

**To:** WSBA President, President-elect, and Board of Governors  
**From:** Jean K. McElroy, Chief Regulatory Counsel  
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**Subject:** Suggested Amendments to the WSBA Bylaws

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**First Reading – Review and discuss suggested amendments to the WSBA Bylaws that are intended to align the Bylaws with the recently amended Admission and Practice Rules (APR).**

The primary purpose of the suggested amendments to the WSBA Bylaws is to align the WSBA Bylaws with the recent amendments to the Washington Supreme Court Admission and Practice Rules (APR) that were adopted effective September 1, 2017. The suggested amendments to the WSBA Bylaws align the Bylaws with the APR, correct references to the APR, align licensing and readmission processes that apply to all members of the Bar, and make terminology more consistent.

In addition, some substantive amendments are necessary in order to ensure that fees, procedures, requirements, etc., are the same for all members or are equitable in relation to the different member license types. In addition, the sections of the Bylaws that address license fee procedures and some reductions in fees (especially for new members) were divided into subsections; members have occasionally complained that it is too hard to understand these provisions written as one long section.

One substantive change if the amendments are adopted relates to Art. III Sec. D.1.a.2) and Art III Sec. K.4.d.2). The suggested amendments in these sections relate to a required reinstatement course for members returning to active status after six or more years on inactive, emeritus pro bono, or suspended status. This is an existing requirement for lawyers, and a new requirement for LLLTs and LPOs. The proposal is to require a course that is adjusted in length based on license type, primarily due to the differing numbers of topics that should be covered by such a course.

Attachments:

1. Suggested amendments to WSBA Bylaws – Blackline
2. Suggested Amendments to WSBA Bylaws – Clean