

VI. ELECTIONS

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D. ELECTIONS BY BOARD OF GOVERNORS

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2. Office of President-Elect.

The BOG will elect an Active member of the Washington State Bar Association to serve as President-elect. The election shall take place during a BOG meeting not later than the 38th week of each fiscal year, and will be by secret written ballot. The President-elect will take office upon the incumbent President-elect becoming President or upon vacancy of the office of President-elect.

To ensure geographic balance of Presidents between Eastern and Western Washington, and recognizing the need to ensure that President-elects are individuals whose primary place of business is located in Eastern Washington at least every four years, in the event that the last President-elect was from Eastern Washington three years earlier, on the fourth year the President-elect must be an individual whose primary place of business is from Eastern Washington.

~~Beginning with the election of the President-elect who will begin to serve as President in the year 2011 and every four years thereafter, the President-elect must be an individual whose primary place of business is located in Eastern Washington.~~ For purposes of these Bylaws, “Eastern

Washington” is defined as that area east of the Cascade mountain range generally known as Eastern Washington. During the ~~remaining interim~~ three years from the last election of a President-elect From Eastern Washington, the President-elect may be an individual

from anywhere within the state, including Eastern Washington. The provision requiring that the President-elect be filled by a person who must come from Eastern Washington shall go into effect any Election cycle in which three years have run without a President-elect from Eastern Washington.

In any year that this provision is triggered, should no qualifying application be received for the position of President-elect within the timeframe allowed, the President will advise the BOG, and the BOG, at any regular meeting or special meeting called for that purpose, will establish procedures to re-open and extend the application period or otherwise address the issue. Such action by the BOG may include waiver of any geographic limitation for the year in question. If such waiver is made, the provision for

geographic balance is triggered for the following year.