

The Michigan Assembly General Assembly Meeting Minutes



Date: April 7, 2026

General Assembly Meeting

7:00pm – 9:05pm

Welcome

- Word of Encouragement (Bob (troy) Brown)
- Bivens Decision (Bob (troy) Brown)
- Meeting Protocol (Bob (troy) Brown)

Reports

Treasury

- Balance in accounts: **\$6,442.99**
- Summary: Treasury report shared (attached). The Treasury Committee discussed an interim process for handling committee budget requests, because the Procurement subcommittee hasn't been established yet. Requisition and expense forms will be uploaded with directions and available on the GA member website soon. Charlie Raffoul volunteered to field those requests from committees. The committee also discussed an email from Rene McGuigan regarding IT and tracking domain names. Future discussions on Cyber security are recommended for IT and the MAA. Next meeting: Tuesday, April 21st at 10AM. (Recording 00:04:25)

Records

- Summary: Archived completed proposals have been uploaded to the GA member website. Next meeting: Monday April 13th, 2026 at 1pm. (Recording 00:15:25)

Recording Secretaries

- Summary: Working on getting Dolores to Level Three. Shared a document last week that outlines a shortened version of helping men and women with status correction for new members interested in helping the Recording Secretaries. Next meeting: Friday April 10th at 1:30pm. (Recording 00:16:10)

Education

- Summary: A presentation shared last week during the public meeting will be uploaded to the GA public website. The committee will be working on a proposal tomorrow (April 8th) for the Brent Allan Winter's "Excellence of the Common Law" video series for the Jural Assembly Law Education committee. Come join us for the education. Also working on more presentation topics for the Tuesday public meetings. Next meeting: Wednesday, April 15th at 1pm. (Recording 00:16:48)

New Member Orientation

- Summary: The next New Member Orientation is **Monday, April 13th at 7pm**. One ASN is signed up for the class. Next Orientation meeting: Thursday April 9th at 1pm; working on Member questionnaire. (Recording 00:22:28)

Events and Outreach

- Summary: No report. (Recording 00:22:57)

Ombudsman Committee

- Summary: A proposal will be shared later in the meeting. Did not meet yesterday. Meeting weekly on Mondays at 9am. (Recording 00:22:58)

Information Technology & Communications

- Summary: Bob is setting up a Google calendar for our meetings on the GA member website. The domain we are thinking of getting requires going through a broker (\$99) plus unknown domain cost. Next meeting: Friday April 17th, 2026 at 4pm. (Recording 00:23:23)

Vetting

- Summary: Debra-Ann Garcia-Wagner has joined the Vetting Committee. Her vetting was “clear”. Working on those GA members who need to be vetted for roles. (Recording 00:24:15)

Elections

- Summary: Got this committee started and some things in place but since there are no public elections imminent we agreed to meet quarterly with the Sessions Committee. Next meeting: July 1st, 2026 at 9am. (Recording 00:25:57)

Sessions

- Summary: Got this committee started and some things in place, including a start to a Sessions calendar with GA meetings only. Since the Sessions Committee is needed once we are fully standing we agreed to meet quarterly with the Elections Committee. Next meeting: July 1st, 2026 at 9am. (Recording 00:25:57)

General Assembly Working Group (GAWG)

- Summary: The *Michigan Assembly Membership Etiquette* proposal will be voted on later in this meeting. If that passes we will work on implementation. GA Working Group takes on activities that other committees haven't tackled yet, like a melting pot. Next meeting: Wednesday April 8th at 5pm. (Recording 00:27:29)

Jural Assembly Working Group (JAWG)

- Summary: Continue to work on our court processes and appointing officers and officials. We are working on a GA proposal to request Brent Allan Winter's “*Excellence of Common Law*” video series. The JA Working Group meetings are weekly on Mondays at 4pm; Law Education starts at 5pm. The Jury Pool Committee meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 7pm; next meeting is April 14th. (Recording 00:28:19)

