

# The Michigan Assembly General Assembly Meeting Minutes



Date: October 1, 2024

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## Open Michigan Public Forum

6:00pm – 7:00pm

## Education/Outreach presentation

Presenter: Amy H

Topic: Language and its many layers

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## General Assembly Meeting

7:00pm – 9:00pm

### Welcome

Opening Prayer (Amy H)

Bivens Decision (Kenny F)

Meeting Protocol (Kenny F)

### Acceptance & Introduction of New Members

No new members this week

### Reports (Assembly members have access to Committee meeting minutes via the Telegram Supergroup)

Treasury, by Mark S

- Balance in account: \$2093.66
- Summary: Banking Committee meeting Monday went over a couple proposals that will be covered later in this meeting. Also discussed how to help people get donations to the Michigan Assembly. More to come on that.

Recording Secretary, by Rene M

- # new ASN's since last meeting: **Two**
- Total ASNs and ASCs on Michigan: 186 ASNs plus 3 ASCs = **189**
  - The three ASCs were former ASNs
- Other RS activity: No meeting yesterday. Meetings moved to 2pm on Fridays; same Zoom link.

Sign-In America, by Amy H

- Summary: No updates but Amy H is looking for an assistant. Answering questions that come to the SIA email account. GFG questions are included. Elsa CP and Richard S volunteered.

Outreach/Freedom Guides, by Kimberly W

- Summary: Report placed in chat and shared on Telegram. **WE NEED FREEDOM GUIDES!!!** Lots of people coming on to the land and soil who need assistance. Meeting time changed to 2pm Thursdays. Please review the report for details on more outreach details, including Anna and Lisa on Ohio's new podcast on Tuesdays at 2:30pm "America! Some Assembly Required" from The Ohio Assembly. (Recording 00:11:05 for details)

Ombudsman, by Debra GW

- Summary: No meeting last week so no report. Meetings every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 4pm for the International Ombudsman Think Tank. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays (starting Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>) will include reviewing the Maine "Reconciliation" document to potentially make it fit for Michigan.

Vetting, by Rick W

- Summary: Still vetting MAA. No training videos yet. Once we have an Ombudsman, need to agree on "Appeals" section guidelines. Committee meetings are still closed for confidentiality.

#### Information Technology & Communications, by Jan B

- Summary: Amy H finished writing “most targeted assembly”; uploaded to website. Ohio Assembly has LRO software/platform for \$5000; need funds if the GA wants to purchase this. More details can be found in the IT Committee meeting minutes. (Recording 00:20:00 for details)

#### Litigation, by Troy B

- Summary: Working on notices and training videos to help people learn how to do notices and file them properly.

#### The Working Group, by Rick W

- Summary: Proposal for GA meeting date changes will be discussed later in this meeting. Discussing potential barriers that may be keeping men and women from coming into the GA. Shared State Roles roster for status-corrected men and women to determine where they can step up to help build the Michigan Assembly. (Recording 00:23:40 for details)

#### PKTF Liaison, by Kimberly W

- Summary: Detailed report placed in chat and also on Telegram. Topics included current PKTF emergency response to Hurricane Helene; PKTF Liaison training sessions (next meeting Oct 12th); Journalism opportunities; World-Wide Ombudsman Network Think Tank; Peacebridge Network with radios. (Recording 00:28:00 for details)

