



The State Bar *of California*

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AGENDA ITEM

54-111 MAY 2019

BOARD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE III.B

DATE: May 16, 2019

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

FROM: Brandon Stallings and Mark Broughton, Appointments Liaisons, Board Executive Committee

SUBJECT: American Bar Association (ABA) House of Delegates, Annual Appointment of Members - Revised

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The State Bar appoints six delegates to the American Bar Association House of Delegates. A full term is two years. For reasons described below, of the five delegates whose terms expire in 2019, the State Bar will appoint two delegates to fill those seats and the California Lawyers Association will appoint three. Trustees Brandon Stallings and Mark Broughton reviewed application material in their capacity as Board Executive Committee appointments liaisons. This report recommends that Esther Lin and Michelle Philo be appointed to fill those positions.

BACKGROUND

Control and administration of the American Bar Association (ABA) is vested in its House of Delegates. The House of Delegates 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. Its appointees become part of the 26-member California delegation, led by Ms. Laura Farber, the elected State Delegate.

DISCUSSION

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). Of the current 11 delegates, five expire in 2019. The State Bar will appoint two delegates and the CLA will appoint three.

This report makes the following two recommendations for appointment and reappointment to the ABA House of Delegates' California delegation:

(1) Appointment of Ms. Esther Lin, for a full two-year term

The State Bar received one new application, from Esther Lin, for a seat on the California delegation. Appointment liaisons, Brandon Stallings and Mark Broughton, reviewed her material and are recommending her for a full two-year term. This would be a new appointment.

(2) Reappointment of Michelle Philo (YLD), for half a term, one year

At the request of the CLA, the liaisons also recommend that Michelle Philo, the current Young Lawyer Delegate (YLD), be appointed for half a term or, one year, at which time her YLD seat will transfer to the CLA. This would be a reappointment.

FISCAL/PERSONNEL IMPACT

None. The State Bar does not reimburse non-staff delegates for travel or other expenses related to their service as a State Bar delegate.

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

It is recommended that the Board Executive Committee and the Board of Trustees approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board Executive Committee approve the recommendation of the Appointments Liaisons, and the Board of Trustees appoint the following persons to the ABA House of Delegates for the associated term:

- Esther Lin, for a full two-year term, and
- Michelle Philo, for half a term or, one year.

ATTACHMENT(S) LIST

- A. State Bar of California Delegation Roster - American Bar Association (ABA) House of Delegates 2018-2019

**State Bar of California Delegation Roster
American Bar Association (ABA) House of Delegates
2018-2019**

Term Expiration: Annual Meeting August 7, 2019

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Term Expiration: Annual Meeting August 4, 2020

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