

# Title 6. Governance

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#### Section 1. Annual Meetings

The Annual Meeting of the State Bar shall be held between May 1st and December 1st of each year, at any place within the State of California, the exact date and place to be determined by the Board of Governors, made at least 60 days prior to the date of such annual meetings; provided, however, that during war or other national emergency the determination of the exact date and place of the annual meeting may be made by the board at any time which is at least 20 days prior to the date of such annual meeting.

#### Section 2. Notice of Annual Meeting

Notice of the annual meeting shall state the time and place for the holding of such meeting, and shall be given the members of the State Bar by publication thereof in the official publication of the State Bar at least thirty days prior to such meeting; provided, however, that during war or other national emergency such notice may be given by publication at least 15 days prior to such meeting.

#### Section 3. Special Meetings

A. Special meetings of the State Bar may be called by the secretary as follows:

- (1) Upon a majority vote of the Board of Governors present at any meeting of said board;
- (2) Upon written request of eight members of the Board of Governors;
- (3) Upon written request of five hundred active members of the State Bar.

B. If the secretary shall not act upon such request within five days after receipt of the same, the special meeting may be called by any active member of the State Bar designated by eight members of the Board of Governors or by five hundred active members of the State Bar making request therefor.

C. Special meetings may consider only such matters as are set forth in the call of the meeting; provided, however, that the Board of Governors may call special meetings of the State Bar to consider generally all or any legislation to be introduced or pending before the Legislature, or awaiting executive approval.

#### Section 4. Notice of Special Meeting

Notice of a special meeting shall state the time and place of the holding of such meeting, and shall be given to the members of the State Bar either by mail or by publication thereof in the official publication of the State Bar at least five days prior to such meeting. Said notice shall state generally the matters to be considered at the special meeting and shall be signed by the secretary, or in case of his or her failure to act by the person designated as provided for in section 3, of this article.

#### Section 5. Quorum

Two hundred active members of the State Bar shall constitute a quorum at any annual or special meeting of the State Bar; provided, however, that twenty active members of the State Bar shall constitute a quorum at any annual meeting held during war or other national emergency if the Board of Governors shall determine prior to such annual meeting that conditions are such that only twenty active members should be required for a quorum.

#### Section 6. Annual Program

The Board of Governors shall provide a suitable program for each Annual Meeting of the State Bar.

#### Section 7. Action at Annual Meeting

The reports of such committees of the State Bar, as may be submitted by the Board of Governors, and all matters of interest pertaining to the administration of justice may be considered, debated, and acted upon at the annual meeting; provided, however that, except as to matters submitted by the Board of Governors and reports of officers of the State Bar and courtesy resolutions of thanks and appreciation, or unless otherwise ordered by the board, no matter shall be considered, debated or acted upon unless a proposed resolution embodying the same has been filed with the Secretary of the State Bar at least 60 days before the date set for the opening of the meeting. Resolutions shall be in substantially the following form: "Resolved that members of the State Bar of California in the (year) Annual Meeting assembled recommended to (or advise) the Board of Governors that . . . ." Resolutions not filed in such form shall be revised by the secretary to conform to this rule or promptly returned by him or her to the person filing the same with a statement for the reason of the return. Notice of resolutions filed for consideration at the annual meeting shall be published by the secretary in the official publication of the State Bar not later than the last issue immediately preceding the month in which the annual meeting shall be held and the secretary shall have copies of the resolutions available at the time and place of the annual meeting for members in attendance.

#### Section 8. Parliamentary Rules

Proceedings at any meeting of the State Bar shall be governed by “Roberts' Rules of Order, Revised.” Unless otherwise permitted by a majority affirmative vote, discussion from the floor upon any proposition at any business session of the annual meeting or at any special meeting of the State Bar shall be limited as follows:

- A. The proponent may have not to exceed five minutes to open and not to exceed five minutes to close his or her argument.
- B. Any other speaker may have not to exceed five minutes, no speaker, other than the proponent, shall speak more than once, and the proponent shall not speak more than twice.