

## Take Your Seat at the Table

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*The WSBA Board of Governors focuses on policy, leadership, strategy, and oversight of the organization. Service on the Board requires vision, leadership, diplomacy, and passion in pursuit of the WSBA's mission to serve the public and the members of the WSBA, to ensure the integrity of the legal profession and to champion justice.*

### **The WSBA is seeking applicants for the following positions on the Board of Governors:**

- **District 3:** currently held by Governor Lauren Boyd. Governor Boyd is eligible and undecided regarding seeking a second term.
- **District 6:** currently held by Governor Brett Purtzer. Governor Purtzer is not seeking another term.
- **District 7 North:** currently held by Governor Matthew Dresden. Governor Dresden is eligible and undecided regarding seeking a second term.
- **District 8:** currently held by Governor Erik Kaeding. Governor Kaeding is eligible and will be applying for a second term.

### Term:

The term of office for the above positions begin at the conclusion of the September 8-9, 2023 meeting of the Board of Governors and ends at the conclusion of the September 2026 meeting of the Board of Governors.

### Applications are due no later than 5:00pm PST on Wednesday, February 15. The application process is as follows:

1. [Complete the Congressional District Application Form](#)\*. This form is required. Please make sure to indicate which district you are applying for. See eligibility information below.
2. **Candidate Statement** (200 words max.). Candidate statements will be published online and included on the ballot.
3. [Candidate Profile Form](#). Profiles will be published online. Profile forms may be edited to align with WSBA branding guidelines.
4. **Photo**. Photo will be published online, included on the candidate profile and the ballot. Photo should be of good quality. The ideal photo size for web publishing is 150px (width) by 200px (height) at 72 dpi.
5. **Letters of Support**. Please have letters of support sent to [barleaders@wsba.org](mailto:barleaders@wsba.org) no later than 5:00pm PST on Wednesday, February 15.

Late application materials will **not** be accepted.

\*The application form is required. All other application materials (#2-5) are recommended but optional.

### Eligibility:

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In accordance with the WSBA Bylaws, Any Active member of the Bar, except a person who has previously served as a Governor for more than 48 consecutive months, may be nominated or apply for election as Governor from the Congressional District, or geographic regions within the Seventh Congressional District, in which such a person resides.

Members that have served as Governors for more than 48 consecutive months at time of filing an application, are not eligible to be nominated or apply for election or appointment as Governor from the Congressional District, At-Large Governor position, or geographic regions with the Seventh Congressional District, in which such person resides, for a period of 36 months after the conclusion of that term of service. Any dispute regarding eligibility of a member to serve on the Board of Governors shall be addressed by the Board of Governors.

View the WSBA Bylaws to learn more about the Election process (Article VI).

### [Finding Your Congressional District:](#)

Using your home address, please use this congressional [district finder](#) to confirm your congressional district. You must reside in the district you wish to apply for.

WSBA divides District 7 into two separate geographic regions designated as (North and South). and identified by postal zip codes established by the Bar in accordance with WSBA Bylaws and BOG Policy.

The 7 North Zip Codes are: **98103, 98105, 98107, 98115, 98117, 98125, 98133, 98155, 98177, 98185, 98195.**

### [After the Application Deadline:](#)

- **February 22:** Candidate Video Recording Sessions. Each applicant will have the opportunity to record a brief candidate video. Candidates will be provided predetermined questions and prompts in advance of the video recording. Each candidate will be provided the same questions/prompts. To ensure timely publication of the videos, we ask that candidates record their videos on this date if at all possible. More information will be provided to applicants.
- **March 15:** The Congressional District election opens via e-ballot.
- **April 3:** The Congressional District election closes at 5:00pm PST.
- **April 17:** Run-Off Election closes at 5:00pm PST (if required).

### [Orientation Period:](#)

In accordance with the WSBA Bylaws, 'Any newly elected Governor will undergo an orientation period commencing from the time of his or her election until being sworn in by the Supreme Court. This orientation must include attendance and participation in a New Governor Orientation (...) and are expected to attend other meetings and/or activities as invited or directed by the BOG. Governors-elect must also attend public meetings of the BOG as non-voting Governors. This attendance does not include executive sessions, unless authorized by the BOG.'

Therefore - mark your calendars; the following dates are important for any newly elected Governor:

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- **May 19-20, 2023** BOG Meeting in Yakima, WA.
- **June 23-25, 2023** BOG Meeting in Vancouver, WA (includes a retreat).
- **August 11-12, 2023** BOG Meeting *and* New Governor Orientation in Richland, WA. In-person attendance is encouraged.
- **September 8-9, 2023** BOG Meeting in Spokane, WA. In-Person attendance is encouraged.

Virtual attendance option is available.

### **Other Opportunities for Board Service: Governor At Large and President-elect:**

The WSBA is seeking applications for the following positions:

**Governor At-Large:** Application deadline is Monday, April 17 @ 5:00pm PST.

**President-elect:** Application deadline is Monday, April 17 @ 5:00pm PST.

More information will be posted soon.

### **Accommodations:**

The WSBA is committed to full access and participation by persons with disabilities. If you have any questions about accessibility or require accommodation, please contact [accomodations@wsba.org](mailto:accomodations@wsba.org) and/or [click here](#).

### **Questions:**

Please contact Paris Eriksen, WSBA Volunteer Engagement Advisor, at [parise@wsba.org](mailto:parise@wsba.org) or [barleaders@wsba.org](mailto:barleaders@wsba.org).

**The WSBA values diversity and inclusion, and encourages Black, indigenous, and people of color; women; people from the LBGTQ communities; people with disabilities; and members of other groups who have been systemically oppressed to apply for our committees, boards, and panels.**