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TO: Members of the Board Committee on Stakeholder Relations

FROM: Pam Wilson, Director, Section Education & Meeting Services

RE: Amendment to Rules and Regulations of the State Bar of California, Article V. Meetings of the State Bar, Section 1. Annual Meeting - Request for Public Comment

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF PROPOSAL

The location for a meeting the size of the State Bar Annual Meeting should be determined at least five years in advance. The Annual Meeting is currently booked through 2010 with negotiations in process for 2011.

Only four California cities can logistically accommodate the Annual Meeting given the ratio of meeting rooms required to sleeping rooms utilized. Those cities are Monterey, Long Beach, Anaheim and San Diego. Los Angeles and San Francisco pose certain logistical obstacles that make them unworkable as an Annual Meeting destination.

Article V. Section 1 of the Rules and Regulations of the State Bar of California provides when the Annual Meeting shall be held and further specifies it shall be held within the State of California.

The Annual Meeting Task Force recommends that the Board consider the option of adding an out of state destination into the rotation for the Annual Meeting. It requests that Article V. Section 1. of the Rules and Regulations of the State Bar of California be amended, including adding a provision that any proposal to hold an Annual Meeting out of state must be approved by the Board of Governors. The request is for a public comment period of 45 days.

LENGTH OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

A public comment period of 45 days would provide enough time for interested stakeholders to provide input and report back to the Board Committee and to the Board at the July meeting.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF PROPOSAL

It is anticipated the item would be effective following the July Board meeting.

FISCAL AND PERSONNEL IMPACT

Adopting the change in our rules will have no fiscal or personnel impact. At such time as any decision is made about a change of location for the Annual Meeting, the cost will be thoroughly examined.

BOARD BOOK ADMINISTRATION MANUAL IMPACT

None

RULE AMENDMENT

There are no amendments required at this time.

PROPOSED BOARD COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Should the Board Committee on Stakeholder Relations agree with the Annual Meeting Task Force, adoption of the following resolution would be appropriate.

RESOLVED, that the Board Committee on Stakeholder Relations authorizes staff to make available for public comment for a period of 45 days, the proposed revisions to Rules and Regulations of the State Bar of California, Article V. Meetings of the State Bar, Section 1. Annual Meeting, in the form attached; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this authorization for release for public comment is not, and shall not be construed as, a statement or recommendation of approval of the proposed item.

Proposed Amendment to

Rules and Regulations of the State Bar of California

Article V. Meetings of the State Bar

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. Any proposal to hold an Annual Meeting out of the State of California must be approved by the Board of Governors.