

AGENDA ITEM

SEPTEMBER 701

DATE: September 7, 2011

TO: Members, Board of Governors

FROM: Jon Streeter, President-Elect

SUBJECT: Task Force on Discipline System Metrics and Monitoring; Ad Hoc Committee on Legislative Affairs - proposed approval

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The following changes to the current committee structure are proposed for the 2011-2012 board year: (1) Rename the Volunteer Involvement Committee (VIC) to the Nominations and Appointment Committee (NAC); (2) Create a new Task Force on Discipline Metrics and Monitoring; (3) Create a new Ad Hoc Legislative Affairs Committee.

DISCUSSION

1. Rename the Volunteer Involvement Committee (VIC) to the Nominations and Appointment Committee (NAC).

This is a proposed change in nomenclature only. As outlined in the Board Book (TAB 9 Article 7), the jurisdiction of this Committee includes the charge of fashioning strategies for maintaining a positive and productive relationship with members of the Bar, including maintaining effective two-way communications with members. This charge overlaps to some degree with the jurisdictional ambit of the Planning, Program Development and Budget Committee (PPDB) and the Task Force on Sections. In recent years, the central mission of the VIC -- and the bulk of its work -- has been nominations and appointments. This year, we will focus on the quality of the Bar's relationship with members in the Task Force on Sections, which is composed of both members of this Board and the Council on Sections and therefore provides us the best forum for collaborating and gathering input directly from members who have volunteered. We will attend to the strategic aspects of maintaining a positive and productive relationship with members in the PPDB Committee, which has strategic planning as part of its core mission. Thus, the name change from VIC to NAC simply clarifies the jurisdictional boundaries between these various working groups that we will observe in the upcoming Board year.

2. Create a new Task Force on Discipline Metrics and Monitoring.

This Task Force will focus on improving the quality of reporting information that is available to Board members in the area of discipline. Its charge will be (i) to review our current practices and capabilities for measuring productivity the area of discipline, (ii) to examine the form and the frequency in which such data is reported to the Regulation, Admissions and Discipline Committee (RAD) and to the Board as a whole, and (iii) to recommend changes and improvements in how we can measure and report on the OCTC's productivity. This task will require close examination and analysis of the quality and capabilities of our information technology systems and on how we present and communicate data to the RAD and to the Board. Because this is a systems analysis project that will require a large degree of cross-disciplinary collaboration with staff in many different parts of our organization (Finance, Personnel and IT, at least, in addition to OCTC), and because we expect a very heavy work-load within RAD itself this year, the work of this proposed Task Force is best undertaken, at least initially, as a discrete project outside of RAD.

3. Create a new Ad Hoc Legislative Affairs Committee

The proposed Ad Hoc Committee on Legislative Affairs will provide a structural tool within the Board from which to draw upon the accumulated experience and expertise of Board members who have significant relationships with members of the Legislature and the Governors' Office. The Chair of the group will be the Executive Director, who will continue to have full supervisorial authority over our contracted legislative advocate. The group will serve as a resource to the Executive Director to help formulate coordinated messaging and communications strategy in the legislative arena. It will of course operate within and abide by all limitations on legislative advocacy (i.e. the Keller case) as must be observed by the Bar generally.

FISCAL / PERSONNEL IMPACT:

None

RULE AMENDMENTS:

None

BOARD BOOK IMPACT:

TAB 9, Article 7

RECOMMENDATION / PROPOSED BOARD RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Governors hereby adopts the following proposed changes to the current committee structure for the 2011-2012 board year: (1) Rename the Volunteer Involvement Committee (VIC) to the Nominations and Appointment Committee (NAC); (2) Create a new Task Force on Discipline Metrics and Monitoring; (3) Create a new Ad Hoc Legislative Affairs Committee; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Governors directs staff to align the previously adopted committees with the above-named committees.