MEMORANDUM

TO:        Section and Committee Chairs
            Presidents and Executive Directors of State and Local Bar
            Associations
            House of Delegates
            ABA Directors and Department Heads

FROM:      Marina B. Jacks

SUBJECT:   Summary of Action of the November 4 and
            November 15-16, 2013, Board of Governors Meetings

DATE:      November 20, 2013

Attached is the Summary of Action of the November 4, 2013, meeting of the
Board of Governors, held by conference call, and the November 15-16, 2013,
meeting of the Board of Governors held at the Ritz-Carlton, Battery Park in New
York, New York. This Summary does not constitute official Minutes of the
meeting. Minutes of the November 4 and November 15-16, 2013, meetings will
be presented to the Board for approval at the next meeting, in February 2014.

If you have any questions with respect to the action taken, please let me know.

cc:        Board of Governors

Attachment
SUMMARY OF ACTION
AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Conference Call
November 4, 2013
and
The Ritz-Carlton, Battery Park
New York, New York
November 15-16, 2013

1. REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Board received the reports of the President, President-elect, Chair of the House of Delegates, Immediate Past President, Secretary, Treasurer and Executive Director. The minutes of the Board’s July 29, 2013 meeting by conference call and August 9, 2013, meetings were approved with minor edits. The minutes of the Executive Committee’s meetings of August 13*, August 28 (email ballot)*, September 4 (conference call)*, September 17 (email ballot)*, October 7 (conference call)*, and November 8 (conference call) were received.

2. MATTERS FOR DIRECT BOARD ACTION

2.1 Presentation from Task Force on the Future of Legal Education

The Board of Governors received a report from Honorable Randall T. Shepard, Chair of the Task Force on the Future of Legal Education and Jay Conison, the Task Force Reporter. Hon. Shepard discussed the latest draft of the report and recommendations from the Task Force. The Task Force will ask the Board and the House to adopt the report as a whole or to consider 6 separate resolutions during the February 2014 Midyear Meeting. The Board commended the Task Force on the work of this very important issue.

2.2/5.4 Consideration of Recommendation of Pricing Strategy Advisory Group

Joseph D. O’Connor, Chair of the Pricing Strategy Advisory Group (PSAG) discussed the recommendation of the PSAG. The Board voted to recommend to the House of Delegates that it approve the recommendations of PSAG to increase the current dues levels ranging from $15.00 to $50.00. The Board also voted to seek authorization from the House of Delegates to implement a Cost of Living Increase for 2016, 2017, and 2018.

* Items considered by the Board of Governors during its November 4, 2013, meeting by conference call.
2.3 **Request to Adopt Policy Opposing Legislation Requiring Law Firms to Compute Taxable Income on the Accrual Basis**

The Board approved the Resolution submitted by the Section of Business Law which opposes Section 212 of the “Tax Reform Act of 2013” discussion draft bill which requires law firms and other personal service businesses that now compute taxable income on the cash receipts and disbursements method of accounting to convert to the accrual method of accounting.¹

2.4 **Presentation by Section of Taxation**

Michael Hirschfeld, Chair of the Section of Taxation, presented a report regarding the work of the Section. Mr. Hirschfeld indicated that the mission of the Section is to serve their members and the public by providing education about taxes and tax systems, and by providing leadership to support the development of an equitable, efficient and workable tax system. He described the unique position that the Section has with its relationship with the US Department of Treasury and the Internal Revenue Service and stressed the importance of continued interaction with these agencies.

2.5 **Discussion Regarding Diversity and Inclusion**

Valeria Stokes, EdD, Chief Human Resources Officer and Chief Diversity Officer of the ABA, presented a PowerPoint presentation to the Board regarding meeting the challenge of diversity. After a brief question and answer session, Ms. Stokes agreed to forward to the Board statistics regarding the diversity makeup of ABA staff. President Silkenat thanked Ms. Stokes for the presentation and her passion to promote diversity at the ABA.

2.6 **Consent Calendar: Report of Board Committee Chairs**

The Board adopted the Consent Calendar as presented by the Secretary. Action on all items contained on the Consent Calendar is set forth in items 3 through 5 of this Summary of Action relating to the reports of the Board Committees.

