

The Michigan Assembly

General Assembly Meeting

Minutes



Date: October 8, 2024

Open Michigan Public Forum

6:00pm – 7:00pm

Education/Outreach presentation

Presenter: Amy H

Topic: Open Q/A

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

Affirmations for Accepted Roles

Elsa CP has volunteered as a Freedom Guide; affirmation next week

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

Treasury, by Mark S

- Balance in accounts: **\$2918.66**
 - Please note balance reported this week is from BOTH the CashApp and Fifth Third accounts. Apologies from the minute taker for not reporting accurately in last couple meeting minutes. Treasury reports are accurate.
 - **Donations:**
 - Cash App - \$TheMichiganAssembly
 - Website – www.mymichiganassembly.land under “Donations”
 - Mail donations to: In Care of: PO Box 7081, Grand Rapids, Michigan [49510]
 - Check or money order made out to “Michigan Assembly Unincorporated”
 - Fifth Third bank – go to any branch and ask for the account “Michigan Assembly Unincorporated” with account number ending in 2365
- **Summary:** Banking Committee worked on revisions for the proposal that will be presented to the GA next week. Budget forms will be sent to committee chairs with instructions as soon as the instructions are finalized. Instructions have to do with fiscal year budget and current committee needs. Meetings are Mondays at 7pm; everyone is welcome. Thank you to those who attended this week and offered valuable input. (Recording 00:05:10)

Recording Secretary, by Rene M

- # new ASN's since last meeting: **0**
- Total ASNs and ASCs on Michigan: 186 ASNs plus 3 ASCs = **189**
 - The three ASCs were former ASNs
- Other RS activity: Rene M absent so no report; minutes are on Telegram; email Amy H to request a copy. Meetings moved to 2pm on Fridays; same Zoom link.

Sign-In America, by Amy H

- **Summary:** Per Anna, payout amounts were given to the defacto; no other updates. Elsa CP is assisting with emails. Amy H clarified the difference between SIA and GFG, including explanation of vendor cards (SIA) which have been abandoned and replaced with GFG prosperity cards. SIA is

recommended for all ASNs for educational value; not required to become an ASN or join the GA.
(Recording 00:08:38)

Outreach/Freedom Guides, by Kimberly W

- Summary: No written report this week. International Outreach Think Tank is Wednesday Oct. 9th at 7:30pm; emergency communication efforts from PKTF scheduled during that time period. Elsa CP has volunteered to be a FG. Improvements to the paperwork flow and different roles/needs are evolving; come to the meetings on Thursdays at 2pm to help out! (Recording 00:12:00)

Ombudsman, by Debra GW

- Summary: International Ombudsman Think Tank met last week. PKTF sharing educational information about the role. Meetings every 1st and 3rd Thursday at 4pm for the International Ombudsman Think Tank. TMA Ombudsman Committee meets 2nd and 4th Thursdays; reviewing the Maine documents and what works best for Michigan. (Recording 00:14:35)

Vetting, by Rick W

- Summary: Still vetting MAA. Received training videos from 12/21/2021 which were obtained during the CM bridge call. Committee meetings are still closed for confidentiality. (Recording 00:16:15)

Information Technology & Communications, by Jan B

- Summary: Working on budget; ~\$1300/yr currently. "Back office" another suggestion for a subdomain on the website. Document generator highest priority with 1779 and 928 documents complete with instructions. More details can be found in the IT Committee meeting minutes. (Recording 00:17:00)

Litigation, by Troy B

- Summary: Troy B absent; no report.

The Working Group, by Rick W

- Summary: Rick W offered his opinion about the purpose of the Working Group and what he's trying to do as the committee chair. Purpose of the roles document is to encourage members to sign up for a role, learn about it and possibly lead that effort when those committees are eventually organized. Last week's discussion centered around getting New Member Orientation educational materials established quickly so we can handle an influx of new assembly members. Proposal for GA meeting date changes will be voted on later in this meeting. (Recording 00:20:20)

PKTF Liaison, by Kimberly W

- Summary: Lots going on this week with the hurricanes and PKTF response. An emergency contact page on active state assembly websites has been requested by Chief Joe Hayse. Jan B is working on adding that to the TMA website (as of the typing of these minutes, it is now on the website). Formatting and content will be shared with other assemblies so there is consistent information gathered. Anyone with loved ones affected by the hurricanes please contact Kimberly W privately by email for possible assistance. (Recording 00:23:00)