Militia Assembly Working Group (MAWG)

- Summary: Fred Minamyer shared a patch design idea for the “*Operations and Missions*” of the Militia Pillar along with a slide outlining the current focus for the working group. Topics include Emergency Response Team, Community Support Team, Self-Reliance and Sustainability, and Peace Keeping Assistance. Next meeting: Tuesday April 14th at 4pm. (Recording 00:31:55)

International Business Assembly Working Group (IBAWG)

- Summary: Last Thursday David Burke presented his maturity assessment project he's been working on for the Assembly. The presentation was recorded and the GA will be seeing more of this going forward. The IBA Working Group will begin their assessment of the IBA pillar tomorrow. **Meeting date has been changed to Wednesdays at 4pm starting tomorrow April 8th, 2026.** We meet weekly. (Recording 00:39:48)

Coach's Corner, by Rick Worden (Recording 00:41:03)

- No report.

In Process Items

- **Disclaimer - Long Form** (Nigel Turtle, Jural Assembly Working Group)
 - Proposal Designation: **JA-20250010** (Recording 00:41:10)
 - *Shall the Michigan General Assembly adopt the long form Disclaimer attached in this proposal for use in public meetings organized by the Litigation Committee?*
 - If and when the **Michigan Assembly Membership Etiquette** proposal passes, this proposal will be brought back into discussions. That proposal is being voted on tonight.
- **Elections for Court Roles** (Nigel Turtle, JA Working Group)
 - Vetting continues for the three roles already in the process. Please review the Roles list on the GA member website and sign up there or contact Nigel Turtle if interested in a specific role. [Time stamp 00:42:12]
- **Elections for General Assembly Roles** (Rick Worden, Coordinator)
 - Committees are operating well without chairs, things are moving along and we are at relative peace.
 - Debra-Ann Garcia-Wagner officially nominated Bob (troy) Brown for the Marshal At Arms role. A secondment was made by Dolores Rubio Fernandez (with a close third by Cyn Walleman). Bob (troy) Brown accepted the nomination and agreed to contact Continental Marshal Paul Pappas for vetting. Bob did explain that this role and his current role as Recording Secretary are both vital for the Assembly. If a

conflict of interest becomes apparent, he said he will step away from his Recording Secretary duties.

- Nigel Turtle brought up the support from Deputy Marshals for the MAA. Dolores Rubio Fernandez stated we are in need of more Recording Secretaries so for those people good with details and who know the process we will welcome them. Cyn Walleman asked about the validity of the current Deputy Marshals. Bob clarified that the Assembly does have appointed Deputy Marshals and they all have been appointed to these roles but this still needs to come back to the GA for final approval. [Time stamp 00:43:25]

- **GA General Assembly Affirmation - Revised** (Nigel Turtle, GA Working Group)

- Proposal Designation: **GA-20250018** [Time stamp 00:50:38]
- *Shall the Michigan General Assembly adopt the revised Affirmation attached in this proposal for all members accepting offices and roles in the General Assembly?*
- This is still in process, waiting on the *Michigan Assembly Member Etiquette* proposal approval by the GA.

- **Michigan Assembly Membership Etiquette** (GA Working Group)

- Proposal Designation: **GA-20260021** [Time stamp 00:51:10]
- *Does the GA approve superseding previously approved “decorum” guidelines from California with “The Michigan Assembly Membership Etiquette” document?*
- The proposal was presented at the last GA business meeting and read again tonight.
- This will replace a 25-page decorum document that the Assembly has worked on in the past.
- A question was asked regarding implementation. If this proposal passes tonight further discussions will take place in the GA Working Group for guideline development. The member etiquette will be the basis with the previous 25-page document used as a reference for developing new guidelines for due process.
- [Time stamp 00:59:55] The moderator called a vote for the membership etiquette proposal.
- [Time stamp 01:02:00] Bob (troy) Brown (interim MAA) directed the Roll Call vote. Jan Buzard assisted with the vote tally. The GA waited for the results to be reported.
- **RESULTS** from interim MAA: **YES = 16** **NO = 1** **PASSED** [2 Present, 37 Absent]

