

AGENDA ITEM

30-1 NOVEMBER

DATE: October 5, 2011

TO: Members, Board of Governors

FROM: Joseph Dunn, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Certification of the 2011 CYLA Board Election of State Bar Board of Governors Representative

California Young Lawyers Governor

Subject to the supervision of the Board and the Secretary, the governing body of the California Young Lawyers Association (CYLA) elects as a member of the Board of Governors one of its constituents¹. CYLA constituents are active members of the State Bar until their thirty-seventh birthday or the end of their fifth year of active status, whichever is later.²

On April 29, 2011, the CYLA Board met to conduct the election for the 2011-2012 CYLA Board officers and State Bar Board of Governors seat. Samson R. Elsbernd ran uncontested for the State Bar Board seat and was deemed elected. This memorandum affirms Mr. Elsbernd's election.

Background

The State Bar's Conference of Barristers was created in 1965 by the State Bar's Board of Governors. It was governed by an Executive Council. The name was changed to the California Young Lawyers Association (CYLA) in 1977-78 when CYLA's membership on the State Bar's Board of Governors was effectuated through statutory amendment.

The California Young Lawyers Association (CYLA) is appointed by the Board of Governors to advise the Board of the interests of California young lawyers, to develop strategies for increasing young lawyer involvement and participation in the State Bar, and to facilitate the development of programs and services that would assist young

¹ Business and Professions Code § 6013.4 provides, in relevant part: "Notwithstanding any other provision of law, one member of the board shall be elected by the board of directors of the California Young Lawyers Association, from the membership of that association. . . . [¶] . . . Such member shall serve for a term of one year, commencing at the conclusion of the annual meeting next succeeding the election and is eligible for reelection."

² State Bar Rule 6.9 adopted March 6, 2009; amended effective September 26, 2010, retroactive to April 10, 2010.

lawyers in their professional and leadership advancement and programs that benefit the public.

CYLA is composed of 20 young lawyer members appointed by the Board of Governors. Nine of the appointed seats are designated for representatives of each of the nine State Bar districts, one member per district. The remaining 11 seats are filled by appointments at large.

Proposed Resolution

It is requested that the Board affirm the election of the CYLA representative to the State Bar Board of Governors by adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that Samson Elsbernd is declared elected by the CYLA Board as a 2011-2012 members of the Board of Governors of The State Bar of California.