

The Michigan Assembly

General Assembly Meeting

Minutes



Date: June 17, 2025

General Assembly Meeting

7:00pm – 8:47pm

Welcome

Opening Prayer (Amy Hunt)
Bivens Decision (Kenny Fisher)
Meeting Protocol (Kenny Fisher)

Reports

Treasury, by Mark Steinke

- Balance in accounts: **\$4,340.92**
- Summary: Treasury report shared (attached). Teri Sahm is sending a check for \$2014.23 to the Michigan Assembly for the 2023 and 2024 LRO distributions. An accounting of the reimbursement for the printing of the “Resurgence” booklet was shared; Treasury will be sending a postal money order for \$425.00 to Nigel Turtle. The Treasury Committee is in the final stages of reviewing the guidelines, along with requisition and reimbursement/expense forms. The document will be uploaded to the members-only website for review soon. The committee will work on a proposal for the GA to approve the guidelines. **REMINDER**: Any committees that have critical needs within the next 60 days, or a re-occurring expense that is coming due, please contact the Treasurer as soon as possible. (Recording 00:03:58)

Records Committee, by Amy Hunt

- Summary: Next meeting is Friday June 20th at 9am. Looking for a Records Keeper and Records Committee Chair. Discussions continue regarding AI transcription services and closed captioning for both GA and committee meetings. Details are in the committee meeting minutes, along with dissenting views. Affirmations will be stored on the members-only website for now but once elections are public, they will be put on the public website. In-process guideline documents are also on the members-only website. A proposal for using Closed Captions during GA business and committee meetings will be discussed later in this meeting.
Committee Chairs: please upload meeting minutes to the members-only website. (Recording 00:11:36)

Education Committee, by Richard Saroni

- Summary: Work continues to simplify the proof that taxes are voluntary for the “landing page” on the Michigan Assembly website; should be completed within a couple weeks. There are QR codes on the promotional business cards that directs people to these “landing pages”. (Recording 00:12:43)

New Member Orientation, by Amy Hunt

- Summary: The recording from June 10th's ASNs on Michigan meeting is available under the Education tab labeled “Join the Michigan Assembly” on the public website. The committee is working on things men and women need before coming to an orientation class. The first New Member Orientation will be Saturday July 12th in the morning. (Recording 00:14:08)

Orientation/Freedom Guides, by Kimberly Watling

- Summary: Outreach: Meet on Thursdays at Noon. Kimberly shared another invitation to all ASNs on Michigan to come join us! Freedom Guides: Meetings are on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month at 1:30pm (closed) and 2:00pm (open), with the next one this Friday June 20th. (Recording 00:15:54)

Ombudsman, by Debra-Ann Garcia Wagner

- Summary: Next Tuesday, June 24th, the Michigan Ombudsman Committee will be meeting at 4pm to review a document already approved by the GA but needing some editing with wording and spelling. (Recording 00:19:20)

Oversight, by Elsa Carpenter Peck

- Summary: Continue to work on the Oversight guidelines with a new due date of September 1st. Meetings are the same week as GA business meetings (1st and 3rd weeks of the month) so the next meeting is this Thursday, June 19th at 10:30am on Zoom. (Recording 00:20:35)

Peacekeepers on Michigan, by Kenny Fisher

- Summary: Finished up the GA Decorum guidelines today, and plan to bring a proposal to the GA for approval soon. The DRAFT of the Decorum guidelines is on the members-only website along with the Militia Working Group meeting minutes, and has also been put on the Militia Telegram Supergroup. Working on the Roles definitions. Next meeting is July 1st at 4:00pm, same as "GA Tuesday". (Recording 00:21:15)

Vetting, by Rick Worden

- Summary: The last meeting was Thursday, June 5th at 9am, where a question from Oversight was discussed regarding possible conflicts of interest with certain cases, similar to what happens with a trial by jury. Since every Assembly member will eventually rotate through the Oversight committee as members, vetting will not be a requirement. Vetting is not required to join the Michigan Assembly. Meetings are open to Assembly members to come, ask questions, and volunteer to be on the committee. (Recording 00:24:12)

Information Technology & Communications, by Jan Buzard

- Summary: Opened a Free Conference Call account as back-up to ZOOM if or when its down. Bought "TheMichiganAssembly.land" domain and redirected it to our website. Navigation is being worked on the members-only website so the content can be sorted by each assembly. (Recording 00:25:25)

Jural Assembly Working Group, by Nigel Turtle

- Summary: Meetings are weekly on Mondays at 4pm to 6pm. Working on court processes, roles and offices within the court. Two committee members have put together a fictional case to practice our skills as a common law jury in a "live court scenario". An ASN brought a proposition to the JAWG on June 16th which prompted a lively discussion; waiting on further information to continue that discussion. (Recording 00:26:50)

