

WASHINGTON STATE
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Board of Governors Special Meeting
Meeting Materials

May 19, 2020
Teleconference



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TELEPHONIC ONLY DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY
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WSBA Mission: To serve the public and the members of the Bar, to ensure the integrity of the legal profession, and to champion justice.

PLEASE NOTE: ALL TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE

ALL ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA ARE POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS

To participate remotely: dial 1.888.788.0099, Meeting ID: 965 2012 8569

12:00 PM – CALL TO ORDER

- PROPOSED EMERGENCY BYLAW – Timing of 2020 Elections
- ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION – if needed

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS LEGAL ADVICE FROM COUNSEL

- RE-ENTER PUBLIC SESSION

LITIGATION DECISIONS

- ACTION ON CLAIMS OR POTENTIAL CLAIMS

1:00 PM – ADJOURN

TO: WSBA Board of Governors
FROM: Rajeev D. Majumdar, President
DATE: May 13, 2020
RE: Brief One-Time Extension on Conducting Elections – violation of current Bylaws

ACTION/DISCUSSION : Proposed Bylaw Amendments –Elections

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1. Policy/Governance Transparency.
2. Enhance Member Influence/Engagement in WSBA Governance.
3. Ensure Public Health Safety.

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Pursuant to WSBA Bylaws XVI (C), such an amendment can occur for good cause, and then to be scheduled in regular course to be ratified in regular course.

REDLINE PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENTS re: Governor Elections

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