

AGENDA ITEM

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DATE: November 30, 2012

TO: Members, Board Committee on Operations

FROM: Joseph Dunn, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Proposed Change to Multi-Year Board Meeting Schedule for 2012-2013 for Location and Date of March 2013 Meeting

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Board Committee on Operations, acting on behalf of the full Board of Trustees between regular meetings, would in this item amend the Multi-Year Board meeting schedule for 2012-2013 of its regular meetings, which was approved on October 14, 2012, and change the location of the March 2013 meeting from Los Angeles to Sacramento and the date of the March 2013 meeting from March 7-8, 2013 to March 6-7, 2013.

BACKGROUND

The location of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees in March 2013 is presently set for Los Angeles. Moving the meeting to Sacramento will allow the State Bar to invite members of the Legislature to attend the meeting and would facilitate orienting members of the Board of Trustees to the legislative process.

ISSUE

Should the location of the March meeting be changed from Los Angeles to Sacramento?

CONCLUSION

Yes. State Bar Rule 6.50(E) provides that the meetings of the board and board committees must be held at the State Bar offices in San Francisco or Los Angeles, but permits by a majority vote to hold a meeting at some other location in the state or by a two-thirds vote at a location outside of California.

DISCUSSION

Regular meetings of the Board of Trustees and Board Committees are those meetings that have been calendared by the Board by resolution. State Bar Rule 6.50(A). To assure attendance and access by the general public and to control costs of the meetings, State Bar Rule 6.50(E) requires that meetings of the Board or Board Committees be held at the State Bar's offices in San Francisco or Los Angeles unless the Board has approved by a majority vote a location within the state. A meeting outside of California requires a two-thirds vote. *Id.* The Board Committee on Operations is the executive committee of the Board and is authorized to act on behalf of the Board between regular meetings.

The Board's March 7-8, 2013 meeting falls between the last day for bills to be introduced in the Legislature on February 18 and the commencement of the Legislature's spring recess on March 21 next year. (J.R. 51(a)(2), 54(a), 61(a)(1).) Holding the Board's meeting in Sacramento during this time would greatly facilitate orientating members of the Board on the legislative process and would provide a greater opportunity for members of the Senate and Assembly to attend the Board meeting.

FISCAL / PERSONNEL IMPACT:

Budgeted Annually.

RULE AMENDMENTS:

None.

BOARD BOOK IMPACT:

None.

PROPOSED BOARD COMMITTEE ON OPERATIONS RESOLUTION:

Should the Board Committee on Operations, acting on behalf of the Board of Trustees in between meetings, concur with the proposed amendment to the 2012-2013 Board meeting schedule, adoption of the following resolution would be appropriate:

RESOLVED, that the Board Committee on Operations, acting on behalf of the Board of Trustees in between meetings, amends the regularly scheduled meetings of the Board be held as listed on the attached meeting schedule.