The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ulrich

The following were present: Sharon Tischler, Rob Flynn, Ann Becker, Ed Weessies, Susan Morrow, Joan J. Raap, Terri Hegarty, Ann Ulrich, Terri Kowal, Kathy Dornan, Chris Swope, Janice Vedder, Tom Frazier (MI Twp. Assn), Courtney Nicholb

Moved by Ed Weessies to approve of the Minutes of November 15, 2006 and February 21, 2007 as corrected. Motion Carried

Sharon Tischler brought up the fact that some clerks are not aware that faxed signatures are acceptable on AV requests. There was discussion about requesting clarification from the state; the consensus was to place an article in the MAMC newsletter to educate clerks.

Chris Swope discussed his recent learning that the legislative body must allow establishment of receiving boards by resolution, and suggested a legislative change be requested. The consensus was that it is an easy burden to meet and no legislation is needed.

There was discussion about potential scenarios and rumors about the Presidential Primary. County Clerks are on record opposing a state run primary; the committee did not take a position.

Chairperson Ulrich discussed the need for us to be proactive on the issue of inactive voter files.

Kathy Dornan introduced a discussion about allowing clerks to do elections by mail when there is a small number of voters, for example under 100. Bill Zaagman indicated there is already a law allowing this for community college districts and the threshold is 50 voters; he suggested a slight modification to this law may be feasible.

Bill Zaagman provided an update of legislative activities. 5 bills are expected to be dealt with in the next several months:

1. permanent AV list
2. no reason AV
3. early voting
4. recalls: clarification of the 6 month ban – this has passed the House last session
5. recounts: index cost relative to closeness of election

He will continue to monitor the Presidential Primary, but it appears that the proposals being discussed by the Party Chairs are losing steam.
Terri Kowal asked about allowing township candidates to file a fee instead of signatures. Bill Frazier indicated that MTA is opposed to this.

Bill Frazier said his information is that no reason AV is going to be taken up soon in the House. He also discussed HB 4285, which requires financial disclosure by state elected officials; the bill passed the House and was amended to include local officials that make over 2 times the median income.

Kathy Dornan presented the report of the CEO Subcommittee on Early In Person Voting.

The committee adjourned at 11:15 a.m.