#### Coordinator Updates (recording 00:37:20)

- **Hurricane Helene** – There were 11 NC Assembly members unaccounted for early on; 7 remained unaccounted for at meeting time. It has been communicated since the GA meeting that all NC Assembly members are safe. Thank you for your prayers!
- **Closing GA meetings** – Going forward, we will not require a MOVE at the end to close the meeting. Decorum guidelines indicate we follow the agenda which says CLOSE.
- **Meeting Changes:**
  - Recording Secretaries – Friday at 2pm
  - Outreach/Freedom Guides – Thursday at 2pm
  - Ombudsman within Michigan – 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and possibly 5<sup>th</sup> Thursdays at 4pm
  - World-Wide Ombudsman Network Think Tank - 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays 4:00pm\*\* These and others are posted on the website per link provided by Jan B in email \*\*
- **Article 5036 from Anna** on September 27<sup>th</sup>. (Recording 00:40:50)
  - “Federation Presidential Elections” – Amy H reviewed the article
  - Discussion followed for about 15 minutes
  - Will re-address next week
- **“Six Thinking Hats” Exercise** (Recording 01:01:40) – worked through an idea using the six colored hats to help keep parallel thinking in line. Further discussion of topic will continue at 2pm Thursday Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> during the Outreach/Freedom Guide committee meeting.

#### In Process Items – None this week

#### New Items

- **State Assembly Ombudsman:**
  - Nominations: (Recording 01:19:40)
    - Richard S nominated DebraAnn GW, seconded by Jan B. DebraAnn GW accepted nomination.
    - Nigel Turtle nominated Jan B, seconded by Linda J. Jan B initially accepted but withdrew; busy with IT
    - Dolores RT nominated Elsa CP, seconded by Rene M. Elsa CP respectfully declined.
    - **NEXT WEEK:** Candidate Q/A for DebraAnn GW

- **Banking Committee Proposal:** (Recording 01:29:17)
  - Committee budgets and spending limit approval. Mark S read through proposal tonight.
  - Initial proposal attached WITHOUT the recommended changes Mark talked about during his presentation.
  - **MOVE** to send the proposal back to the Banking Committee for rework made by Nicholas K, seconded by Linda J. Discussion followed. **Mark S withdrew the proposal** so no vote taken from the GA.
  - Anyone with constructive comments regarding the proposal, please either email them to Mark Steinke and/or attend the Banking Committee meeting on Monday Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.
- **Anonymous request for donation to PKTF from The Michigan Assembly** (Mark S) (Recording 01:41:00)
  - Please see the attached proposal for details; to be voted on next week
  - *"The Banking Committee is requesting the GA to approve the additional donation of \$200 to the PKTF, to be voted on at the next business meeting."*
- **Proposal to change GA meeting times from The Working Group** (Rick W) (Recording 01:50:20)
  - *"The working group proposes to the GA moving TMA GA business meetings to the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays 7pm. And on 2nd and 4th Tuesday's used for Special Purpose meetings base on current need or study. GA meetings can always be called in the event of need"*
  - Discussion followed. Please listen to the recording so you are prepared to vote next week.
  - Any questions? Please reach out to Rick W or Kimberly W.

**Close** Who's in charge?  
WE ARE!!!  
Go out and live like it!

Minutes prepared by:  
Linda Steinke  
10/3/24

#### Attachments

- Treasury Report
- Banking Committee Proposals (TWO)
- Zoom attendance
- Zoom Chat, including Vote Record

#### Meeting Recording Link

- <https://rumble.com/v5h6j8l--0023-the-michigan-assembly-general-assembly-meeting-october-1-2024.html>

# Treasury Report through Cash App

## \$TheMichiganAssembly

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
09/26/2024	Donations to Anna from Michigan		-\$40.00	
10/01/2024	Balance Reported at GA	\$0.00	-\$40.00	\$2,093.66

09/23/2024      **Balance at Fifth Third Bank**      **\$300.00**

**Designations approved by the General Assembly:**

Donations to Anna from Michigan      \$0.00

**Total Designated Funds**      **\$0.00**

**Remaining after Designated Funds:**

**\$2,393.66**



September 2024  
Account Statement

Cash App  
1955 Broadway, Suite 600  
Oakland, CA 94612

The Michigan Assembly  
2017 Eastern Ave Se Unit 7081  
Grand Rapids, MI 49507

Balance on Sep 1

\$2,079.45

+

Change this month

\$14.21

=

Balance on Sep 30

\$2,093.66

Money In + \$60.00

Money Out - \$45.79

Fees \$0.00



Transactions

Date	Description	Details	Fee	Amount
Sep 14	Tello Us	Cash App Card	\$0.00	\$5.79
Sep 17	From Amy Hunt Db	Cash App payment	\$0.00	+ \$60.00
Sep 26	To Anna Reitz	Cash App payment	\$0.00	\$40.00