2.7 **Report and Discussion Regarding Corporate Structure and Governance**

Jarisse Sanborn, ABA General Counsel, reported that during a recent review of the ABA Articles of Incorporation and the Constitution and Bylaws, an inconsistency between the Articles and the Constitution and Bylaws regarding the definition of the membership of the ABA was discovered. A proposed resolution to address the inconsistency will be submitted for consideration by the Board at its 2014 Midyear Meeting and the House of Delegates at the August 2014 Annual Meeting.

¹ Robert M. Carlson and Kenneth W. Gideon abstained.
2.8 Presentation by Commission on Homelessness and Poverty

Antonia K. Fasanelli, Chair of the Commission on Homelessness and Poverty, presented a report regarding the work of the Commission. Ms. Fasanelli stated that the Commission is committed to educating the bar and the public about homelessness and poverty and the ways in which the legal community and advocates can assist those in need. To achieve this goal, the Commission drafts publications and conducts training sessions across the country to equip the legal community to advocate on behalf of people who are homeless or poor. The Commission also coordinates with national, state and local advocates and organizations to facilitate the exchange of information and resources. The Commission also provides policy-based advocacy on behalf of homeless and impoverished people. The Commission, through the ABA Governmental Affairs Office, works with Congress to develop and fund programs that will address the causes of homelessness and poverty in the United States, as well as to enact laws that will protect and provide for those in desperate need of assistance. President Silkenat thanked Ms. Fasanelli for her remarks and praised the work of the Commission.

2.9 Report of Board Procedures and Operations Committee

Allen Goolsby, Chair of the Board Procedures and Operations Committee, reported that the Committee had a lively and interesting discussion regarding the roles and responsibilities of ABA Officers during its meeting Thursday, November 14, 2013. At the request of President Silkenat, the Committee will review the structure of the Board and its Committees. Mr. Goolsby thanked the Officers for attending the Committee meeting and informed the Board that the Committee will report at the 2014 Midyear Meeting.

2.10 Discussion of International Activities

a. Michael E. Burke, Chair of the Task Force on the ABA’s International Role, presented a report to the Board on the work of the Task Force. The Task Force’s broad mandate is to study the Association’s international role, and make recommendations to strengthen the Association’s goals and infrastructure in the international space. The Task Force drafted a SWOT analysis of the Association’s international role and submitted the findings to the Board. The SWOT analysis will serve as a reference point for the Task Force’s future effort. Mr. Burke also spoke about the respect that the ABA engenders from international lawyers. It was agreed that international lawyers are a great potential source for membership opportunities.

b. Stephen N. Zack, Chair of the Rule of Law Initiative (ROLI), reported to the Board that ROLI implements legal reform programs in nearly 60 countries in Africa, Asia and the Pacific, Europe and Eurasia, Latin America and the Caribbean, and the Middle East and North Africa. Countries that lack the rule of law very often fail to meet the most basic needs of their populations. Addressing this global rule of law deficit is not only the most important calling of the world’s legal community, it must also become an urgent priority for world leaders, international institutions and citizens committed to making this a just, peaceful and prosperous world.
American Bar Foundation

The Board, sitting as the members of the Board of the American Bar Foundation, elected Mariano-Florentino Cuellar of Stanford, California, to the American Bar Foundation Board effective immediately through August 2018.

Fund for Justice and Education

The Board, sitting as the members of the Board of the American Bar Association Fund for Justice and Education (ABA/FJE) a) approved the minutes of the July 29 and August 9, 2013, meeting of the ABA/FJE Board, held by conference call, as presented and b) accepted the ABA/FJE restricted grants and contributions received or awarded through June 30, 2013, and not previously reported, as requested by the Association's Financial Services Division.

Request for Adoption of Memorial Resolution for Former Board of Governors Member Irwin L. Treiger

The Board passed a memorial resolution recognizing the accomplishments, standards and achievements of Irwin L. Treiger of Washington, a member of the Board from 2000-2003, who passed away October 20, 2013.

ABA Journal Report of Proceedings

The Board received a written report regarding the meeting of the Board of Editors of the ABA Journal, held in Chicago, Illinois, September 25-26, 2013.

Center on Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Profession

The Board received a written report and materials from the Center on Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Profession.

OPERATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

MATTERS FOR REVIEW BY THE BOARD

Requests for Bylaw Amendments

Criminal Justice Section

The Board approved the request of the Criminal Justice Section to amend its bylaws to require that: i) each representative on the Council shall be approved by the Executive Committee; ii) the Executive Committee must approve the appointment and removal of liaison members to Task Forces working with the Standards Committee; and iii) an organizational representative on the Council may not continue to serve if the Executive Committee has requested the appointing organization to appoint a replacement. The
proposed amendments were approved by the Section Council and Membership Board during the 2013 Annual Meeting.

b. Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section

The Board approved the request of the Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section to amend its bylaws to revise the dues delinquency period prior to membership loss to align with the period set by the ABA Board of Governors. The proposed amendment was approved by the Section’s Council on October 10, 2013.

c. National Conference of State Trial Judges

The Board approved the request of the National Conference of State Trial Judges to amend its bylaws to provide that the terms of all Officers and Delegates begin and end at the conclusion of the ABA Annual Meeting. The proposed amendment was approved by the Executive Committee of the Judicial Division’s National Conference of State Trial Judges on August 9, 2013, and by the Judicial Division Council on September 25, 2013.

d. Law Student Division

The Board approved the request of the Law Student Division to amend its bylaws to reorganize the Division’s 15 geographic circuits to provide a more balanced number of schools in each circuit, group schools that are connected in proximity, and allow the Division to effectively coordinate programming and resources on a local level. The reorganization would not impact the ability of law students to apply for any available leadership positions, provided they meet other eligibility requirements. The proposal was approved by the Law Student Division Board of Governors on March 16, 2013, and by the Law Student Division Assembly on August 10, 2013.

e. Section of Litigation

The Board approved the request of the Section of Litigation to amend its bylaws to: i) allow non-U.S. lawyer associates to become Council members; ii) allow non-lawyer associates to become members of the Section; and iii) revise the dues delinquency period prior to membership loss to align with the period set by the Board of Governors. The proposed amendments were approved by the Council of the Section of Litigation on October 8, 2013. At the 2013 Annual Meeting, the House of Delegates approved an amendment to §30.5 of the ABA’s Constitution and Bylaws to permit non-US lawyer associates to become members of the Litigation Council.

f. Section of Antitrust Law

The Board approved the request of the Section of Antitrust Law to amend its bylaws to allow non-U.S. lawyer associates to serve on the Council and in leadership, contingent upon approval by the House of Delegates of an amendment to §30.5 of the Constitution and Bylaws at the 2014 Annual Meeting. The proposed amendment was approved by the Council of the Section of Antitrust Law on August 13, 2013.
g. **Section of State and Local Government Law**

The Board approved the request of the Section of State and Local Government Law to amend its bylaws to revise the dues delinquency period prior to membership loss to align with the period set by the Board of Governors. The proposed amendment was approved by the Council of the Section of State and Local Government Law on October 10, 2013.

h. **Section of Labor and Employment Law**

The Board approved the request of the Section of Labor and Employment Law to amend its bylaws to revise the definition of Associate, allow Associates to be eligible to be elected to Section Council, and to allow Associates to be eligible for appointment as Section standing committee, administrative committee or task for co-chairs, contingent upon approval by the House of Delegates of an amendment to §30.5 of the Constitution and Bylaws at the 2014 Annual Meeting.

i. **Section of Intellectual Property Law**

The Board approved the request of the Section of Intellectual Property Law to amend its bylaws to revise the dues delinquency period prior to membership loss to align with the period set by the Board of Governors. The proposed amendment was approved by the Council of the Section of Intellectual Property Law on October 8, 2013.

j. **Young Lawyers Division**

The Board approved the Young Lawyers Division request to amend its bylaws to recognize the National Native American Bar Association as an affiliate of YLD. The YLD Assembly approved the proposed amendment at its August 2013 meeting.

3.2. **Nominations**

a. **Council on Legal Education Opportunity**

The Board appointed Robert M. Carlson, Alpha Buie and Evett Simmons as ABA representatives to the Council on Legal Education Opportunity for a term effective immediately.

b. **Consortium of Citizens with Disabilities**

The Board elected Arnettia S. Wright as the ABA’s representative to the Consortium of Citizens with Disabilities for a three year term effective immediately.

c. **United States Sentencing Commission**

The Board reelected James Fulman to a second three year term to the U.S. Sentencing Commission, effective immediately.

