

AGENDA ITEM

145 JULY 2015

DATE: July 7, 2015

TO: Members, Planning and Budget Committee
Members, Board of Trustees

FROM: Pam Wilson, Senior Director, Education

SUBJECT: Authority to Raise Section Dues to \$150

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In 2002 the Board authorized sections to determine their membership dues in an amount not to exceed \$95 per member. This agenda item seeks to increase the authorized ceiling for section dues to \$150 per member.

BACKGROUND

Each section is listed on the State Bar fee bill for purposes of collecting section attorney membership dues. Currently, there is Board authorization for the sections to determine their membership dues in an amount not to exceed \$95 per member. However, several sections must consider raising their dues above this amount given increased operating costs and high overhead expenses.

DISCUSSION

Section membership dues in the amount of \$95 may not be sufficient for some sections to insure their financial viability. Therefore, the maximum authorized amount should be raised to allow sections enough time to consider costs when determining their 2016 dues.

Each section must finalize their membership dues no later than the State Bar Annual Meeting in order to be included on the 2016 fee bill this fall.

Staff recommends that the Board of Trustees authorize section membership dues be approved at a level determined by each section not to exceed \$150 per member.

FISCAL/PERSONNEL IMPACT

None.

RULE AMENDMENTS

None.

BOARD BOOK IMPACT

None.

BOARD COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Planning and Budget Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees authorize each section to determine their membership dues in an amount not to exceed \$150 per member.