Designated committees will have approved budgets. An authorized representative of a committee will request funds from the Treasury/Banking Committee. The Treasury/Banking Committee will release funds up to but not to exceed the designated committee's approved budget. For this process to work, the Treasury/Banking Committee needs an approved spending limit. The Treasury/Banking Committee is requesting the General Assembly to approve \$1000 spending limit.

Proposed flow:

- 1) Committees submit budget to Banking Committee
- 2) Banking Committee reviews requests and submits an overall budget to the GA
  - a) Funds will be allocated to committees in order of their importance to the overall GA
  - b) Monies will be approved as funds are available
  - c) A quarter of annual budgets allocated at this time due to the limited funds available.

## **Anonymous Request for Donation to PKTF from The Michigan Assembly**

October 1, 2024

An anonymous donor would like to give \$500 to the Michigan Assembly for the purpose of donating it to the Peacekeeping Task Force (PKTF). The Banking Committee will facilitate this transfer.

The Banking Committee proposes that the GA, in addition to the \$500, donate \$200 to the PKTF.

If the proposal passes, the Banking Committee would like to challenge the GA members to reach a goal of another \$300 to achieve a matching donation of the anonymous donor.

### Summary:

- The Banking Committee is requesting the GA to approve the additional donation of \$200 to the PKTF, to be voted on at the next business meeting.



## The Michigan Assembly - General Assembly Meeting.

Date: 10/01/2024 05:54:52 PM - 10/01/2024 09:14:55 PM

Name (original name)	Duration
*Richard Saroni - Kalamazoo, Michigan	201
Mariana	66
*Jan Buzard	200
*Amy Hunt, Kent County, Michigan (Coordinator for The Michigan Assembly)	197
*troy brown Wayne/Michigan	192
*Johnny Perry© Alamance North Carolina (Johnny Perry)	26
iPhonehjeffbarth	158
Michelle Gerard	195
*Debra-Ann GarciaWagner	194
*Dolores on Michigan/Spain	191
*Leonard Lee©Wayne County Michigan	22
* Brent Alan Barth / Lenawee County (Brent Barth)	183
*Aaron Stoddart-Cordova	157
Shell'ey Gilbert- Muskegon County	45
*Elsa Carpenter-Peck (Elsa Carpenter-Peck)	174
Johnny D Perry© on North Carolina (Johnny D Perry© on North Carolina)	67
*Vatisa Rivers/Wayne (Vatisa Rivers)	151
*Rick Worden - Midland County	139
*Amy Pethers Mecosta, Michigan	138
*Kenny Fisher/MAA/Allegan (*Kenny (Kenneth) Fisher/MAA/Allegan)	138
*Mark & *Linda Steinke - Alger County/Michigan (*Mark Steinke - Alger County/Michigan)	136
*Charlie Raffoul	130
*Nicholas Kiciak/Macomb	133
*Linda Marie Johnson c/Macomb County Michigan	132
*Kimberly Watling - Ottawa Michigan ASN	132
*Rene McGuigan© /Oakland County	108
Dana Nixon	102
Zoom user	23

18:13:34 From Michelle Gerard to Everyone:

lol thank you Johnny

18:15:57 From Shell'ey Gilbert- Muskegon County to Everyone:

Good evening everyone!

18:17:14 From \*Johnny Perry@ Alamance North Carolina to Everyone:

100% correct

18:17:46 From \*Johnny Perry@ Alamance North Carolina to Everyone:

Replying to "lol thank you Johnny"

No thank you!!!!

