

MINUTES

Public Session via Conference Call Washington State Bar Association BOARD OF GOVERNORS EMERGENCY MEETING

**Seattle, WA
June 23, 2017**

The Public Session Emergency Meeting of the Board of Governors of the Washington State Bar Association (WSBA) was called to order by President Brad Furlong on Friday, June 23, 2017, at 8:48 a.m., at the WSBA offices, Seattle, Washington. Governors in attendance by phone were:

Dan W. Bridges
Mario M. Cava
Ann Danieli
Angela M. Hayes
Jill A. Karmy
Rajeev D. Majumdar
Christina A. Meserve
William D. Pickett
G. Kim Risenmay

Also in attendance by phone were President Brad Furlong and Immediate Past-President Bill Hyslop. In the room were Executive Director Paula Littlewood, General Counsel/Chief Regulatory Counsel Jean McElroy, Chief Disciplinary Counsel Doug Ende, Director of Human Resources Frances Dujon-Reynolds, Director of Advancement/Chief Development Officer Terra Nevitt, Outside Counsel Russell M. Aoki, and Executive Assistant Margaret Shane.

DISCUSSION

Discussion was held regarding how to deal with the vacant President-elect seat for the remainder of this fiscal year. Options discussed included: moving President-elect-elect Pickett into the President-elect seat immediately and filling the resulting vacant District 4 seat at the July Board meeting; electing someone else to the President-elect position for the remainder of this year only; or leaving the President-elect seat vacant for the remainder of this year. General

Counsel McElroy urged the Board to move quickly to fill the President-elect seat since it is not practical to expect the President, Immediate Past-President, and Treasurer (who is moving out of the country) to be able to handle the many matters that will need to be dealt with between now and the end of this fiscal year. Governor Majumdar moved to table discussion. Motion died for lack of a second. Governor Karmy moved that a special meeting be scheduled between now and the July 27-28, 2017, Board meeting to propose a Bylaw amendment should this type of situation arise in the future. Motion passed 8-0-1. Governor/President-elect-elect Pickett abstained.

President Furlong requested that General Counsel work with Governors Bridges, Cava, and Karmy to draft a proposed Bylaw amendment to be submitted to the Board for consideration.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board in the Emergency Public Session Meeting, Public Session was adjourned at 9:05 a.m. on Friday, June 23, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

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NOTE: After review and deliberations of the WSBA Bylaws by Governors Bridges, Cava, and Karmy, it was determined that according to current WSBA Bylaw VI(D)(2), President-elect-elect Pickett has automatically become President-elect: "The President-elect will take office upon the incumbent President-elect becoming President or upon vacancy of the office of President-elect." It was suggested, however, that the apparent contradiction in 7(a)(2) be resolved by a proposed amendment to the Bylaws at a later date.