

GOVERNANCE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST TASK FORCE  
ELECTRONIC SURVEY  
RECAP OF RESPONSES

Method of capturing and calculating responses

Because the survey questions were “open ended” (required a written response to each, rather than a “check the box/multiple choice”) we could not use the survey vendor’s tallying feature and instead, the responses to each question were read and compared with the other responses to ascertain if there were similar responses to the same question.

Where there appeared to be 3 or more similar responses to a question, a response “category” was created. We created several response categories for each question and then marked the responses to correspond with the categories. The categories were sometimes broad and some responses covered multiple categories.

There were some responses that were non responsive (“I don’t know” or “no opinion”) and many responses that were singular in nature and would not fit into a particular category. For these reasons, and because some responses went to multiple categories, the response percentages for each question do not add up to 100%.

The person who created the categories and read and counted the responses is not a statistician. What we were looking for, and found, were common responses for each of the questions, and that is what you will find on the following pages. For all of the individual responses, including those which didn’t fit into a particular category, please see the survey summary document on your agenda, titled “Survey Responses Submitted to Governance Task Force”.

## **Governance in the Public Interest Task Force Website Survey Responses**

### **Recap of Responses to Survey Questions**

#### 1. What do you understand “Protection of the Public” to mean in the context of the State Bar?”

Protect clients from attorney misdeeds through discipline system	52%
Ensure only competent persons become members	16%
Ensure members are ethical and educated	31%
Promote public awareness of laws/legal system/rights	3%

#### 2. Who should serve on the Board that Governs the State Bar

Current Composition	13%
Attorneys Only	23%
Attorneys and non attorneys	31%
Attorneys and judges	2%
Attorneys Judges and non	11%
Non Attorneys	2%

#### 3. How should each of these individuals be selected? By whom and by what criteria?

Current process	12%
Elected	21%
Appointed	12%
Combo elected and appointed but different from present	12%

#### 4. What qualifications should be required for each member of the Board?

Current qualifications	8%
Fair/honest/good judgment/unbiased/common sense	6%

Attorney and judicial members:

Active member	9%
Good standing/ no discipline	30%
5 years	10%
10 years	8%
15 years plus	3%
Diverse practice/geography	6%

Non attorney members:

Degree of higher learning	6%
Business experience	4%
History of public service	6%
Knowledge of legal system	8%

5. What size should the Board be?

Same as current (23)	20%
Ten or less	24%
Eleven to 20	16%
Twenty plus	6%

6. How long should the terms of members and the President be?

Members

Current terms	15%
One to 2 years	25%
Three years	31%
Four years	11%
Five years or more	2%

President

One year	10%
Two years	10%

7. How should the President and other officers be selected?

Current Method	11%
By Board Members	45%
By the Membership	19%
Appointment	3%

8. What changes or other governance models may enable the board to better service the interest of public protection?

Keep current system	4%
Limit to Admissions and Disc/Split Bar/Limit to Enforcement/Move to voluntary bar	5%
Improve/stronger Discipline	22%
BOG: different process/size/composition	13%
Public and Member Input and Access to/Info from BOG/Bar	10%
Limit legislative input/politics/influence/out of politics	3%