

**WASHINGTON STATE  
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**Board of Governors Special Meeting  
Public Session Materials**

**April 6, 2018  
WSBA Conference Center  
Seattle, Washington**



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**2:00 pm – 3:00 pm**

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**Public Session Conference Call Information:**

**Dial 1.866.577.9294**

**Code 52810 (followed by #)**

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## **AGENDA**

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**2:00 P.M. – EXECUTIVE SESSION**

1. Judicial Recommendation Committee Recommendations – Jennifer Olegario (**action**)

**2:20 P.M. – PUBLIC SESSION**

1. Action Plan to establish a process for the review of proposed WSBA Bylaw Amendments, receipt of member and public comments, Board of Governors deliberations, and Reporting to the Washington Supreme Court (**action**)

**3:00 P.M. – ADJOURN**

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**MEMO**

**To:** President, Immediate Past-President, and Board of Governors

**From:** Margaret Shane

**Date:** March 28, 2018

**Re:** Action Plan for Proposed WSBA Bylaw Amendments

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**Action:** Approve plan for proposed WSBA Bylaw amendments.

Attached please find redline and clean versions of Governor Bridge's revised plan for proposed amendments to the WSBA Bylaws, which was discussed at the March 19, 2018, Special Board meeting.

## ACTION PLAN FOR PROPOSED BY LAW AMENDMENTS

1. The elections of three new Governorships are held in abeyance until the Board either disapproves of the proposed amendments deleting those positions or the Supreme Court approves their deletion if passed by the Board. In the event those positions are not deleted at the conclusion of this process, the Board will resolve at that time the procedure and timing for that onboarding.
2. The Board will conduct its own work group. Membership of the workgroup is open; any Board member or WSBA member who desires to attend those meetings may be a part of the work group. Detailed minutes of all meetings shall be kept including a record of any votes taken and who voted.

The first meeting of the work group will be set for the week of April 2. Staff will send a poll to determine the day most governors can attend and the first meeting will be set on that day. Those present will set the schedule for the following meetings.

The Board members present at the first meeting will appoint a facilitator for the work group meetings. The schedule of meeting days and times will be posted on the WSBA web site, included in the next Bar News, and transmitted via email as an email blast in accord with the current email blast mechanism.

Any WSBA member may propound proposals on the offered amendments.

The workgroup will return to the Board a redline of language that is agreed and disputed. The workgroup will not return a voted on recommendation per se. The proponents of the bylaw amendments, and any group that opposes them, may provide the Board a report stating the basis of their respective positions.

The first report of the Board's work group will be due at the May regular Board meeting. The workgroup will consider the input of the Board and meet again to determine if any suggestions by the Board can be integrated.

The second report of the Board's work group will be due at the July regular Board meeting. The workgroup will consider the input of the Board and meet again to determine if any suggestions by the Board can be integrated.

The third and final report of the Board's workgroup will be at the September regular Board meeting. It is contemplated the Board will vote on the proposed amendments at its regular September meeting. However, the Board on majority vote may defer a final vote contingent on additional work as directed by a majority of the Board at that time.

The initial reports of the workgroup need not be as detailed as the final reports. It is anticipated the final reports presented for September will reasonably contain the full basis for the proposal or opposition to them.

3. The Board's work group's meeting materials will be posted on the WSBA web site after each successive Board meeting where those materials were considered. The original proposed amendments should be posted as soon as practical.
4. By August 1, 2018 the work group will provide a report suitable for publication in the Bar News that summarizes the proposals and provides a statement for or against them as appropriate. For this report, if there are more than two versions for any one proposed amendment, the original proposed amendments shall be one version reported on. The work group will decide which of other proposals have a preponderance of support by the work group and that version shall be published in the Bar News.
5. All final reports of the workgroup pertaining to the three new governor positions shall be transmitted to the Supreme Court along with the final proposed language in redline unless the Board rejects the proposed amendments to eliminate the three new governor positions in which case the issue is moot.