

### ***Format of Candidates' Dialogue***

For the 2007 election of the State Bar president, instead of formal speeches by the candidates, there will be an informal and casual "dialogue" between the candidates and the Board to be moderated by the current President.<sup>1</sup> Candidates should anticipate questions about their vision and positions on important policies and issues of the State Bar. Because of the number of governors and questions they are likely to have and the time constraints,<sup>2</sup> the following procedure should be followed to assure fairness and an opportunity for governors to present questions and for the candidate to express their views and ideas:

- The dialogue will be for 90 minutes.
- Each governor (who is not a candidate) is encouraged to prepare questions in writing and should submit them to the President.
- Questions should be related to background and vision of the candidates, and to the five major areas overseen by the Board (Planning, Program Development and Budget; Member Oversight; Regulations, Admissions and Discipline; Volunteer Involvement; and Stakeholder Relations).
- The President will select the questions from each of the subject areas. He may read or call upon a governor to ask his or her question.
- Each candidate will be asked a question in a rotating order determined by lot and will have a three- minute period to answer. After a candidate has responded, the other candidates may give a brief one-minute comment. The President will monitor the time for answers and comments.

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<sup>1</sup>At its January meeting, the Board amended the election procedures for this year only as follows: "After consultation with the candidates, the President shall set the time limit for an election speeches dialogue, all of which shall precede the first ballot. The order of such ~~speeches~~ shall be determined by lot." (See Board Book art. 1, § 3(k).) The Board appointed a subcommittee to propose the format of the "dialogue" that would be "later agreed upon by the Board."

<sup>2</sup> The election is held at a special meeting that immediately precedes a regular meeting of the Board. (Board Book, art. 1, §3(a).)