



Serving on the WSBA Board of Governors

Serving on the WSBA Board of Governors is a significant commitment, but a rewarding one. The Board moves the Bar forward with an eye toward both its long-standing mission and guiding principles, and its short-term strategic goals.

Responsibilities of the Board:

- Shape WSBA policy on an ongoing basis, as issues are raised by or brought before the Board for action. These issues address WSBA's regulatory functions (e.g., admissions, licensing, discipline) as well as its other professional services and programs.
- Ensure policies adopted adhere with WSBA's mission and guiding principles.
- Approve WSBA's annual budget, including member license fees, and serve as the fiduciary of a complex organization.
- Participate in the development of the organization's strategic goals.
- Communicate with WSBA members about the Board's work, and bring members' viewpoints to the Board for consideration.
- Serve on Board committees; serve as liaisons to WSBA's committees, boards and sections, and to other law-related organizations; attend law-related events as WSBA representatives.
- Elect WSBA's President and At-Large Board members.
- Recruit and appoint members to WSBA's committees and boards, and to external groups.

Rewards of Board service:

- Contribute to shaping the future of the legal profession and the justice system in Washington state.
- Learn from leaders in the profession as they address issues in front of the Board.
- Enjoy spirited but collegial discussions with fellow Board members.
- Connect with WSBA members, leaders and staff around the state, at BOG meetings and other law-related events.
- Meet annually with the state's Supreme Court.

Logistics:

- Board member terms are for three years, starting in late September.
- Much of the Board's work is conducted in one or two-day meetings that take place every six to eight weeks. Half of the meetings are in Seattle, with the rest scattered throughout the state.
- The time commitment is approximately 40 hours per month.
- Board members do not receive compensation for their service, but are reimbursed for travel and other expenses.