Coordinator Updates (recording 00:26:45)

- **Anna is writing a lot of articles** – Lots of International Notices. Amy H encourages ASNs to stay current with these articles; lots of activity on the Federation level.
- **State Assembly Committee Chairs** – Working our way through the election of the Ombudsman Committee Chair, with Candidate Q/A this evening. Next is the Oversight Committee Chair. Amy has received a guidebook from the California Assembly for Michigan to use as a starting point for structure; emailing that out to GA members. Nominations for the Oversight Committee Chair will be accepted next Tuesday, Oct. 15th. A date for Candidate Q/A will be determined after the GA votes on the meeting schedule proposal tonight.
- **Investigation** – A man in the GA has asked MAA Kenneth Fisher to investigate the Working Group, accusing that group of taking unilateral action prompting GA members to fill roles in other assembly pillars. MAA Kenneth Fisher reported there was no evidence to back up that opinion. No positions were filled in other pillars during the Coordinator's absence. The opinion was without merit; the investigation is closed. MAA Kenneth Fisher provided the Assembly Guide for Disruptive Behavior from the California MAA and Continental Marshals. Recommends reading it and using the form and process to report to the Marshal's office.

In Process Items

- **State Assembly Ombudsman Pro Tem:**
 - Candidate Q/A for DebraAnn GW: (Recording 00:30:45)
 - Excellent questions and good discussion – thank you everyone!
 - Voting next week – October 15th
- **Request for donation to PKTF from The Michigan Assembly** (Amy H and Mark S) (Recording 01:07:20)
 - *“Shall we approve an additional donation to the PKTF for \$200? Yes or No”* – placed in the chat
 - **RESULTS: YES = 17; NO = 1 PASSED**
 - Mark S challenged the GA to collect an additional \$300 to match the \$500 donation. Options for donating are above under the Treasury Report. Designate donations for the PKTF so it's included in the challenge.
- **Proposal to change GA meeting times from The Working Group** (Rick W) (Recording 01:18:55)
 - *“Shall we move The Michigan Assembly General Assembly meetings to the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month, with Special Purpose Meetings based on current need for the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, knowing that GA meetings can always be called in the event of need? Yes or No”* – placed in chat
 - **RESULTS: YES = 17; NO = 0; Abstain = 2 PASSED**
 - **Next business meeting will be Tuesday, October 15th, followed by November 5th**
 - The GA gets to decide how we want to use the meeting times on October 22nd and 29th.
 - Brief discussion on Notices AVR has put out recently followed.

New Items

- **Vote on whether or not we would like to see a Presidential Election as per Article #5036** (Amy H)
 - <https://searchannavonreitz.americanstatenationals.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/Article-5036.-Federation-Presidential-Elections.pdf>
 - (Recording 01:30:20)
 - *“Would we like to see a Federation Presidential Election? Yes or No”* – placed in chat
 - **RESULTS: YES = 14; NO = 3; Abstain = 2 PASSED**
 - Amy H will let The Federation of States know that Michigan is interested if other states are too.

Close Who's in charge?

WE ARE!!!

Go out and live like it!

Minutes prepared by:

Linda Steinke

10/10/24

Attachments

- Treasury Report
- Zoom attendance
- Zoom Chat, including Vote Record

Meeting Recording Link

- <https://rumble.com/v5i1r0q--0024-the-michigan-assembly-general-assembly-meeting-october-8-2024.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
10/07/2024	Michelle Gerard - paperwork on LRO	\$25.00	\$0.00	
10/08/2024	Balance Reported at GA	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$2,118.66

10/08/2024 Balance at Fifth Third Bank \$800.00

Designations approved by the General Assembly:

Donations to Anna from Michigan \$0.00
Total Designated Funds \$0.00

Remaining after Designated Funds: **\$2,918.66**

The Michigan Assembly - General Assembly Meeting.