18:18:34 From Elsa Carpenter-Peck to Everyone:

Presentation pls

18:18:43 From \*Johnny Perry@ Alamance North Carolina to Everyone:

We will prevail!!!!

18:27:03 From Johnny D Perry@ on North Carolina to Everyone:

Sorry,our internet keeps going in and out, same with phone service.

18:59:56 From Elsa Carpenter-Peck to Everyone:

Hello neighbor Rick!

19:00:14 From \*Rick Worden - Midland County to Everyone:

Reacted to "Hello neighbor Rick!" with 😊

19:00:58 From Michelle Gerard to Everyone:

Did I hear it right that this will be posted on the website? I only ask because I missed the last five minutes. I have a very ill cat and was helping with him.

19:02:31 From Elsa Carpenter-Peck to Everyone:

Yes video shown will be on website

19:04:11 From Michelle Gerard to Everyone:

Awesome thank you

19:04:50 From Johnny D Perry@ on North Carolina to Everyone:

Thank you Amy

19:07:19 From \*Kenny Fisher/MAA/Allegan to Everyone:

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.

- 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

19:07:47 From \*Kenny Fisher/MAA/Allegan to Everyone:

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.

19:07:52 From \*Rene McGuigan@ /Oakland County to Everyone:

I can not speak tonight there are 186 ASN and 3 ASC no RS meeting on Monday moved to Friday and I'm not sure why we have one less ASN this week from last weeks number

19:13:01 From \*Elsa Carpenter-Peck to Everyone:

I will

19:13:16 From \*Mark & \*Linda Steinke - Alger County/Michigan to Everyone:  
Replying to "I can not speak toni..."

Last week 184 ASNs and 3 ASCs were reported which equals 187. So we gained TWO!

19:13:53 From \*Rene McGuigan@ /Oakland County to Everyone:

Replying to "I can not speak toni..."

@\*Mark Steinke - Alger County/Michigan great that I was confused LOL  
Thank you

19:17:25 From \*Mark & \*Linda Steinke - Alger County/Michigan to Everyone:

Reacted to "@\*Mark Steinke - Alg..." with ❤️

19:17:46 From \*Mark & \*Linda Steinke - Alger County/Michigan to Everyone:  
Replying to "I can not speak toni..."

It was Linda replying but you are very welcome!!! ☺

19:24:14 From \*Nicholas Kiciak/Macomb to Everyone:  
Email Client

19:25:48 From \*Richard Saroni - Kalamazoo, Michigan to Everyone:  
Jan, you're a doll !

19:46:22 From \*Nicholas Kiciak/Macomb to Everyone:  
No - Cults of Personality

19:51:40 From \*Nicholas Kiciak/Macomb to Everyone:  
ASN

19:52:00 From \*Rene McGuigan@ /Oakland County to Everyone:  
Reacted to "It was Linda replyin..." with ❤️

19:58:06 From \*Nicholas Kiciak/Macomb to Everyone:  
The Federation of States is a unincorporated Holding Company.

20:04:48 From \*Kimberly Watling - Ottawa Michigan ASN to Everyone:  
Outreach can 6 hats on this election of president ! I see your Red hat! I Blue hat suggest we White hat and other hats!!!))

20:06:11 From \*Rene McGuigan@ /Oakland County to \*Amy Hunt, Kent County, Michigan (Coordinator for The Michigan Assembly)(direct message):  
I had no business having an opinion on the President topic I didn't even hear the whole thing but, I stand by my one vote for "BOB"

20:06:31 From \*Rene McGuigan@ /Oakland County to Everyone:  
Reacted to "Screen Shot 2024-10-01 at 10.35.32 AM.png" with 👍

20:16:29 From Michelle Gerard to Everyone:  
One could read body language

20:18:01 From \*Mark & \*Linda Steinke - Alger County/Michigan to Everyone:  
Reacted to "One could read body ..." with 👍

20:21:31 From Michelle Gerard to Everyone:  
I have some room in my two car garage to have a meeting here. I have amazing plans to build my pole barn and we could use that. Maybe even have a barn raising lol

20:22:05 From \*Kimberly Watling - Ottawa Michigan ASN to Everyone:  
Reacted to "I have some room in ..." with 😊

20:22:31 From \*Kimberly Watling - Ottawa Michigan ASN to Everyone:  
Replying to "I have some room in ..."