New Items

- **Recording Committee Meetings** (Ombudsman Services)

- Proposal Designation: **GA-20260022** [Time stamp 01:08:28]
- *Shall The Michigan Assembly record and privately post for GA members all committee meetings for current and future knowledge and progress?*
- Discussion followed, please listen to the recording for details. Several dissenting voices were heard.
- The proposal was withdrawn.

- **Signing of the International Technology Sharing Treaty** (IBA Working Group and IT/Communications)

- [Time stamp 01:41:05]
- The treaty was read again to the General Assembly. Mark Steinke autographed four (4) wet ink documents. These will be mailed to Jan Buzard and she will autograph them at the next GA business meeting on April 21st, 2026. Debra-Ann Garcia-Wagner is the witness. A red Michigan Assembly seal will be applied to each wet ink copy to the left of the Michigan Assembly signatures.
- The final treaties will be mailed to Nancy Brainard on the Texas Assembly for signing.

*** End of Written Agenda ***

- **Request for a private GA Special Session:** [Time stamp 01:49:00] Debra-Ann Garcia-Wagner asked those who were remaining in attendance for a family discussion regarding the issues that are still plaguing our assembly. A discussion followed, please listen to the recording for details. Agreed it needs to be structured. The GA Working Group will continue the discussion.

Minutes prepared by:
Linda Steinke
04/10/26

Attachments

Treasury Report
Proposal **GA-20260021** - **FINAL**
Vote Results from the interim MAA for **Proposal GA-20260021**
Zoom attendance
Zoom chat

Meeting Recording Link

<https://rumble.com/v7881ti--0067-the-michigan-assembly-general-assembly-meeting-april-7-2026.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
01/06/2026	Balance at Cash App	\$100.00		\$191.18
01/20/2026	Balance at Cash App	\$20.00		\$211.18
02/03/2026	Balance at Cash App	\$0.00		\$211.18
02/17/2026	Balance at Cash App	\$0.00		\$211.18
03/03/2026	Balance at Cash App	\$50.00		\$261.18
03/17/2026	Balance at Cash App	\$0.00		\$261.18
04/07/2026	Balance at Cash App	\$0.00		\$261.18

01/07/2025	Balance at Fifth Third	\$600.00	-\$177.03	\$1,222.97
01/06/2026	Balance at Fifth Third	\$290.17	-\$153.15	\$5,916.32
01/20/2026	Balance at Fifth Third	\$38.17	-\$235.79	\$5,718.70
02/03/2026	Balance at Fifth Third	\$267.62	-\$40.27	\$5,946.05
02/17/2026	Balance at Fifth Third	\$136.26	-\$5.91	\$6,076.40
03/03/2026	Balance at Fifth Third	\$18.74	-\$4.00	\$6,091.14
03/17/2026	Balance at Fifth Third	\$0.00	-\$5.91	\$6,085.23
03/18/2026	Publishing and Recording Fee and Credential Cards	\$77.06		
03/23/2026	Credential Card	\$38.38		
03/27/2026	Background checks via Clear Checks		-\$69.96	
03/30/2026	Background checks via Clear Checks		-\$10.00	
03/30/2026	Ionos		-\$3.00	
04/20/2026	Deposit	\$20.00		
04/07/2026	Tello Us		-\$5.90	
04/07/2026	Balance at Fifth Third	\$135.44	-\$88.86	\$6,181.81

04/07/2026 CURRENT BALANCE \$6,442.99

Designations approved by the General Assembly:	
Balance of Approved Committee Budgets/Expenses 2026	\$6,189.48
Donations to PKTF from Michigan	\$0.00
Donations to Anna from Michigan	\$0.00
Pay it forward	\$500.00
Total Designated Funds	\$6,689.48

Remaining after Designated Funds: -\$246.49



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?

