

Judges for the 2006 License Plate Design Challenge

State Representative Richard Ball (District 85, Bennington Township)

Rep. Ball is a first-term lawmaker representing Shiawassee and parts of Clinton counties. He is vice-chair of the Agriculture Committee and serves on the Education, Health Policy, and Insurance committees. Rep. Ball is an optometrist practicing in Owosso since 1958. Rep. Ball has a Ph.D in Experimental Visual Psychology from MSU where he serves as an associate professor in physiology.

George A. Bayard III of Kentwood

Bayard is an artist and owner of Bayard Gallery of Fine African Art & Books at 156 Wealthy St. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506. Bayard is a member of the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.

State Senator Bev Hammerstrom (District 17, Temperance)

Sen. Hammerstrom is a veteran lawmaker representing Monroe County and parts of Jackson and Washtenaw counties.

Sen. Hammerstrom is the chairwoman of the Senate Health Policy Committee and currently serves as the Majority Floor Leader. She also serves as the vice-chair of both the Families and Human Services and the Government Operations committees, and is a member of the Legislative Retirement Committee.

Before being elected to the Senate in 1998, Sen. Hammerstrom served three terms in the Michigan House of Representatives from 1993-1998. She served as the Bedford Township clerk from 1980 – 1992, was a teacher, and has experience as a retail manager, buyer, and marketing representative.

Kenneth L. Hayward of Okemos

Hayward is vice president of sales and marketing for the Grand Hotel. He is vice-chair of the Michigan Travel Commission representing owners and operators of "for-profit" businesses from the private sector of the travel, tourism, and recreation industry.

Terry L. Jungel, Michigan Sheriffs' Association Executive Director

Jungel was appointed MSA executive director in December 1997. During the first 25 years of his career, Jungel served in the Ionia Sheriff's Department and as county sheriff from 1985 through 1997. He is a graduate of the FBI Academy in Quantico, Va. and has in many leadership roles with the MSA before becoming its executive director.

Kimberly Kyff, 2006-2007 Michigan Teacher of the Year

Kyff, of Bloomfield Hills, is a fifth-grade teacher at Detroit Public Schools' Jamieson Elementary and has more than 19 years of classroom experience. She will serve as a staff member at the Michigan Department of Education during the upcoming school year and will have a non-voting seat at the State Board of Education table.