10/08/2024 05:44:20 PM - 10/08/2024 08:34:25 PM

Name (original name)	Duration
*Richard Saroni - Kalamazoo, Michigan	171
*Elsa Carpenter-Peck (Elsa Carpenter-Peck)	160
*Jan Buzard	158
*Amy Pethers Mecosta, Michigan	134
Brandon Russell	107
*Dolores on Michigan/Spain	151
*Vatisa Wayne	150
*Debra-Ann GarciaWagner/Washtenaw (*Debra-Ann GarciaWagner)	147
Alan Alcid	43
* Brent Alan Barth / Lenawee County (Brent Barth)	132
iPhonehjeffbarth	129
*Kenny Fisher/MAA/Ottawa (*Kenny Fisher/MAA/Michigan)	105
*Mary Klukowski©	105
Charlie Raffoul	102
*Amy Hunt, Kent County, Michigan (Coordinator for The Michigan Assembly)	100
*Rick Worden - Midland County	97
*Mark & *Linda Steinke - Alger County/Michigan (*Mark Steinke - Alger County/Mic	95
*Kimberly Mayer Watling© ASN Ottawa Michigan	95
*Nicholas Kiciak/Macomb	94
*linda marie johnson© - macomb county michigan (linda marie johnson - macomb	90
*Leonard Lee©Wayne County Michigan	63
*troy brown Wayne/Michigan	38

01:18:23 *Kimberly Mayer Watling© ASN Ottawa Michigan: Good evening Michigan. Blessings and love
01:21:20 *Kenny Fisher/MAA/Ottawa: 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

01:21:50 *Kenny Fisher/MAA/Ottawa: 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.

01:31:31 Elsa Carpenter-Peck: Kimberly please post call info for NATIONAL PKTF Call ... thank you!
01:41:06 *Jan Buzard: International Think Tank Meeting tomorrow at 7:30 pm <https://zoom.us/j/95703277638?pwd=7a1463h7LXa7j9WrPLxmPy7qRiW2bc.1>: 957 0327 7638

Meeting ID: 957 0327 7638

Passcode: 029049 Passcode: 029049

01:45:42 *Mark & *Linda Steinke - Alger County/Michigan: Reacted to "International Think ..." with 

01:47:27 *Kimberly Mayer Watling@ ASN Ottawa Michigan: Replying to "International Think ..."

thank you Jan

01:47:30 *Kimberly Mayer Watling@ ASN Ottawa Michigan: Reacted to "International Think ..." with 

01:55:45 *Nicholas Kiciak/Macomb: Point of Order - those above investigative facts weren't answered by the State Marshal-At-Arms.

02:25:10 *Amy Hunt, Kent County, Michigan (Coordinator for The Michigan Assembly): Shall we approve an additional donation of \$200 to the PKTF? Yes or No.

02:25:12 *linda marie johnson@ - macomb county michigan: yes

02:25:13 *Nicholas Kiciak/Macomb: No

02:25:14 *Jan Buzard: yes

02:25:15 *Richard Saroni - Kalamazoo, Michigan: Yes

02:25:15 *Rick Worden - Midland County: Yes

02:25:20 *Mark & *Linda Steinke - Alger County/Michigan: Mark - yes

02:25:21 *Dolores on Michigan/Spain: Yes

02:25:22 *Debra-Ann GarciaWagner/Washtenaw: Yes

02:25:23 * Brent Alan Barth / Lenawee County: Yes

02:25:23 *Mark & *Linda Steinke - Alger County/Michigan: Linda - yes

02:25:24 *Kimberly Mayer Watling@ ASN Ottawa Michigan: yes

02:25:24 *Kenny Fisher/MAA/Ottawa: yes

02:25:27 *Mary Klukowski@: Yes

02:25:27 Charlie Raffoul: Yes

02:25:31 *Amy Hunt, Kent County, Michigan (Coordinator for The Michigan Assembly): Yes

02:25:33 *Amy Pethers Mecosta, Michigan: yes

02:25:43 *troy brown Wayne/Michigan: yes

02:25:48 *Leonard Lee@Wayne County Michigan: Not voting

02:25:57 *Elsa Carpenter-Peck: Yes

02:26:09 *Amy Hunt, Kent County, Michigan (Coordinator for The Michigan Assembly): VOTE END

02:28:59 *Amy Hunt, Kent County, Michigan (Coordinator for The Michigan Assembly): \$TheMichiganAssembly

02:33:08 *Kenny Fisher/MAA/Ottawa: The Fifth Third account is

Michigan Assembly Unincorporated. No The!

02:33:40 *Mark & *Linda Steinke - Alger County/Michigan: Replying to "The Fifth Third acco..."