Origination Details:

The document originated with Assembly Members Nigel and Dolores.

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:

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: Passed

Proposal Votes

Date Voted on or Withdrawn: April 7, 2026

Number of Yes Votes: 16

Number of No Votes: 1

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

Vote For:

4-7-2026

Assembly Etiquette

Proposal Designation:

General Assembly

NAME	YES	NO	PRES	ABS	GIVEN NAME	COUNTY
1. Amy Hunt				/	Amy Hunt	Kent
2. Amy Kendall				/	Amy Kendall	Genesee
3. Anna DeSantis				/	Anna Marie DeSantis	Wayne
4. Anthony Foxx				/	Anthony Foxx	Macomb
5. Brent Barth	/				Brent Barth	Lenawee
6. Brett Randall				/	Brett Begole Randall	Oakland
7. Charlie Raffoul	/				Charles Raffoul	Macomb
8. Cyn Walleman	/				Cynthia Evelyn Walleman	Grand Traverse
9. Dana Nixon				/	Dana Nixon	Oakland
10. David Burke				/	David Burke	Genesee
11. Debra Ann Garcia Wagner	/				Debra Ann Wagner	Washtenaw
12. Dolores Rubio-Fernandez	/				Dolores Rubio-Fernandez	Washtenaw
13. Donte Adams				/	Donte Adams	Ingham
14. Douglas Poole				/	Douglas Poole	Gladwin
15. Elaine McBride			/		Elaine McBride	Iron
16. Elsa CarpenterPeck				/	Elsa CarpenterPeck	Midland
17. Fred Minamyer	/				Frederick Gaylen Minamyer	Lapeer
18. George Miller				/	George Miller	Ogemaw
19. George Schnick				/	George Henry Schnick	Montcalm
20. James Garner				/	James Garner	Wayne
21. James Stogdill				/	James Stogdill	Genesee
22. Jan Buzard	/				Janet Buzard	Washtenaw
23. Jeff Barth	/				Jeffery Barth	Lenawee
24. Jodi Hart-Humphrey				/	Jodi Hart-Humphrey	Newaygo
25. Kenny Fisher				/	Kenneth Fisher	Ottawa
26. KD Dunn, Jr.				/	Kevin Jerome Dunn, Jr.	Wayne
27. Kimberly Watling				/	Kimberly Mayer Watling	Ottawa
28. Leonard Lee				/	Leonard Lee	Wayne
29. Linda Steinke	/				Linda Steinke	Alger
30. Linda Johnson	/				Linda Johnson	Macomb
31. Marcy Miller				/	Marcia Joanne Miller	Jackson
32. Mariana Forrest				/	Mariana Forrest	Oakland
33. Mark Steinke	/				Mark Steinke	Alger
34. Mark Barnes				/	Mark Barnes	Wayne
35. Mark McBride				/	Mark McBride	Iron
36. Cathie Beaudet				/	Mary Catherine Beaudet	Oakland
37. Mary Klukowski			/		Mary Klukowski	Kent
38. Michael Forrest				/	Michael Forrest	Oakland
39. Michael Gogolin				/	Michael Gogolin	Macomb
40. Nigel Turtle	/				Nigel Turtle	Washtenaw
41. Patricia Amundin				/	Patricia Amundin	Marquette
42. Patrick Gay				/	Patrick Gay	Macomb

