

UPDATE FROM WSBA BYLAWS WORK GROUP - Governor Kim Risenmay and Jean McElroy, General Counsel/Chief Regulatory Counsel

Governor Risenmay reviewed the history of the Work Group and explained that most of the work is currently being done by subcommittees of the Work Group and is in draft format, which needs further revision in order for the final product to contain consistent terminology. He advised that the current timetable is to present the proposed amendments of the WSBA Bylaws to the Board for first reading at its July 22-23, 2106, meeting.

PROPOSAL RE WSBA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP – Governor Jill Karmy, WSBA Legislative Committee BOG Liaison; Governor Phil Brady, BOG Legislative Committee Chair; and Alison Grazzini, Legislative Affairs Manager

Governor Brady explained the current structure of the Committee and advised that the proposed changes to the Committee membership include the size and type of membership of the Committee; alignment with the current WSBA committee appointment process; term limits for Committee members; and the requirement that the liaison to the WSBA Legislative Committee be either the Chair, or a member of, the BOG Legislative Committee. He noted that, should the Board approve the proposal, during the transition current Committee members who have been on the Committee four or more years may apply for one additional two-year term.

Governor Karmy reviewed the feedback received to date from the current Committee members, which focused mainly on concerns regarding loss of institutional knowledge with no long-term core members. Governor Karmy stated that staff could supply the institutional knowledge. Manager Grazzini advised that there are a number of members interested in serving on this Committee and that since the regular legislative session and subsequent biennium are concluding, this is a good time to make the proposed changes. Executive Director Littlewood noted that institutional knowledge for legislative proposals pursued by WSBA resides with the WSBA Sections and that nothing will be lost with the proposed structure since this Committee does not engage in legislative strategy.

Discussion ensued regarding the current structure of the Committee and the transition to the proposed structure; the increased opportunity for diversity with more rollover of Committee