



The State Bar *of California*

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AGENDA ITEM

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BOARD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE II.A

DATE: July 11, 2019

TO: Members, Board Executive Committee
Members, Board of Trustees

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SUBJECT: Correction – May 2019 Agenda Item – American Bar Association (ABA) House of Delegates – Annual Appointment of Members

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This agenda item is informational only. It corrects a misstatement in a May 2019 agenda item, which inaccurately stated that the State Bar does not reimburse non-staff delegates for travel expenses related to their service as a State Bar delegate. The State Bar does reimburse both its staff and its non-staff delegates for travel expenses related to their service as a State Bar delegates.

BACKGROUND

Control and administration of the American Bar Association (ABA) is vested in its House of Delegates (HOD). The HOD meets twice each year, during the ABA's Annual and Midyear Meetings. Actions taken by the House of Delegates on specific issues become official ABA policy. The State Bar is one of the appointing authorities to the ABA House of Delegates. Historically, the State Bar appointed 11 members to the House of Delegates. However, last January the ABA reapportioned the State Bar's 11 appointments in the following manner: six remain with the State Bar, and five transfer to the California Lawyers Association (CLA). The State Bar's current policy is that it reimburses both its staff and its non-staff delegates for travel expenses related to their service as a State Bar delegate to the American Bar Association House of Delegates.

DISCUSSION

The May 2019 agenda item titled “American Bar Association (ABA) House of Delegates, Annual Appointment of Members” on the Board Executive Committee and Board of Trustees agendas, items III.B and 54-111 respectively, contained a misstatement. It incorrectly stated, in the “FISCAL/PERSONNEL IMPACT” portion of the item, that “[t]he State Bar does not reimburse non-staff delegates for travel or other expenses related to their service as a State Bar delegate.”

Because the State Bar does reimburse both its staff and its non-staff delegates for travel expenses related to their service as a State Bar delegates, this item serves to correct that error.

FISCAL/PERSONNEL IMPACT

None

RULE AMENDMENTS

None

BOARD BOOK AMENDMENTS

None

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS & OBJECTIVES

Goal: 1. Successfully transition to the “new State Bar” — an agency focused on public protection, regulating the legal profession, and promoting access to justice.

Objective: b. Implement and pursue governance, composition and operations reforms needed to ensure that the Board’s structure and processes optimally align with the State Bar’s public protection mission.

RECOMMENDATIONS

None

ATTACHMENT(S) LIST

None