

The Board of Governors held a special meeting on April 6 with one public agenda item: To determine a process to review proposed bylaw amendments.

After much audience commentary—including from former WSBA Presidents, limited license legal technicians, lawyers, and the public—governors formed a work group to study if and how to bring on three new board seats (two for public members and one for a Limited License Technician or Limited Practice Officer). The board added these seats by amending its bylaws in 2016, following a four-year governance-review process. In January 2018, the Washington Supreme Court issued an order to approve the amendment. The work group will review a proposal to remove the three new seats and allow Limited License Legal Technicians and Limited Practice Officers to run for election in open Congressional districts.

The proposed bylaw amendments also include redefinition of the WSBA President's authority and other changes to the Governance and Meetings section of the WSBA bylaws; governors will discuss these proposed amendments during their May meeting.

Look for updates about the work group and meeting dates at wsba.org.

The recording of this special meeting is available online.