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NAME	YES	NO	PRES	ABS	GIVEN NAME	COUNTY
43. Paul Merriweather				/	Paul Merriweather	Wayne
44. René McGuigan		/			René McGuigan	Oakland
45. Richard Saroni	/				Richard Saroni	Kalamazoo
46. Rick Worden	/				Richard Worden	Midland
47. Rich Martin				/	Richard A. Martin	Ionia
48. Rob Humphrey				/	Rob Humphrey	Newaygo
49. Ra Bin Chavez				/	Robin Lee Chavez	Muskegon
50. Scott Ross				/	Scott Dylan Ross	Marquette
51. Stuart Swan	/			/	Stuart Swan	Lapeer
52. Thacia Northey				/	Thacia Northey	Marquette
53. Moneybag Melton				/	Timothy James Melton	Macomb
54. Bob Brown	/				Troy Brown	Wayne
55. Vatisa Rivers				/	Vatisa Rivers	Wayne
56. Fred Beaudet				/	Wilfred Beaudet	Oakland

Date of Vote: April 4th 2026 Verified by: Jan Buzard

16 | 1 | 2 | 37 Assembly Etiquette Vote
 Yes | NO | Present | Absent

Vote taken: By: July Robert Brown ©

The Michigan Assembly - General Assembly Meeting. 4/7/2026 5:58:38 PM - 4/7/2026 9:12:28 PM Name (original name)	Participants: 24 Total duration 194 minutes
*DebraAnn GarciaWagner on Washtenaw	152
stuart swan	36
Siena Tober	77
*Cyn Walleman Grand Traverse	173
Alan Alcid - ASN Michigan	1
*Richard Saroni - Kalamazoo, Michigan	194
*Fredrick Gaylen Minamyler - Lapeer County	188
*Jan Buzard, Washtenaw County, Michigan	193
*Mark & *Linda Steinke, Alger County, Michigan	124
*Timothy James Melton On Michigan Macomb County ASN	95
brenda-theresa# a woman# on jonesville# hillsdale county; (brenda-theresa, :	119
*Mary Klukowski on Michigan	106
*René Marie	178
*Mark & *Linda Steinke# Alger County# Michigan (*Linda Steinke, Alger Coun	19
*Elaine McBride, Iron County	124
*Dolores Rubio-Turtle	168
Martha Moore# Kent County# MI (Too Cute)	132
*Linda Johnson - on Macomb county	100
Brent Alan Barth* / Lenawee / Michigan	120
Alan Alcid - ASN Michigan	46
*Rick Worden - Midland County	146
*Nigel Turtle on Washtenaw County (nigel)	127
*Jeff Barth-Mich/Lenawee	168
**Bob (troy) Brown	187
*Charlie Raffoul	96

01:02:18 Siena Tober: Replying to "There are more ASN..."

Ok, thanks.

01:12:38 *René Marie: Shouldn't you bring your concerns to that committee?

01:13:08 *René Marie: Is this a treasury meeting?

01:13:41 *Richard Saroni - Kalamazoo, Michigan: it's a report to the GA

01:15:16 *Mary Klukowski on Michigan: An unidentifiable email was sent out to that domain name and it went nowhere.

01:27:54 *Mary Klukowski on Michigan: Who are the members of the vetting committee?

01:28:24 *René Marie: Replying to "Who are the members ..."

Is this Mary

01:28:54 *Mary Klukowski on Michigan: Replying to "Who are the members ..."

yes

01:29:05 *Cyn Walleman Grand Traverse: Mary, I texted you the names. ☐

01:29:10 *René Marie: Replying to "Who are the members ..."

Mary knows. Ask her

01:29:39 *Mary Klukowski on Michigan: Replying to "Who are the members ..."

I don't know.

01:30:38 *Cyn Walleman Grand Traverse: Replying to "Who are the members of the vetting committee?"

Mary, I texted you the names of the Vetting members earlier. Check your texts.

01:31:09 *Mary Klukowski on Michigan: Replying to "Who are the members ..."

I never received it.

01:31:36 *Cyn Walleman Grand Traverse: Replying to "Who are the members of the vetting committee?"

Also, you can check the Vetting MoMs. Names are noted there too.

01:32:32 *Cyn Walleman Grand Traverse: Replying to "Who are the members of the vetting committee?"

My phones text shows it was sent. Just checked in case I forgot to hit send.

