



## Board of Governors rejects mandatory rotation for governor filings

After considerable discussion and district-by-district consideration, the Board voted unanimously to reject the recommendations of the Governor and Presidential Selection Task Force to require rotation in the second, third, fourth, fifth, and sixth districts. The Board was concerned that the districts themselves were not in agreement with the proposal, and that the proposal might not solve the geographic representation problem. To address this problem, the Board did adopt the recommendations of the task force that each outgoing governor establish a nominating committee and actively recruit diverse representatives from their district to file for the Board of Governors positions.

## Dialogue with physicians

The Board of Governors opened dialogue with the Washington State Medical Association through WSMA Past-President Dr. **Kenneth Isaacs** and President Dr. **Peter Dunbar**. They discussed the commonalities of medical and legal practice and committed to ongoing work to develop "rules of engagement" regarding the intersection of the two professions.

## Court rules

- a) The Board voted to forward proposed GR 33 to the Supreme Court regarding accommodation for persons with disabilities in the courthouse.
- b) The Board discussed a possible rule allowing citation to unpublished opinions, and advised the Court Rules and Procedures Committee that they favor a broad rule allowing citation to all unpublished opinions at all court levels.
- c) The Board discussed the problems with the proliferation of local court rules, and suggested that the Rules Committee develop recommendations about how to approach this problem.

## WSBA's role in administering Supreme Court-created boards

The Board of Governors voted to forward a proposed rule to the Supreme Court clarifying the WSBA's role in administering Supreme Court-created boards. The

Board also adopted a newly negotiated memorandum of understanding with the Access to Justice Board regarding what the WSBA's administration means.

## President's Initiative renamed

After six months of working to develop programs of citizen education regarding the tenets of our democracy, the President's Initiative Advisory Committee adopted the new moniker "Foundations of Freedom," which reflects the goal of further educating the public regarding the rule of law, separation of powers, checks and balances, and judicial independence. The Board also adopted a resolution, to be forwarded to the ABA, calling for a national program parallel to Washington's effort.

## WSBA ABA delegates

**Paula Boggs**, **Ronald Ward**, and Judge **Thomas Warren** were reappointed, and Judge **Eileen Kato** was newly appointed as the WSBA's delegates to the ABA. Each will serve a two-year term.

## Local Hero Award

The Board of Governors joined the Walla Walla County Bar Association in honoring Judge **Donald Schacht** as a Local Hero. President **Brooke Taylor** presented Judge Schacht with the award.

## New Sexual Orientation and Gender Identification Legal Issues Section created

At its March meeting, the Board approved the creation of a new section, Sexual Orientation and Gender Identification Legal Issues. See the WSBA website at [www.wsba.org/lawyers/groups/new+section+page+sogili.htm](http://www.wsba.org/lawyers/groups/new+section+page+sogili.htm) for more information. (Notice of this new section was inadvertently left out of the previous *News Flash*.)

## June's Board meeting issues

The June meeting will be held June 9 in Yakima.

- Election of the president
- Election of the WYLD at-large governor
- Appointments to the Legislative Committee
- Action on the formation of the new Juvenile Law Section

## Upcoming Events

Many more events are listed on the Legal Community Events Calendar on the WSBA website at [www.wsba.org/info/event-calendar.htm](http://www.wsba.org/info/event-calendar.htm).

### May 2

Northwest Women's Law Center Dinner  
Westin Hotel, Seattle

### May 5

WDTL Eastern Washington Judicial  
Reception  
Davenport Hotel, Spokane

### May 19

Loren Miller Bar Association Philip L.  
Burton Annual Memorial Scholarship  
Dinner  
Westin Hotel, Seattle

### May 20

WYLD Board of Trustees Meeting and  
ABA/YLD Spring Meeting  
Marriott Portland City Center,  
Portland, OR

### May 31-June 3

ABA National Conference on  
Professional Responsibility  
Vancouver, BC

### June 1-2

Statewide Diversity Conference  
Seattle University School of Law,  
Seattle

### June 9

WSBA Board of Governors  
Meeting  
Red Lion Hotel Yakima Center,  
Yakima

### June 9-10

WYLD Board of Trustees  
Red Lion Hotel Yakima Center,  
Yakima

### June 9-11

Access to Justice and Bar  
Leaders Conferences  
Yakima Convention Center,  
Yakima

### July 13

Washington Defense Trial  
Lawyers Annual Convention  
Westin Resort, Whistler, BC

### July 15-19

WSTLA and ATLA Convention  
Seattle

### July 21-22

WSBA Board of Governors  
Meeting  
Red Lion Hotel, Port Angeles

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