

OPEN SESSION AGENDA ITEM

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DATE: November 30, 2018

TO: Members, California Board of Legal Specialization

FROM: Amy C. Nuñez, Director, Admissions

SUBJECT: APPOINTMENTS AND COMPOSITION OF STATE BAR SUB-ENTITIES

SUMMARY

This agenda item reports back on the status of implementation plans established for sub-entities as it relates to the California Board of Legal Specialization (CBLS), specifically regarding appointments and composition.

BACKGROUND

Traditionally, recommendations to the BOT to fill vacancies on sub-entities are presented on or about May or July each year. Due to the then-pending Appendix I review, which was to include a discussion of the appropriate size of the various State Bar sub-entities, staff did not present to the BOT the CBLS recommendations to fill the expiring terms of its members.

In September 2018, the BOT extended through December 31, 2018, the terms of CBLS officers to allow the CBLS to make recommendations from existing members and present them to the BOT in January 2019.

Also at the September 2018 BOT meeting, the BOT adopted specific recommendations as to the continued functions of many of the sub-entities, as well as a recommendation that the default size for all sub-entities, including the CBLS, would be seven (7) members. To achieve this, the CBLS is to be reduced from its current size of fifteen (15) to seven (7) through attrition.

DISCUSSION

Appointments

For the 2018-2019 State Bar year, Staff recommends the following candidates for appointment:

Chair: Michael Berg is recommended for appointment to a one-year term as Chair after serving this year as the CBLS Vice Chair.

Vice Chair: Miles D. Friedman is recommended for appointment to a one-year term as Vice Chair after serving four years as a CBLS attorney member.

Composition

For the 2018-2019 State Bar year, Staff recommends that the vacancies created by members whose term expires this year not be filled. Members with terms expiring this year are:

1. Jeffrey B. Hayden, Immediate Past Chair/Advisor
2. Jerry B. Kline, Attorney Member
3. John W. Munsill, Attorney Member
4. Glenn J. Plattner, Chair
5. L. Robert Vermes, Attorney Member

Additionally, CBLS Public Member Neil Thakur recently resigned from his position, leaving an unexpired term of two years on the four year term. This creates a sixth vacancy to the CBLS, which Staff also recommends not be filled.

By leaving the above vacancies unfilled, the CBLS size will be reduced to nine (9) members for the 2018-2019 State Bar year. The proposed 2018-2019 CBLS Roster is attached as Attachment A.

FISCAL/PERSONNEL IMPACT

Cost savings related to travel and expenses as a result of fewer members.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the California Board of Legal Specialization approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the recommended appointments for Chair and Vice Chair to the California Board of Legal Specialization for the 2018-2019 State Bar year be approved for transmittal to the Board of Trustees.

ATTACHMENT(S) LIST

- A.** Proposed 2018-2019 CBLS Roster



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