01:33:04 *Mary Klukowski on Michigan: Replying to "Who are the members ..."

It's called obstruction...

01:38:16 *Mary Klukowski on Michigan: Unless you're you know who

01:39:43 *Mary Klukowski on Michigan: Cyn, your text should've come through and it didn't. Trying a restart to see if that clears things out.

01:40:40 *Cyn Walleman Grand Traverse: Ok...I can email you the info. Np. Vetting is moving ahead now with acquiring members.
01:40:50 *Mary Klukowski on Michigan: Fred, have you talked with our PKTF Liaison?
01:45:01 *Fredrick Gaylen Minamyer - Lapeer County: Replying to "Fred, have you talked with our PKTF Liaison?"

No not yet, I have been mostly focused on getting missions defined first, approved by the GA and then working the nuts and bolt with PKTF in the mix at a later defined time.

01:46:08 *Mary Klukowski on Michigan: Replying to "Fred, have you talke..."

You might want to contact her sooner rather than later.

01:51:37 *Mary Klukowski on Michigan: Totally agree Bob
01:52:53 *Fredrick Gaylen Minamyer - Lapeer County: Reacted to "You might want to contact her sooner rather than later." with ☐
02:01:57 *Mary Klukowski on Michigan: Where are the people that used to be incredibly active in the GA and are now on the outside looking in.
02:03:10 *Mary Klukowski on Michigan: I'd rather be out there than in here after everything I know that happened.
02:03:30 *Linda Johnson - on Macomb county: what a sad thing to say, hugs
02:08:36 *Mary Klukowski on Michigan: Two proposals she submitted over a month ago never made it on the agenda, why?
02:25:59 *Fredrick Gaylen Minamyer - Lapeer County: Amen Delores
02:34:34 *René Marie: Ohio has made it public they aren't using the PKTF directly. So if everyone is following their lead I'd be curious why. Just saying.
02:36:13 *Linda Johnson - on Macomb county: well, been over 3 months, since we have heard anything?
02:39:54 *Mary Klukowski on Michigan: Can you tell me exactly what she did? I presented the facts and she got attacked. And unfortunately, it wasn't recorded, so who has control of the narrative?
02:41:26 *Fredrick Gaylen Minamyer - Lapeer County: Much respect Cynn... no worries.
02:43:19 *René Marie: The flock cameras destroy everything...and in every parking lot geese!
02:45:04 *Linda Johnson - on Macomb county: Reacted to "Much respect Cynn....." with ☐
02:45:11 *Linda Johnson - on Macomb county: Reacted to "The flock cameras de..." with ☐
02:45:37 *Linda Johnson - on Macomb county: nothing, we have not heard any thing in over 3 months, ugs
02:45:48 *Linda Johnson - on Macomb county: hugs
02:46:49 *Linda Johnson - on Macomb county: so we move forward
02:47:39 *Mary Klukowski on Michigan: It's not forgotten.
02:48:04 *Linda Johnson - on Macomb county: sad, hugs
02:54:10 *Fredrick Gaylen Minamyer - Lapeer County: Sounds like a good plan....reconciliation.
02:59:05 *René Marie: To mark
02:59:19 *René Marie: How many times do we have to pull off a scab

03:00:16 *René Marie: Some people want to live in a shame system
and/or ego system
03:00:20 *Linda Johnson - on Macomb county:i love everyone and am not
going to stop talking to people, because someone says so??? i am not a
divider, but they seem to be!
03:01:15 *Linda Johnson - on Macomb county:everyone is welcome and it
is their choice!
03:02:51 *René Marie: Agreed decorum is not used when someone has
time to speak
03:04:12 *René Marie: Debra likes to call May I, May I, May I
alot.....before someone is finished. Maybe we need a time clock like
Michelle uses on Coordinator training calls
03:05:29 *René Marie: We need to take a vote
03:06:04 *Linda Johnson - on Macomb county:good night, all! hugs