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To: Board of Governors

From: Anthony Gipe, Past President and Chair, WSBA Sections Policy Workgroup

Re: Phase I Update

Date: January 15, 2016

Phase 1 work of the Board/staff Sections Policy Workgroup is complete. During this Phase, the Workgroup: (1) analyzed current section demographics, member benefits, governance structures and fiscal policies; (2) developed core principles to guide our work; (3) solicited section feedback through an online survey and a dedicated feedback forum; (4) on December 31, 2015, published a comprehensive memorandum, accompanied by a summary of Workgroup communications with sections, discussion draft standard Sections Charter, discussion draft Section Fiscal Policy, and several charts comparing discussion drafts with current policies; and (5) set Phase 2 opportunities for further section input and feedback. All Workgroup materials may be accessed here: [Sections Policy Workgroup webpage](#).

Since the year end publication of the Workgroup materials, the sections have been considering and formulating written feedback on the Workgroup's recommendations, which is due on January 22. We have reached out to all BOG Liaisons to encourage and support their attendance at section meetings.

The next Workgroup meeting, on January 19, will focus on planning for the February 4th Sections Feedback Session. We will discuss Phase 2 work leading up to presentation of recommendations to the BOG on first reading in March. The February 4th Sections Feedback Session will be held in the WSBA Conference Center and webcast to maximize participation.