Hi Michelle! can you come to the meeting thursday? ))

20:23:00 From Michelle Gerard to Everyone:  
Replying to "I have some room in ..."  
Where might it be and what time?

20:25:05 From Michelle Gerard to Everyone:  
Replying to "I have some room in ..."  
I due apologize I'm new here and still learning.

20:27:58 From \*Kimberly Watling - Ottawa Michigan ASN to Everyone:  
Replying to "I have some room in ..."

I am sorry, guests are not supposed to use chat during business meetings. Welcome. However, I must rescind my offer. Can we help you with doing your paperwork to declare your status? If yes, please contact us through the website link and we will be happy to help. Have a good evening. and my apology for confusing you as a \*GA member.

20:29:43 From \*Nicholas Kiciak/Macomb to Everyone:

We will also have access to third party Ombuds services.

20:30:36 From Michelle Gerard to Everyone:

Replying to "I have some room in ..."

I have my paperwork completed however I was having issues with the LRO website and it's now fixed. I'm in the process of working with Troy I believe or Bob. Also my apologies for using the chat during the meeting I've never been in one before. I was sent an invite.

20:31:42 From \*Mark & \*Linda Steinke - Alger County/Michigan to Everyone:

Reacted to "We will also have ac..." with 👍

20:32:02 From \*Kimberly Watling - Ottawa Michigan ASN to Everyone:

Replying to "I have some room in ..."

teehee )) we've all been there! Awesome! Bob's the best! we'll see you super soon then! yay! more soon)) welcome. and you're good.

20:32:42 From Michelle Gerard to Everyone:

Reacted to "teehee )) we've all ..." with ❤️

20:49:19 From \*Nicholas Kiciak/Macomb to Everyone:

Reacted to "TMA Cash app QR code.png" with 👍

20:56:31 From \*Linda Marie Johnson c/Macomb County Michigan to Everyone:

linda - da?? we have a lot in common - da!

20:56:40 From \*Mark & \*Linda Steinke - Alger County/Michigan to Everyone:

Reacted to "linda - da?? we have..." with ❤️

20:57:04 From \*Linda Marie Johnson c/Macomb County Michigan to Everyone:

how about a ta-da! just love it!

20:57:15 From \*Linda Marie Johnson c/Macomb County Michigan to Everyone:

party time!

21:04:07 From \*Nicholas Kiciak/Macomb to Everyone:

Quest of the Roundtables.

21:09:05 From \*Charlie Raffoul to Everyone:

I have to leave, thank you

21:09:14 From \*Kimberly Watling - Ottawa Michigan ASN to Everyone:

Reacted to "I have to leave, tha..." with ❤️

21:09:24 From \*Mark & \*Linda Steinke - Alger County/Michigan to Everyone:

Replying to "I have to leave, tha..."

Good night Charlie!

21:09:36 From \*Kimberly Watling - Ottawa Michigan ASN to Everyone:

Reacted to "Good night Charlie!" with 🙏

21:11:16 From \*Nicholas Kiciak/Macomb to Everyone:

Linda Steinke, I have a couple of solutions for your concerns.

21:12:17 From \*Mark & \*Linda Steinke - Alger County/Michigan to Everyone:

Reacted to "Linda Steinke, I hav..." with 👍

21:14:08 From \*Kimberly Watling - Ottawa Michigan ASN to Everyone:

Good Evening Michigan. Blessings and Love 💕

21:14:30 From \*Linda Marie Johnson c/Macomb County Michigan to Everyone:

be-more everyone too!