaskan assembly, I would have no more sovereignty than any other member of the Alaskan assembly. I would not be able to push and shove and impose my opinion on them, anymore than they could push and shove and impose my opinion on me.

If you are a band of brothers and sisters, working together, then we just out and out don't have those authorities invoked.

When we use time outs as disciplinary measures for members of assemblies, the assembly needs to be aggressive in applying those time out procedures.

If someone shows up drunk and disorderly, and interrupting the proceedings, they a time out for, maybe, 3 days or a week ... and they get an explanation... you know, "*What did you do to cause us to 86 you out of the meeting?*" ...then here it is, and explanation of what you did.

They're given an opportunity to consider their bad behavior, and change it.

If they disrupt again, they may get kicked out for a month or three, and told why they were removed so they can correct, and not do that again.

This one offending coordinator who kicked someone out said they could never be a member of the assembly in that state.

It's a Public body. Nobody has the right to tell anybody that they cannot be a member in that assembly in that state. That is truly outrageous and abusive, and it goes back to the idea that the assembly is a private club when it's not.

We are building a Public government, not a private club.

Nobody's allowed to blackball anybody on the basis of anything, but that person actually causing disruption in the drunk and disorderly sense. That is it. You cannot take people out of the discussions simply because you don't like what they're saying... you can't just get rid of an American because you disagree with them.

We have a higher calling. You can't force contracts on people, saying "Sign it, or else." You can't do that.

We work by agreements.

These very simple concepts... I want to remind everyone... these are Public Institutions... these are your state governments, and you have every right to participate in them.

If you're wrong headed, you're wrong headed.

If you're causing trouble, then you may be disciplined, but not in a political sense, just because others don't like you. They're going to have to live in the world that we say... " I may not agree with what you have to say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it."

We must give each other that respect, even when people are completely out of line and off base, and wrongheaded and indoctrinated, and deluded and taking things in a different direction, it's up to everybody to be educated enough to make their own opinions.

We have to act in honor, and bear the brunt of public discussion and public debate, and if we can't, then that's our problem.

The coordinator job has to be done for the rights of the people.

If we don't do it right, we can be accused of things that would not be advantages to anyone, including those who are offending parties.

Teri - With a time out, it's up to the assembly to make that determination.

Anna - Right, but they cannot be **arbitrary** [= Determined by chance, whim, or impulse, and not by necessity, **reason**, or **principle**]. There has to be cause, and there has to be opportunity for the person to change their behavior.

You may remember that we had a coordinator in Hawaii who got drunk as a skunk, appearing in public meeting, and calling everyone names, etc. and we had to remove him. He had done this repeatedly after being warned many times.

We have the right to proceed in a friendly and cooperative manner without a lot of drama, intrusions and disruptions.

We do not have the right to quash public debate or censor people who are being reasonable and polite.

What we have seen is that some coordinators have used and abused their positions as coordinators to quash debates, to censor people who are being perfectly reasonable and responsible... and that's not why we have time outs or vetting or why we have oversight committees.

I will disavow any other intention what so ever, and explain it as succinctly as I'm explaining it tonight.

These are public institutions, they belong to the people who have rights, equal to every other member of the government... and we do not have possessorial authority such as you can sit there and lordly pretend you're dictator for life because you are a sovereign entity, as we all are.

I observe people wanting an authority figure because that's what they're used to... and the bait it taken by the coordinator to become that authority figure, whether they want to or not, because it's just too difficult to act in a different way.

To cope as a community of equals is an entirely different proposition. You have to think about it consciously. We're all equal here.

We all have our natural and unalienable rights, and we all have all the other rights and privileges that we're heir to.

Each one of us is worthy, until such times that we prove by our own actions that we are creating a disruption.

What could be a disruption ? Drunk and disorderly behavior, or clandestine secret meetings that impinge upon the business of the assembly without being condoned by the assembly.

It really isn't that difficult. If you have a topic you want to discuss, form a committee... go before the assembly and present your idea of, say, setting up a state bank.

You can consider other topics (it's endless), as long as you don't let them interrupt the assembling process

and getting it stood up. You can't be spending your assembly business time on all these other topics... you have to keep focus on building the assembly... then, you can decide all the other stuff.

End

@ 1:30:00 - 1:58:00



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