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**NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION OF THE OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS  
OF THE MICHIGAN MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELORS ASSOCIATION**

To all MMHCA Members:

The Honorable Brian J. Sullivan of the Wayne County Circuit Business Court is ordering a special election of the officers and directors of the MMHCA in order to bring stability to the organization and to resolve ongoing disputes regarding the current and future governance of the MMHCA. To that end, the Court appointed a Special Master—Steven Ribiat, Esq. of Brooks, Wilkins, Sharkey, and Turco, PLLC—to independently oversee a special election of the officers and directors of the MMHCA.

The Court also suggested the parties engage a neutral, third-party Business Evaluator from Lark Advisors, LLC to review the MMHCA's recordkeeping and financial books and records to determine the financial condition of the MMHCA and to determine if financial transactions, conducted as part of MMHCA's ordinary course of business, involved any financial irregularities or financial misconduct. The Business Evaluator issued a report to the Court and the parties advising them that he found no financial misconduct or financial irregularities with respect to the MMHCA's financial books and records on the part of any party.

As for the special election, Clinical, Supervisory, Lifetime, Regular, Retired, and Student members with fully paid dues as of **May 21, 2025** are eligible to vote in the election. If your dues

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are not yet paid and you wish to make a payment to participate in the election, please send your dues by check payable to the MMHCA, c/o Steven Ribiat, BWST Client Trust Account, 401 S. Old Woodward Avenue, Birmingham, MI 48009, or for your convenience, payment may be sent by ACH or wire to the following account:

Bank:	The Huntington National Bank 41 S. High Street Columbus, OH 43215
Account Name:	For the benefit of: BWST-LAW, PLLC Client Trust Account
Trust Account No:	01389731659
ACH Routing No:	072403473
Wire Routing No:	044000024
SWIFT Wire Code:	HUNTUS33

We unfortunately are unable to accept payment by credit card or other electronic means.

Any non-Student member with fully paid dues who would like to be considered a candidate for the office of President, Secretary, or Treasurer, must inform the Special Master of that fact, return to the Special Master a completed candidate statement (template attached) at [MMHCAspecialelection@bwst-law.com](mailto:MMHCAspecialelection@bwst-law.com), and identify the office for which that member would like to be considered, by no later than **May 21, 2025**. Any non-Student member with fully paid dues who would like to be considered a candidate for one of nine member-at-large board positions must notify the Special Master of that fact by **May 21, 2025** and return to the Special Master a completed candidate statement (template attached) at [MMHCAspecialelection@bwst-law.com](mailto:MMHCAspecialelection@bwst-law.com). Eligible candidates for President, Secretary, Treasurer, or one the member-at-large board positions will be included on the ballot.

An election ballot identifying eligible candidates for election will be distributed to members eligible to vote in the special election on **May 22, 2025**. All votes must be cast and returned to the Special Master at the email address specified in the ballot by no later than midnight

The statements should follow the following format:

1) Heading: "MMHCA Candidate Statement"

2) Your name, followed by any doctoral degrees and certifications you hold (for example: Stephanie Lambertson, PhD, LPC, LMFT, CCMHC)

3) Information about yourself for each of the following three categories: (Note: Please do not exceed 750 words for president candidates and 500 words for all other candidates.)

- Professional Experience
- Association Experience
- Goals (your vision of your role on our board, it is helpful to have specific, attainable goals for our organization that are in line with the job description you have submitted your nomination for)

4) Additional information for the following categories:

- Awards and Honors
- Community Service
- Publications and Presentations