

General Counsel McElroy explained that staff is currently administering three different types of licenses within the Bar, with a net effect of three separate bar associations: Limited Practice Officers (LPOs); Limited Legal License Technicians (LLLTs); and Lawyers. She expressed a desire to control administrative costs for all of the license types. The plan is to use the same staff and technologies to administer all license types, and to combine the three separate processes into one primary administrative process, resulting in increased effectiveness and efficiencies. She referred the Board to the draft Rules contained in the meeting materials and asked for input. Discussion ensued regarding clarification of various proposed Rule language.

RECOMMENDATIONS RE WSBA APEX AWARDS – Governor Keith Black, Chair, and Debra Carnes, Chief Communications Officer (first reading)

Chief Communications Officer Carnes explained the proposed recommendations. Discussion ensued regarding clarification of the various recommendations.

BOG RESPONSE TO ESCALATING COST OF CIVIL LITIGATION (ECCL) TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS

President Hyslop referred the Board to the draft BOG Report contained in the meeting materials. Discussion ensued regarding obtaining clarification from the Washington Supreme Court concerning when to start work drafting Rules related to the information contained in the Report; and convening a Task Force consisting of members with specific expertise. Governor Karmy moved to approve the BOG Response as contained in the meeting materials and send it to the Washington Supreme Court with attachments 1-11 as proposed in the Report. Motion passed unanimously.

UPDATE ON PROPOSED WSBA BYLAW AMENDMENTS – Immediate Past-President Anthony Gipe, Chair, and Jean McElroy, General Counsel/Chief Regulatory Counsel

Chair Gipe referred the Board to the information contained in the meeting materials and reported that redlining of the Bylaws is continuing. He advised that the final Work Group meeting, which is open to the public, is scheduled on August 8 at the WSBA offices where the redline draft would be finalized for first reading at the Board's Special Meeting on August 23. Discussion ensued regarding extending the time frame for consideration of this item.