

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: Bus. & Prof. Code, §§ 6010, 6024; State Bar Rule 6.20.)

Section 2 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 the Long Range Strategy.
- (4) Keeps the Board informed and aware of broad policy issues that may affect the functioning of the Bar.
- (5) Consults with the Board Operations Committee about any contract to employ an executive director as the Board may determine necessary for its efficient operations. The contract shall set forth the executive director's duties, compensation, and term of office.
- (6) Consults with the Board Operations Committee about material changes to the terms and conditions of employment or performance of any senior executive
- (7) 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.
- (8) Sets meeting agendas, calls meetings, and presides over meetings of the Board and Executive Committee.

- (9) Resolves disputes and manages conflict among Board members.
- (10) Assures the Board complies with its by-laws.
- (11) 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.
- (12) 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, May 2010.)