

The Michigan Assembly General Assembly Meeting Agenda



Date: March 17, 2026

General Assembly Meeting

7:00pm – 9:00pm

Welcome

- Word of Encouragement (a volunteer)
- Bivens Decision (Marshal At Arms)
- Meeting Protocol (Marshal At Arms)
- Changes to meeting minutes from March 3, 2026

Committee Reports

- Treasury
- Records
- Recording Secretaries
- Education
- New Member Orientation
- Events and Outreach
- Ombudsman Committee
- Information Technology & Communication
- Vetting
- Elections
- Sessions
- General Assembly Working Group (GAWG)
- Jural Assembly Working Group (JAWG)
- Militia Assembly Working Group (MAWG)
- International Business Assembly Working Group (IBAWG)
- Coach's Corner

In Process Items

- **Disclaimer - Long Form** (Nigel Turtle, Jural Assembly Working Group)
 - Proposal Designation: **JA-20250010**
 - *Shall the Michigan General Assembly adopt the long form Disclaimer attached in this proposal for use in public meetings organized by the Litigation Committee?*
- **Elections for Court Roles** (Nigel Turtle, Jural Assembly Working Group)
- **Elections for General Assembly Roles** (Rick Worden, Coordinator)
- **GA General Affirmations - Revised** (Nigel Turtle, GA Working Group)
 - Proposal Designation: **GA-20250018**
 - *Shall the Michigan General Assembly adopt the revised Affirmation attached in this proposal for all members accepting offices and roles in the General Assembly?*

In Process Items (continued)

- **International Technology Sharing Treaty** (IBA Working Group and IT/Communications)
 - Proposal Designation: **IBA-20260020**
 - *Shall the Michigan International Business Assembly enter into an agreement with The Texas Assembly to share technology so that The Michigan Assembly can establish our State LRO?*

New Items

- **The Michigan Assembly Member Etiquette** (GA Working Group)
 - Proposal Designation: **GA-20260021** (attached)
 - *Does the GA approve superseding previously approved “decorum” guidelines from California with “The Michigan Assembly Membership Etiquette” document?*

Close

[Please stop recording]



The Michigan Assembly Proposal

Designation GA-20260021

The Michigan Assembly Membership Etiquette

Proposal Information

Proposal Question: Does the GA approve superseding previously approved “decorum” guidelines from California with “The Michigan Assembly Membership Etiquette” document?

Describe how this proposal serves and/or protects the people on Michigan:

This document provides a foundational standard for all Members to aspire to, in place of a regimented set of rules. It is simple and easy to remember. Any realignment measures will be addressed in the General Assembly Working Group, pending formation of the Marshal-at-Arms committee. It allows Assembly Members to maintain their individuality and personal dignity while interacting with others as we build our Four Pillars.

Summary and/or Link(s) to Relevant Document(s):

Sponsoring Committees: GA Working Group

Urgency: Routine

Amount of Funding Needed: \$0

Funding Source: No Funds Required

Recurring Expense: No

History

Date Initially Written: March 4, 2026

Initiated by: Richard Worden

Origination Details:

The document originated with Assembly Members Nigel and Dolores.

Committees Consulted and their Input:

Dissenting Voices of Men and Women:

Notes/Timeline:

The Assembly has other guidelines covering “decorum-like” behaviors, such as raising hands during meetings, activities on Telegram and GA meeting protocols, and these are not affected by this proposal. These remain in place and this new document compliments them.

Proposal Implementation and Status

Implementation Plan:

“The Michigan Assembly Membership Etiquette” document will have been presented at the New Member Orientation class on March 14, 2026 because it is common sense, and if it is adopted by the General Assembly, it will be included in future orientation classes.

Committee Responsible for Leading Implementation:

Date First Presented to the GA:

Response to Public Originator (If Proposal is from a Public Source): Not Applicable

Proposal Status: In Progress

Proposal Votes

Date Voted on or Withdrawn:

Number of Yes Votes:

Number of No Votes:

Ready to go on the Agenda: Yes **On the Agenda:** Yes

The Michigan Assembly

Membership Etiquette

This applies to anyone who has chosen to be an active Member of the Michigan Assembly.

As adults committed to service, we exercise our powers of self-reflection, which always implies a keen sense of others; respect and reciprocity. We value trust, cooperation and group cohesiveness over rules and codes.

As a group, we have a common and collective goal: Standing up the four pillars of our Michigan Assembly. Therefore, we hold ourselves and others accountable in the pursuit of that goal.

Our expectations can be summarized as follows:

- 1) Showing Up** as an active team member with positive intent and full attention means that the work get done sooner
- 2) Speaking Up** when we see process irregularities or lack of meeting discipline ensures efficient and effective process
- 3) Listening Up** and accepting with good grace and equanimity that our ideas and opinions may be applauded or questioned leads to maintaining positive energy
- 4) Making Up** when differences arise sets the best possible example for Michigan and beyond and showing tolerance of the shortcomings of others means building the trust necessary for:

STANDING UP Our Republican Form of Government.

The principles and standards behind these expectations

Showing Up

- We demonstrate our commitment by showing up to work collaboratively on Assembly goals
- We show our faces and proper identities in respect to those moderating and facilitating
- We get support for our personal initiatives by taking them through committee
- We are transparent and honest about our personal interests

Speaking Up

- Before speaking we evaluate the impact of our words on our audience
- We speak in as short and concise manner as possible and on topic
- In order for our perspectives to be on the record they must be voiced in the open
- We use our voice to respectfully call meetings to order and to minimize side conversations

Listening Up

- We invite objective, positive and constructive feedback
- We see obstacles as an opportunity for growth
- We move on when proposals or ideas are rejected
- We act without self-interest and let go when need be

Making Up

- We remain open to engaging with our fellow Members individually or collectively for resolving differences
- We seek to comprehend more than to be comprehended
- We try to foster harmony and unity not discord and division

Standing Up

- When we take on active engagement as Members, we are accountable, individually and collectively, to the people whether or not we hold an office or fill a role.
- We are present to make and answer to accusations of abuse of process, power or conflict of interest
- We remain silent only as common law proscribes
- We expect to answer to the GA if we fail to honor these standards