

Format of Candidates' Dialogue

At its January meeting, the Board of Governors modified the Election Procedures for the 2007 election of the next State Bar president replacing the traditional election speeches with a “dialogue.”¹ For this year only, the dialogue will consist of questions and answers between governors and candidates, moderated by the State Bar President, in the following format:

Format – 90 Minute Dialogue	
Opening Statement – Candidate A	3 minutes
Opening Statement – Candidate B	3 minutes
Opening Statement – Candidate C	3 minutes
Question #1 to Candidate A	30 seconds
Candidate A answers	2 minutes
Candidate B responds or comments	1 minute
Candidate C responds or comments	1 minute
Question #2 to Candidate B	30 seconds
Candidate B answers	2 minutes
Candidate C responds or comments	1 minute
Candidate A responds or comments	1 minute
Question #3 to Candidate C	30 seconds
Candidate C answers	2 minutes
Candidate A responds or comments	1 minute
Candidate B responds or comments	1 minute
(Repeat order for additional questions and answers)	
Closing Statement – Candidate A	3 minutes
Closing Statement – Candidate B	3 minutes
Closing Statement – Candidate C	3 minutes

- The President will call on the Secretary to announce the order determined by lot
- Questions will cover and rotate over each of the five major areas overseen by the Board:
 - Planning, Program Development and Budget
 - Member Oversight
 - Regulations, Admissions and Discipline
 - Volunteer Involvement
 - Stakeholder Relations.
- Each governor (who is not a candidate) should be prepared to ask a question in each of the five subject areas and may not disclose his or her questions in advance
- Rotating through each subject area, the President will randomly call a governor to ask his or her question

¹The Board amended the election procedures 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.” (Board Book art. 1, § 3(k).)

- After a candidate has given his or her 2 minute answer, each of the other candidates must be prepared to give a 1 minute response or comment