



WSBA

WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

GOVERNANCE TASK FORCE CHARTER

The present form of governance of the Washington State Bar Association (WSBA) was originally established in the Washington State Bar Act, which was adopted in 1933. The WSBA BOG had begun a process of program review in fiscal year 2010-2011 and that process was spurred with the passage of the Referendum in 2012.

The WSBA BOG believes it is appropriate to undertake a review of how the WSBA is operated in light of the fact that the times and circumstances surrounding the operation of the organization have changed dramatically since 1933. Therefore, the WSBA BOG authorizes and creates the Governance Task Force to undertake an in-depth review of the governance of the WSBA, including but not limited to the following aspects of WSBA governance:

- WSBA overall governance, including but not limited to structure of representation; boards and committees; staff; and financial matters
- Continuity of operations from year to year
- Interrelationship between staff and governing body
- Effective means of reviewing programs and goals

The Chair of the Work Group will be 2011-2012 President Steve Crossland. The Task Force membership will not exceed ten members total. Given the short timeline for the Task Force to complete its work, the Chair recommends that the membership remain small with diversity being a priority in membership selection, including diversity of experience with WSBA.

The Chair of the Work Group will make an informational interim report to the Washington State Bar Association Board of Governors and Washington State Supreme Court within six months of appointment and a second interim report, for information and comment, within the following six months. Thirty days after disseminating the second interim report for review and comments, the final report with recommendations shall be prepared and submitted to the Washington Supreme Court and the Washington State Bar Association Board of Governors for consideration and action. Copies of the final report and recommendations will be submitted to all other interested stakeholder groups.

Approved by the Board of Governors 09-21-12

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