3.3 **Awards**

a. **Section of Criminal Justice Request to Approve Standards for Awards and the Processes and Procedures for Nomination and Selection of Winners**
The Board approved the Criminal Justice Section’s nomination and selection processes and procedures for all four Criminal Justice awards.

b. **Law Practice Division Request to Approve ABA Law Practice Division Golden Hammer Award**

The Board approved the request of the Law Practice Division to establish the ABA Law Practice Division Golden Hammer Award to honor individuals or entities that have demonstrated a commitment to promoting full and equal participation in the practice of law through the encouragement and inclusion of women, minorities, persons with disabilities, or persons of differing sexual orientations and gender identities and for other purposes related thereto. The Section has bestowed this award in the past without approval from the Board.

3.4 **Request Regarding Proration of Dues Refund**

The Board approved the request of Executive Director Jack Rives to amend the policy regarding the proration of dues refund to preclude providing refunds to anyone who has received a monetary benefit from membership during the year for which the dues refund is being requested.

3.5 **Section of Antitrust Law Request to Continue Empirical Research Project**

The Board approved the request of the Section of Antitrust Law to continue the ABA Antitrust Section Economics Grant Program in FY 2014 and FY 2015.

3.6 **Requests to Charge Registration Fees for Programs Presented During the 2014 Midyear Meeting**

a. **Government and Public Sector Lawyers Division**

The Board approved the request of the Government and Public Sector Lawyers Division to charge a registration fee of no more than $35 each for up to four CLE programs that will be offered by the Division for government lawyers. CLE topics examined may include: ethics, litigation strategy/skills, FOIA and/or technology. The Division is making this request in order to recoup the costs of presenting the programs while maintaining a reasonable registration fee for government lawyers.

b. **Section of State and Local Government Law (and Request to Co-sponsor Program)**

The Board approved the request of the Section of State and Local Government Law to charge $40 each for three CLE programs to defray costs associated with the program as well as to make the program attractive to lawyers who are not aware of the Section’s activities. The Board also approved the request to solicit co-sponsorships of the programs by outside organizations.
c. Standing Committee on Legal Aid and Indigent Defendants (and Co-sponsor with Outside Organizations)

The Board approved the request of the Standing Committee on Legal Aid and Indigent Defendants to charge not more than $100 for a CLE-accredited Summit on Indigent Defense Improvement. The Board also approved the request to co-sponsor the Summit with the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and the National Legal Aid and Defenders Association.

3.7 American Bar Endowment (ABE) and American Bar Insurance Consultants, Inc. (ABI) Request for Exception to ABA Email Address Policy

The Board granted the American Bar Endowment and the American Bar Insurance Plans Consultants, Inc. a limited exception to its email policy in the ABA Policy and Procedures Handbook. The ABA shall use its email lists to send, on behalf of ABE and ABI, emails promoting ABE and ABI insurance plans to ABA members – from December 1, 2013 through August 31, 2014. The ABE and ABI have agreed to reimburse the ABA for the fair cost of staff time. The use of the ABA’s email address list will be subject to terms as approved by the Executive Director, guided by current ABA policies. ABE and ABI will report back to the Operations Committee at the November 2014 meeting.

3.8 Requests from Section of Environment, Energy and Resources

a. One Million Trees Project

The Board approved the request of the Section of Environment, Energy and Resources to continue the ABA’s One Million Trees Project, continue its work with the cosponsoring entities and make financial contributions of up to $10,000 each year to these entities using Section funds to facilitate tree-planting events and purchase trees for the balance of FY 2014, FY 2015, and FY 2016. In addition, the Board approved the request to contribute, through the purchase of carbon offsets at the price of approximately $16 per metric ton, to carbon offset providers from amounts contributed by attendees at Section CLE conferences.

b. Cosponsor and Make Financial Contributions to Programs

The Board approved the request of the Section of Environment, Energy and Resources to cosponsor and make financial contributions from Section funds for the following four Programs:

- Wallace Stegner Center for Land, Resources and the Environment of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law 2014 program up to $2,000 cosponsorship support;
- Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting 2014 and 2015 programs up to $1,000 cosponsorship support;
- IUCN Academy of Environmental Law’s 11th Annual Colloquium up to $2,000 cosponsorship support; and
- World Justice Project for FY 2014 and FY 2015 up to $10,000 each year.
3.9 Rule of Law Initiatives Request to Register Overseas Offices

The Board approved the request of ABA Rule of Law Initiative (ABA ROLI) for an updated resolution that would streamline authorization of the registration of overseas ABA representative offices in connection with ABA ROLI programming and processing of associated documentation.