General Assembly Working Group, by Rick Worden

- Summary: Working on guidance documents as a priority and refining the GA proposal process workflow. Please join us on Wednesdays from 4pm to 6pm if you would like to help with this effort. (Recording 00:30:07)

PKTF Liaison, by Kimberly Watling

- Summary: Gave an update on the PKTF Liaison training schedule, and various ways to navigate the PKTF website and blogspot. Clarified how "Peacekeepers on Michigan" is our current venue to gather and discuss things related to the militia service. The GA will eventually have a Militia Committee which will be the interface for the Militia Commanders to come to the GA for information pass through. This will ultimately become the Militia Pillar. Support information is coming from the PKTF to assist assemblies with readiness to operate in role with the defacto and State of State organizations. If you are interested in becoming a PKTF Liaison, please contact Kimberly, PKTF or the Coordinator; Michigan needs a total of three. (Recording 00:30:50)

Coordinator Updates, by Amy Hunt (recording 00:35:12)

- Sunday Coordinator meetings: Amy has a DRAFT of the updated "How To Build an Assembly" guide which she will upload to the website soon.
- ASN Family Reunion September 3 – 8, 2025 at Put-in Bay, Ohio. Sign up soon, hotels are filling up.
- **Outreach** is in need of a Committee Chair even though Kimberly Watling has been doing it. Its an important role as we help rescue men and women from the sea jurisdiction and then assist them with joining the Assembly if they are interested in helping with the Reconstruction. Meets at Noon on Thursdays; please contact Kimberly or Amy if interested. Also need a **Lead Recording Secretary** which meets Fridays at 2pm.
- GA Proposal Process Workflow (Recording 00:37:10): Amy reviewed the process that was followed for a reimbursement proposal for outreach materials brought to the last GA business meeting. The GA currently does not have an approved process for proposals coming to the GA, so she shared bullet points for going forward, specifically as a learning experience. The GA Working Group has been working on the proposal process workflow for the GA guidelines. Please listen to the recording for details.
- Played a short video from Anna regarding county and state assemblies and powers the people already have available to them since we are in general session. The GA is the driver, closest to the people; this is where the power comes from. County courts have more power than the state court. The Michigan Assembly

provides protection to all the counties on Michigan. The GA doesn't have to wait until we are completely seated before we start sending out notices to our subcontractors. Debra-Ann Garcia Wagner has offered to start up a special committee to start this process and discussions; please contact her directly. The GAWG has a section in their meeting minutes (#70) with a list of topics to consider as a starting point for discussions. (Recording 00:43:15)

In Process Items – None this week

New Items

- **Use of Closed Captioning** (Amy Hunt, interim Records Committee Chair)
 - Proposal Designation: **GA-20250003** (Recording 00:58:45)
 - *Shall The Michigan Assembly approve the use of Closed Captioning transcriptions during any GA and/or Committee Meeting?*
 - This proposal was presented to the GA tonight, with considerable discussion regarding the pros and cons of Closed Captioning (CC) as a transcription service, the use of it during committee meetings, and the potential need for the Bivens decision to be read at committee meetings when CC was used. The GA was asked by a show of hands whether it would be ready to vote at the next GA business meeting on July 1st. Even with a majority of hands agreeing that the GA was ready, the sponsor decided to take this proposal back to the Records Committee for further discussion. The proposal will return to the GA when ready.
 - The Records Committee meets the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month, so the next meeting is this Friday June 20th at 9:00AM. Please attend if interested in contributing to the proposal or send your thoughts and concerns to Amy Hunt.

Minutes prepared by:

Linda Steinke

6/20/25

Attachments

Treasury Report

Zoom attendance

Zoom Chat

Meeting Recording Link

- <https://rumble.com/v6uyqdd--0044-the-michigan-assembly-general-assembly-meeting-june-17-2025.html>

Treasury Report for The Michigan Assembly

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Date	Description	In	Out	Balance
05/17/2024	Cash App set up	\$0.00		\$0.00
05/06/2025	Balance at Cash App	\$0.00	-\$1,153.03	\$767.06
05/20/2025	Balance at Cash App	\$17.00	-\$108.01	\$676.05
06/03/2025	Balance at Cash App	\$50.00	-\$5.09	\$720.96
06/03/2025	Donation for transcription service	\$84.00		
06/06/2025	Ionos		-\$0.85	
06/11/2025	Tello Us		-\$5.81	
06/11/2025	Donation for Ombudsman training From PKTF	\$200.00		
06/17/2025	Balance at Cash App	\$284.00	-\$6.66	\$998.30

