

**Officers Article 2
RESPONSIBILITIES OF OFFICERS**

Section 1 General

Except as provided by statute, the officers of the State Bar have only such other duties as the Board may prescribe and are subject to its supervision and control. Notwithstanding any delegation, the Board reserves authority over all matters pertaining to the State Bar.

(Source: Bud. & Prof. Code, §§ 6010, 6024; State Bar Rule 6.20.)

Section 12 President

(a) Role of the President:

(1) Provides leadership that facilitates cohesiveness among Board members, and at the same time encourages the expression of different, and at times opposite, perspectives or points of view.

(2) Facilitates decision making by the Board.

(3) Assures that the Board focuses on ~~broad strategic policy issues~~ on the Long Range Strategy.

(4) Keeps the Board informed and aware of broad policy issues that may affect the functioning of the Bar.

~~(4)~~(5) Consults with the Board Operations Committee about material changes to the terms and conditions of employment or performance of any senior executive

~~(5)~~(6) Is accountable for what is officially communicated by the Board and Bar to members of the Bar, to the public, and to the government (executive, legislative, and judicial branches). May function as a spokesperson or appoint or empower others to function in that capacity.

~~(6)~~(7) Sets meeting agendas, calls meetings, and presides over meetings of the Board and Executive Committee.

~~(7)~~(8) Resolves disputes and manages conflict among Board members.

~~(8)~~(9) Assures the Board complies with its by-laws.

~~(9)~~(10) Based on the goals and objectives set by the Board, manages the performance of the Executive Director by:

(A) Communicating Board decisions and policies;

- (B) Establishing performance expectations and measurement systems for the Executive Director;
- (C) Facilitates the Board role in hiring, assessment, review and firing of the Executive Director.
- (D) Provides input to the Executive Director with respect to the assessment of the General Counsel and Secretary.
- (E) Sets and oversees the goal setting process for the Board.
- (F) Helps in clarifying the roles of the Board and its members.
- (G) Ensures Board members' orientation, training, and development.
- (H) Facilitates the process for his/her succession.

~~(10)~~(11) Authorizes issuance of certificates of recognition and/or proclamations bearing the President's signature or, if appropriate, that of the requesting Board member, to appropriate persons, groups or staff as long as such requests are made in writing at least three weeks prior to their presentation.

(Source: Board of Governors' Resolutions October 24, 1987, May 20, 1997, June 2006.)

(12) Role of President-Elect: Presents and proposes committee chairs, liaisons, and appointments to committees, after consulting with the outgoing Board Operations Committee.

(b) The President

- (1) supervises, directs and controls the officers of the State Bar;¹
- (2) appoints board committees, their chairs and liaisons to State Bar committees;
- (3) appoints a Board Executive Evaluation Committee, of which the President is an ex-officio member;
- (4) manages the performance of the Executive Director in accordance with board goals and objectives;
- (5) facilitates board discussion and action on State Bar policy; and
- (6) makes public statements as appropriate regarding State Bar policy, position and work, with related reports to the board as required by law.

(c) Other duties of the President are as the board prescribes and as provided by law.

(Source: State Bar Rule 6.40 adopted effective May 16, 2008.)

Historical Note

This rule supersedes Article III, § 1 of the Rules and Regulations of the State Bar of California (President), amended November 1962; added October 1964; amended January 1971; September 10, 1971; October 9, 1981; June 21, 1986; repealed May 16, 2008.

¹ Pursuant to Rule 6.20, all State Bar officers, agents, committees, commissions, and other entities have only the powers, duties, and authority delegated by the board and are subject to its supervision and control. Notwithstanding any delegation, the board reserves authority over all matters pertaining to the State Bar, including whether actions or positions taken by a State Bar officer, agent, committee, commission, or other entity are consistent with State Bar policies. (Bus. & Prof. Code, §§ 6010, 6025 and 6030.)