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**E. Proposed Changes to the California Young Lawyers Association Governance Structure – Return of Public Comment**

**BOARD  
ACTION ITEM  
MAY 165**

**Additional  
paragraph  
added [No. 7]**

Patricia Lee presented this item. Upon motion made by Governor Miller, seconded, and unanimously adopted, the committee adopted a resolution recommending that the Board of Governors adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLVED**, upon recommendation of the Board Committee on Stakeholder Relations, that the Board of Governors approves the following recommendations to effectuate changes to CYLA governance:

To achieve the vision of a fully engaged State Bar entity that would champion the interests and needs of new lawyers, the following recommendations are proposed:

1. That CYLA and the State Bar take appropriate steps to transition selection of CYLA members from an election process to an appointment process, with 9 seats reserved, one for each State Bar District, and the remaining seats appointed consistent with the State Bar Appointments Policies and Procedures. Current members of the CYLA board will continue serving on the new entity until their current terms expire. The Board of Governors will fill the vacated seats through appointment.

2. CYLA will be expanded to 20 members, who are representative of the new lawyer constituents and who are interested in supporting the mission and charge of CYLA.

3. CYLA will convert the current CYLA bylaws into an official Mission and Charge, consistent with State Bar structure and format for other appointed entities, subject to Board of Governors approval.

4. CYLA will elect one new lawyer representative to a voting seat on the Board of Governors.

5. It will be understood that the current reference to new or young lawyers in all materials, rules, and procedures as "members" will refer to new and young lawyer "constituents," and changes to specific language will be made, as needed. The new lawyer "constituents" will be defined using the current criteria, e.g. attorneys age 36 and under or attorneys in practice for 5 years or less.

6. California Young Lawyers Association will retain its current name.

7. Because CYLA is a priority for the Board of Governors, it is the intent of the Board that in the development of the 2009 budget, full consideration be given to increased resources for CYLA, and CYLA is requested to develop specific proposals about the activities it will pursue with any increased resources.

*newly added and approved*



**F. Amendment to Rules and Regulations of the State Bar of California, Article V. Meetings of the State Bar, Section 1. Annual Meeting - Request for Public Comment**

**BOARD  
COMMITTEE  
ACTION ITEM**

**No Change**

Governor John Peterson presented this item. Upon motion made by Governor Butler, seconded, and unanimously adopted, the committee adopted the following resolution:

**RESOLVED**, that the Board Committee on Stakeholder Relations authorizes staff to make available for public comment for a period of 45 days, the proposed revisions to Rules and Regulations of the State Bar of California, Article V. Meetings of the State Bar, Section 1. Annual Meeting, in the form attached; and it is

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this authorization for release for public comment is not, and shall not be construed as, a statement or recommendation of approval of the proposed item.