01/07/2025	Balance at Fifth Third	\$600.00	-\$177.03	\$1,222.97
05/06/2025	Balance at Fifth Third	\$37.33		\$3,186.97
05/20/2025	Balance at Fifth Third	\$185.66	\$0.00	\$3,372.63
06/03/2025	Balance at Fifth Third	\$168.97	\$0.00	\$3,541.60
06/09/2025	Donation for R. booklet, c. card, publishing, recording	\$182.68		
06/09/2025	Zoom-recurring expense (annual)		-\$508.48	
06/16/2025	Square App-Test	\$4.55		
06/16/2025	Donations and publishing fee	\$122.27		
06/17/2025	Balance at Fifth Third	\$309.50	-\$508.48	\$3,342.62

06/17/2025 CURRENT BALANCE	\$4,340.92
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Designations approved by the General Assembly:

Balance of Approved Committee Budgets/Expenses 2025	\$1,499.87
Donations to PKTF from Michigan	\$0.00
Donations to Anna from Michigan	\$0.00
Donation for Ombudsman training	\$1,115.97
Pay it forward	\$500.00
Reimbursement for Resurgence Booklet **	\$425.00
Total Designated Funds	\$3,540.84

Remaining after Designated Funds:	\$800.08
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06/17/2025	Check coming for LRO Distributions in 2023 and 2024	\$2,014.23
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** have received \$67.67 in additional donations, total cost to date to GA \$357.33

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6/17/2025 5:55:21 PM - 6/17/2025 9:18:42 PM - Duration: 204 minutes

Participants: 19

Name	Minutes
*Debra-Ann GarciaWagner	166
*René McGuigan©	183
brenda-theresa# a woman# from family [tedders]; (:brenda:-theresa: a wo/man;)	87
*Nigel on Michigan (*Dolores on Michigan & on Spain)	114
*Kenny Fisher/MAA	145
*Rick Worden - Midland County	119
Monir	92
*Kimberly Watling - Ottawa Michigan ASN	146
*Aaron Stoddart-Cordova	131
*Mark & *Linda Steinke, Alger County, Michigan	143
*Jan Buzard, Washtenaw County, Michigan	204
Bob *troy brown Wayne/Michigan	173
Jeff Barth	187
*Richard Saroni - Kalamazoo, Michigan	174
*Mariana & *Michael Forrest, Oakland	114
*Amy Hunt, Kent County, Michigan	111
*Brent Alan Barth / Lenawee County Michigan	85
*Charlie Raffoul	117
*Elsa Carpenter-Peck	121

01:06:24 Bob *troy brown Wayne/Michigan: Replying to "Troy, can you please..."

Sure I even made one for you□

01:08:32 Bob *troy brown Wayne/Michigan: Replying to "Troy, can you please..."

This is for you Linda Have a little clip at the end for you□

01:08:58 *Mark & *Linda Steinke, Alger County, Michigan: Reacted to "This is for you Lind..." with ♥□

01:09:15 *Mark & *Linda Steinke, Alger County, Michigan: Replying to "Troy, can you please..."

Thank you!!!!

01:11:35 *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.

01:12:09 *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.

01:12:41 *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.

01:51:04 *René McGuigan©: You always had the power DOROTHY!

01:51:14 *Kimberly Watling - Ottawa Michigan ASN: Reacted to "You always had the p..." with □□

01:51:25 *Kimberly Watling - Ottawa Michigan ASN: Reacted to "You always had the p..." with □

01:51:30 *Aaron Stoddart-Cordova: Reacted to "You always had the p..." with □

01:51:41 *René McGuigan©: Or Dorothy or dorothy

01:51:54 *Kimberly Watling - Ottawa Michigan ASN: Reacted to "Or Dorothy or doroth..." with □

01:52:02 *Mark & *Linda Steinke, Alger County, Michigan: Reacted to "Or Dorothy or doroth..." with ☐
01:52:27 *Mark & *Linda Steinke, Alger County, Michigan: Reacted to "You always had the p..." with ☐
01:52:31 *Kimberly Watling - Ottawa Michigan ASN: Replying to "Or Dorothy or doroth..."

wear your silver shoes! ☐
01:52:48 *Mark & *Linda Steinke, Alger County, Michigan: Reacted to "wear your silver sho..." with ❤☐
01:58:57 brenda-theresa, a woman, from family [tedders];: i have a product zoom at 8 pm EST so have a good week;
02:03:17 *René McGuigan©: Reacted to "i have a product zoo..." with ☐
02:05:05 *René McGuigan©: Kimberly there are only 3 on your county.
Just an FYI
02:06:38 *Kimberly Watling - Ottawa Michigan ASN: Replying to "Kimberly there are o..."

thank you
02:30:36 *René McGuigan©: Troy isn't opening any meeting to my knowledge. He isn't participating in the litigation committee or Friday nights to my knowledge. Would his participation be more useful with someone that has more availability.
02:31:06 *René McGuigan©: Its seems that Jan is taking on most responsibility
02:33:21 *René McGuigan©: He is also a limited access member. Where should we move this too.
02:45:26 *Kenny Fisher/MAA: Marys hand up too
02:50:51 *Charlie Raffoul:I have to leave