

# AGENDA ITEM

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**DATE:** June 30, 2014

**TO:** Members, Board Committee on Operations  
Members, Board of Trustees

**FROM:** Luis Rodriguez, President  
Joseph L. Dunn, Chief Executive Officer

**SUBJECT:** Presidential Recognition Award Protocol

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This item proposes the creation of a Presidential Recognition Award. Creation of the award would authorize the President to recognize and award up to five recipients for their contributions to the furtherance of the State Bar's missions and goals. The outgoing President will be accorded 20 minutes to award recipients at the President-Elect's swearing-in ceremony.

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## BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

The President, like other officers of the State Bar, has duties that are prescribed by the Board and subject to the Board's supervision and control. (See Board Book, Tab 5, Article 2, Section 1.) The primary role of the President is to lead the Board; facilitate communications between the Board and the Executive Director; and serve as the primary spokesperson for the Board and the Bar in discussions with the Supreme Court, Legislature, stakeholders, and the public. (See Board Book, Tab 5, Article 2, Section 2(a).) The President is also authorized to issue certificates of recognition and/or proclamations. (See Board Book, Tab 5, Article 2, Section 2(b)(12).)

This proposal will expand the President's authority to issue certificates of recognition and proclamations. Specifically, the proposal creates the "Presidential Recognition Award" which grants the President sole discretion to recognize individuals or organizations who have furthered the State Bar's missions and goals during the President's term. The number of awards may vary annually, but would be limited to a maximum of five recipients each year. An outgoing President will be accorded 20 minutes at each incoming President's swearing-in ceremony in order to present the award.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

This item recommends that the Board approve creation of the Presidential Recognition Award and authorize the President to recognize up to five recipients annually for furthering the goals and missions of the State Bar.

### **FISCAL / PERSONNEL IMPACT:**

Purchase of presentation awards.

### **RULE AMENDMENTS:**

None.

### **BOARD BOOK IMPACT:**

Tab 5, Article 2, Section 2.

## **PROPOSED BOARD COMMITTEE ON OPERATION RESOLUTION:**

Should the Board Committee on Operations agree with the above recommendation, adoption of the following resolution would be appropriate:

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees wishes to further promote the Board's mission and goals through recognition of achievements that promote the State Bar's ideals;

**RESOLVED**, that the Board Committee on Operations recommends that the Board of Trustees create the Presidential Recognition Award, and authorizes the President of the State Bar to award up to five individuals or organizations annually for exemplary actions in furtherance of the State Bar's missions and goals.

## **PROPOSED BOARD OF TRUSTEES RESOLUTION:**

Should the Board concur with the recommendation of the Board Committee on Operations, the following resolution would be in order:

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees wishes to further promote the Board's mission and goals through recognition of achievements that promote the State Bar's ideals;

**RESOLVED**, that upon recommendation of the Board Committee on Operations, the Board of Trustees hereby creates the Presidential Recognition Award, and authorizes the President of the State Bar to award up to five individuals or organizations annually for exemplary actions in furtherance of the State Bar's missions and goals.