

WSBA Legislative Review Committee Policies & Procedures

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Format: The WSBA Legislative Review Committee (Committee) is a standing committee authorized for up to four in-person meetings each year (additional meetings may be approved by the President or the Executive Director). The Committee's Board of Governors (BOG) liaison must be a member of the BOG Legislative Committee (BLC).

Responsibilities: The Committee reviews all Bar request bills, answers questions, and provides support upon request of the BOG, the BLC, or the Outreach and Legislative Affairs Manager. Depending on the makeup of the Committee, it may also be able to provide technical support to sections in drafting of bills where appropriate.

Structure: The Committee consists of all qualified applicants, not to exceed 35 members. The Committee's chair is nominated each year by the WSBA President-elect and appointed by the BOG per standard WSBA committee procedures.

Appointment of members: All members are appointed or reappointed to a one-year term by the BOG each year. Terms begin July 1 and end June 30. Appointments are made per standard WSBA committee appointment procedures, and following WSBA's diversity guidelines. Attendance will be taken into account in reappointment decisions, per below.

Duties of Members: Members are expected to attend the Committee's mandatory annual training as well as all meetings for which they are available. Failure to attend the training or meetings will be considered grounds for non-reappointment. In addition, members are expected read the materials prior to each meeting and be prepared to ask questions.

Timelines: Entities proposing Bar request legislation must use best efforts to meet the following deadlines:

- Notify the Outreach and Legislative Affairs Manager by June 1.
- Provide a draft of content and a coversheet to the Outreach and Legislative Affairs Manager by July 1.
- Receive a Code Reviser draft for stakeholder work by August 1 (in collaboration with the Outreach and Legislative Affairs Manager).
- Finalize the draft for the Committee by September 1.
- Receive approval from the Committee by the end of October.
- Receive approval by the BOG at the November BOG meeting.
- The Chair may accept proposals outside the deadlines, provided there is sufficient time to properly vet the bill.