

## **MINUTES**

### ***Special Meeting*** **WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION** **BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

**Via Conference Call**  
**March 29, 2006**

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 by Treasurer Mark Johnson, since neither President Taylor nor President-elect Dial were able to be present, on Wednesday, March 29, 2006, via telephone conference. Governors participating were:

Marcine Anderson  
James Baker  
Stanley Bastian  
Liza E. Burke  
Lonnie Davis  
Douglas C. Lawrence  
Salvador A. Mungia  
Kristal K. Wiitala

Also present were Executive Director and Meeting Secretary Jan Michels, WSBA General Counsel Bob Welden, WSBA Deputy Director Paula Littlewood and WSBA Director of Regulatory Services Jean McElroy. Others participating were WSBA members Ken Luce and Michael Rossotto.

Treasurer Johnson announced that a special meeting had been called pursuant to Article VI of WSBA Bylaws. The sole item on the agenda was a proposed bylaw change modifying the military exemption from license fees.

#### **Certification of Adequate Notice**

General Counsel Welden ruled that adequate notice of a public Board meeting had been given.

#### **Quorum Established**

Treasurer Johnson certified that there were 8 voting governors present on the call, excluding him therefore, a quorum had been established.

### **Military Exemption Bylaw**

WSBA Director of Regulatory Services, Jean McElroy explained the proposed bylaw change. She noted that the original exemption was extremely broad, and that the number of exemption requests has exceeded 140 including many Judge Advocate General officers.

Ken Luce, representing the Legal Services to the Armed Forces section, and an original proponent of the military exemption bylaw, spoke in favor of a more definitive rule. He explained that the rule was never intended to benefit full-time military personnel but instead was meant to offer relief for lawyers, who had to interrupt their practice because of the military call up. He supported the bylaw change.

The following points were raised in discussion of the proposed bylaw amendment:

1. The reason this bylaw change required a special session was because of the current license fee cycle and the need for clarity (because of certain pending exemption requests);
2. The bylaws citing March 1 as the day by which exemption must be requested related to the day in which late fees could be assessed; and
3. WSBA member Mike Rossotto spoke in favor of the bylaw amendment and requested that Sealy induced waivers be available for Peace Corps volunteers.

Governor Davis made a motion to approve the bylaw amendment as proposed; Governor Mungia seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 8-0-0. (As chair of the meeting, Treasurer Johnson did not vote.)

There being no further business to come before the Board, this Special Meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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M. Janice Michels