

Governance Task Force

March 31, 2014

Task Force members present: Rima Alaily (Chair); Doug Lawrence; Hugh Spitzer; Lee Kerr, and Nancy Isserlis. BOG Liaison present: Paul Bastine. WSBA staff present: Jean McElroy. Craig Sims and Loren Etengoff were absent.

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the February 24, 2014, Task Force meeting were approved unanimously.

Discussion of Task Force Business

The Task Force discussed suggested edits to a draft report that it is preparing for presentation to the BOG and the Supreme Court. Based on the discussion, it appears that a final version of Task Force's second report will be finalized by later this week.

The Task Force discussed distribution of this second report. The Charter states that this second interim report shall be provided to the BOG and the Supreme Court, "for information and comment," and that "[t]hirty days after disseminating the second interim report for review and comments, the final report with recommendations shall be prepared and submitted to the Washington Supreme Court and the Washington State Bar Association Board of Governors for consideration and action. Copies of the final report and recommendations will be submitted to all other interested stakeholder groups."

Based on the above charter provisions, the Task Force will provide a copy of this second report to the BOG President and the Executive Director, for distribution to the BOG as a whole, and to the Chief Justice of the Washington Supreme Court for distribution to the full court. In addition, the Task Force will request that the second report be provided to the stakeholders with whom the Task Force met, and that it be published on the WSBA website with an email for providing comments, to allow for broad distribution and comment before the final report is prepared.

The Task Force also discussed presentation of the second report at the BOG meeting in April. Due to scheduling issues for some members, the Task Force will be requesting an early agenda time at the meeting. The Chair will discuss with the President whether there is a preference for how the report presentation occurs.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of these March 31, 2014, Task Force meeting were approved unanimously by email.