

The Michigan Assembly
General Assembly Meeting
Agenda



Date: June 2, 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 May 19, 2026

Committee Reports

- Treasury
- Records
- Recording Secretaries
- Education
- New Member Orientation
- Events and Outreach
- 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)
- **Coordinator Team** (GA Working Group)
 - Proposal Designation: **GA-20260023**
 - *Shall The Michigan Assembly rescind the one coordinator limit and the coordinator contingency plan and ask for volunteers to be additional coordinators so that there is a team to work together in building the four Pillars?*

In Process Items (continued)

- **Vote Tally System** (Records)
 - Proposal Designation: **GA-20260026**
 - *Shall The Michigan Assembly use an online vote tally system when voting on proposals and other elections during GA business meetings?*

New Items

- **Adoption of “Good Standing Procedure” and “Committee Membership and Voting Members”**
(GA Working Group)
 - Proposal Designation: **GA-20260029** (attached)
 - *Shall The Michigan Assembly adopt these two documents: “Good Standing Procedure” and “Committee Membership and Voting Members”?*

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The Michigan Assembly
Proposal
Designation GA-20260029

Adoption of “Good Standing Procedure” and “Committee Membership and Voting Members”

Proposal Information

Proposal Question: Shall The Michigan Assembly adopt these two documents: “Good Standing Procedure” and “Committee Membership and Voting Members”?

Origination Details:

These documents came from The Ohio Assembly and they compliment our membership etiquette.

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

These documents build out the structure of our assembly moving us closer to fully functioning. When The Michigan Assembly is standing and eventually seated we can protect the people and their property.

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: May 27, 2026

Initiated by: Rene McGuigan

Committees Consulted and their Input:

Dissenting Voices of Men and Women:

Notes/Timeline:

Proposal Implementation and Status

Implementation Plan:

Committee Responsible for Leading Implementation: GA Working Group

Date First Presented to the GA: June 2, 2026

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

Good Standing Procedure

Definition of Good Standing -

We are called to act and uphold the founding principles on The American States Assemblies. Those are communication, ethics, education, honor, integrity, mutual respect, teamwork, self-governance, and the Golden Rule. Each member, whether an ASN/ASC, is expected to embrace, express, and exhibit characteristics of the Assembly by participating in honor and what is true. Participating regularly in your Assembly and committees, fulfilling duties that you were elected to or made agreement to perform, and always upholding the rights of others would be examples of “Good Standing”.

- How Good Standing is maintained by:
 - Attending Assembly Meetings
 - Volunteering in Committees
 - Fulfilling Duties
 - Accepting Jury Duty
 - Reporting Unacceptable Behaviors
 - Reputation – avoiding scandal, pursuing peace, and being willing to be accountable and corrected when needed

- How Good Standing is lost
 - Violation of **Decorum**
 - Breach of Trust Due to Behavior (Theft, Gaslighting, Lying, Violence, etc)
 - Not cooperating in an investigation
 - Inflammatory language towards the Assembly, whether internally or internationally. It is unproductive in regards to Assembly business and reputation
 - Accusations made without evidence or substantiation
 - Gossip
 - Non-performance of Office

- Investigation process for loss of Good Standing
 - The claim must be brought to the Ombudsman or Oversight Committee
 - Allegations without evidence will not be entertained
 - You can claim anything you want, but unless you provide proof, the claim will not be considered, reviewed, or acted upon.
 - Assertions alone are not enough — they must be supported by facts, documents, testimony, or other verifiable evidence.
 - The burden is on the person making the allegation to produce supporting evidence, not on the other party to disprove it.
 - Without evidence, the allegation is treated as irrelevant, procedurally invalid, or unworthy of response.

- The Ombudsman/Ombuds Committee or Oversight Committee will review and/or interview.
 - A recommendation to the GA by the Oversight Committee may be to suspend “Good Standing” pending completion of an investigation at the discretion of the Committee, upon unanimous vote
 - Non-cooperation in an investigation will result in suspension of “Good Standing”
- Restoration process
 - If the Ombudsman/Ombuds Committee or Oversight Committee finds no issue, the standing is maintained
 - If found to have substance and a **time-out** is issued by the GA, standing is automatically reinstated at the end of the **time-out [Review & Reset (R&R); hiatus; break; loss of standing]**
 - If **time-out** is issued by the GA and a personal course correction is achieved, a request to the GA may be made to be reinstated; GA may assign the Ombudsman Committee to review and make a recommendation.
 - If the issue goes before a Grand Jury and the Grand Jury fails to **indict**, the standing is restored. If convicted, standing is suspended during the sentence and for seven years thereafter.
- Consequences of Loss of Standing
 - Loss of Assembly and committee participation with the exception of Public Voting.
 - Loss of Office, eligibility to be a Juror
- Record-keeping requirements
 - The Sergeant-at-Arms shall keep the record of discipline
 - The record of discipline shall be made available to the Oversight committee upon request

[“Point of order” or say their name and point out we are off track, or whatever. “Point of order” implies that a rule has been violated. The word “order” has negative connotation from our indoctrination.]

Adoption/review: February 16, 2026

Committee Membership and Voting Members

In a self-governing Assembly that emphasizes every voice, committees play a crucial role in fostering collaboration while ensuring decisions reflect broad input. Since members are volunteers, rules around attendance and activity should balance accountability with inclusivity—aiming to encourage engagement rather than punish lapses. The goal is to maintain the integrity of the collaborative process by tying voting rights to consistent, meaningful contributions.

To be considered a voting member of a committee the following conditions should be met:

- Committees should have a maximum of 9 voting members including the Chair
- Committee Chairs will submit their Voting Committee Members to the GA Secretary in January of each year and any changes immediately throughout the year.
- Initial Voting Members must have 3 months of consistent in-person committee attendance
- Initial Voting Members must have 3 months of meaningful participation
Meaningful participation is defined as active discussion, reading documents, providing focused research, volunteering to draft documents, and exercising voting rights.
Nay votes on issues must be accompanied by factual information and must provide remedy during discussion prior to vote.
Abstention may only be exercised in the presence of a conflict of interest, an identified and declared conflict.
- Consistent In-Person Meeting Attendance with no more than 3 excused absences, with advanced notice as determined by each committee.
- Continued active participation in the actual work of the committee as described above.
- If a Committee member abstains regularly they will have committee voting status reviewed by the committee.

If a Committee Member falls short of the conditions above, a warning will be given by the Committee Chair to course correct. A 2 month period, will be given for course correction.

If the Committee Member fails to course correct, the Committee may, by vote, remove the member as a voting member and install a “next participant” who meets the conditions.

Other status corrected people may attend Committees and, following guidelines in decorum, have input to the business of the committee (with the exception of the International Business Assembly). They may raise their hand to be a voting member -”next participant”.