



## Washington State Bar Association

### BYLAWS WORK GROUP

#### Meeting Minutes

August 8, 2016

The meeting was held at the WSBA offices, 1325 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 600, Seattle, WA 98101.

Present were Anthony Gipe (chair), Elijah Forde, Brad Furlong, Mario Cava, Angela Hayes, G. Kim Risenmay, Jerry Moberg, Paula Littlewood, Jean McElroy, Doug Ende, Kirsten Schimpff, and Darlene Neumann (paralegal). Excused were Jill Karmy and Ken Masters. Also in attendance were Bill Hyslop, Paris Eriksen, Ruth Edlund, and Dan Bridges.

The meeting was called to order at 2:10 p.m.

#### **1. Minutes**

The minutes were approved.

#### **2. Art. I Functions**

The only changes were to conform Article I with proposed GR 12.

#### **3. Art II Definitions**

There were minor language changes to section F (Parliamentary Procedure). The work group will recommend this section be moved elsewhere in the Bylaws.

#### **4. Art. III Membership**

The work group discussed the primary changes to Article III, which defines membership license types, including defining lawyers who are not Bar members (e.g., *pro hac vic* admittees), and replacing the term lawyer with member under Status Classification to incorporate limited license members of the Bar, and other conforming changes. Following discussion, the work group agreed to refer the proposed amendments to the BOG for review.

#### **5. Art. IV Governance**

The work group discussed the election and appointment of the new Governor positions and recommended alternate versions of the bylaw be presented to the BOG for consideration.

## **6. Art. VI Elections**

The work group discussed alternate versions of A.2 (At Large Governors), subsections (c) and (d) dealing with LPO/LLLT and community member Governors. The work group agreed to present alternate versions with the initial version to BOG for consideration. Other conforming edits were noted and will be included in the final proposed versions.

## **7. Art. VII Meetings**

A draft of Article VII was distributed to the work group which incorporated changes from the last work group meeting. Following discussion, the work group clarified when sub-entities need to take minutes, and clarified provisions and requirements around executive session meetings. The work group asked for the Executive Session provisions to be restructured into three subsections covering the BOG, BOG committees, and all other Bar entities that might meet in executive session.

## **8. Art. XI Sections**

The chair will present the work group's proposed Sections Bylaw at a meeting of the Sections Work Group on August 12. He will inform the bylaws work group if any subsequent changes are made to the draft after the meeting.

## **9. Art. XIV Indemnification**

The work group noted conforming edits to the draft, otherwise there were no significant changes.

## **10. Timeline**

The work group discussed the remaining tasks to finish and consolidate the bylaws drafts and prepare a memo for the BOG's special meeting on August 23, 2016.

The meeting adjourned at 5:33 pm.