Thanks for clarifying, Kenny! Linda

02:33:49 *Mark & *Linda Steinke - Alger County/Michigan: Reacted to "The Fifth Third acco..." with 

02:37:54 *Dolores on Michigan/Spain: yes

02:37:55 *Amy Hunt, Kent County, Michigan (Coordinator for The Michigan Assembly): Shall we move The Michigan Assembly General Assembly meetings to the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month, with Special Purpose Meetings based on current need for the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, knowing that GA meetings can always be called in the event of need? Yes or No

02:37:55 *linda marie johnson@ - macomb county michigan: yes

02:37:56 Charlie Raffoul: Yes

02:37:57 *Richard Saroni - Kalamazoo, Michigan: Yes

02:37:58 *Mark & *Linda Steinke - Alger County/Michigan: Mark - yes

02:37:58 *Jan Buzard: yes

02:37:59 *Mary Klukowski@: Yes

02:38:01 *Rick Worden - Midland County: Yes

02:38:02 *Nicholas Kiciak/Macomb: Yes

02:38:02 * Brent Alan Barth / Lenawee County: Yes

02:38:02 *Dolores on Michigan/Spain: yes

02:38:02 *Mark & *Linda Steinke - Alger County/Michigan: Linda - yes

02:38:03 *Debra-Ann GarciaWagner/Washtenaw: Yes

02:38:05 *Kimberly Mayer Watling@ ASN Ottawa Michigan: yes

02:38:06 *Kenny Fisher/MAA/Ottawa: yes

02:38:08 Elsa Carpenter-Peck: Yes

02:38:11 *Amy Pethers Mecosta, Michigan: yes

02:38:15 *Amy Hunt, Kent County, Michigan (Coordinator for The Michigan Assembly): Abstain

02:38:27 *troy brown Wayne/Michigan: yes

02:38:37 *Leonard Lee@Wayne County Michigan: Abstain

02:38:57 *Amy Hunt, Kent County, Michigan (Coordinator for The Michigan Assembly): VOTE END

02:40:34 *Nicholas Kiciak/Macomb: Create a topic form.

02:40:55 *Mark & *Linda Steinke - Alger County/Michigan: Reacted to "Create a topic form." with 

02:40:58 *Kimberly Mayer Watling@ ASN Ottawa Michigan: Reacted to "Create a topic form." with 

02:43:57 *linda marie johnson@ - macomb county michigan: december has 5 weeks! new years eve, go figure, lol

02:48:08 *Amy Hunt, Kent County, Michigan (Coordinator for The Michigan Assembly): Would we like to see a Federation Presidential Election? Yes or No.

02:48:10 *linda marie johnson@ - macomb county michigan: yes

02:48:11 *Richard Saroni - Kalamazoo, Michigan: Yes
02:48:11 *Jan Bazard: yes
02:48:12 *Rick Worden - Midland County: Yes
02:48:13 *Nicholas Kiciak/Macomb: Yes
02:48:13 *troy brown Wayne/Michigan: no
02:48:13 *Kimberly Mayer Watling@ ASN Ottawa Michigan: yes
02:48:13 *Dolores on Michigan/Spain: yes
02:48:14 *Mary Klukowski@: Yes
02:48:15 * Brent Alan Barth / Lenawee County: Yes
02:48:16 *Amy Pethers Mecosta, Michigan: yes
02:48:20 Elsa Carpenter-Peck: No
02:48:20 *Debra-Ann GarciaWagner/Washtenaw: Yes
02:48:21 Charlie Raffoul: Abstain
02:48:22 *Leonard Lee@Wayne County Michigan: No
02:48:22 *Amy Hunt, Kent County, Michigan (Coordinator for The Michigan Assembly): Yes
02:48:22 *Kenny Fisher/MAA/Ottawa: yes
02:48:26 *Mark & *Linda Steinke - Alger County/Michigan: Linda - abstain
02:48:31 *Mark & *Linda Steinke - Alger County/Michigan: Mark - yes
02:49:01 Elsa Carpenter-Peck: Reacted to "Create a topic form." with 
02:49:06 *Amy Hunt, Kent County, Michigan (Coordinator for The Michigan Assembly): VOTE END
02:49:43 *linda marie johnson@ - macomb county michigan: thank you all
02:49:55 *Kimberly Mayer Watling@ ASN Ottawa Michigan: Thank you Michigan! Big love 