3.10 Commission on Law and Aging Request for Approval of Smartphone Exclusive Licensing Agreement

The Board approved the request of the Commission on Law and Aging to enter into an exclusive licensing agreement between the Commission and The Murdocks, LLC with respect to My Health Care Wishes, a smartphone application relating to access to advance health care directives, subject to approval of the final agreement by the Office of General Counsel.

3.11 Standing Committee on Membership Request to Add Hilton Hotels to ABA Advantage Program

The Board approved the request of the Standing Committee on Membership to add Hilton Hotels & Resorts to the ABA Advantage Program. This program will provide ABA members a 5% discount, 100 upgraded memberships in the Hilton HHonors program for ABA Board of Governors, section officers and key staff. In addition, the ABA will receive 3% royalties on room night revenue, and the Hilton will pay an annual marketing fee of $50,000.

3.12 Commission on Homelessness and Poverty Request to Cosponsor Homeless Summit and to Solicit Outside Funding

The Board approved the request of the Commission on Homelessness and Poverty to cosponsor a summit on April 25, 2014 at the California Administrative Office of the Courts in San Francisco, California. The Commission will seek outside funding in the form of donations and unrestricted grants to offset the cost associated with educational materials and catering.

3.13 Forum on Construction Industry Request Regarding Law Student Dues

The Board approved the request of the Forum on the Construction Industry to decrease its Law Student Member dues from $5 to $0, effective September 1, 2014. This change was approved by the Forum’s Governing Committee at its meeting on September 25, 2013.

3.14 Subcommittee on Naming Opportunities Request to Approve Criteria for Naming Opportunities

The Board approved the request of the Subcommittee on Naming Opportunities to implement the following criteria regarding naming opportunities: i) the Board must approve any naming Event; ii) the Board has the right to limit the duration of a Naming Event and to impose other conditions or limitations with respect to the Naming Event; iii)
the Board may discontinue any Naming Event in the exercise of its discretion; iv) the Board will give a preference to use of awards as Naming Events; v) only in a situation that the Board deems to be exceptional will a living person be considered as an honoree of a Naming Event other than an award; and vi) in the event the Board is faced with a request to approve a Naming Event tied to a financial contribution, the contribution must be significant and the leadership and service contribution by the honoree to the ABA and its members should be taken into account.

3.15 Rename Center for Professional Responsibility in Memory of Jeanne P. Gray

This item was deferred until the February 2014 Board meeting.

3.16g Standing Committee on Legal Assistance for Military Personnel

The Board approved the request that the ABA become a member organization of Illinois Joining Forces Legal Support Working Group through representation from the Standing Committee on Legal Assistance for Military Personnel, subject to approval of memorandum of understanding by the Office of the General Counsel. Illinois Joining Forces is a project of the Illinois Department of Veteran’s Affairs and the Illinois Department of Military Affairs providing statewide, public private network of veterans military serving to assist service members, veterans and their families with the objective of providing military and veteran oriented service organizations with one centralized location.

3.17 President-Elect Hubbard Request to Approve Board Meeting Dates for 2014-2015

The Board approved the request of President-Elect Hubbard to conduct the November 12-15, 2014 Board meeting in Charleston, SC and the June 3-6, 2015 Board meeting in Washington, DC.

3.18 London 2015 Committee Request to Approve Registration Deposit for 2015 London Meeting

The Board approved the request of the ABA London Sessions Planning Committee to implement a refundable (up until August 1, 2014) $500 deposit toward the June 2015 London Sessions registration fee to begin the pre-registration process on January 2, 2014. The $500 deposit fee would act as a space holder for the meeting and will be promoted that the registrations will be accepted on a first come first served basis. The deposit would be fully refundable until a month after official registration opens to the pre-registrants.

3.24 Discussion Regarding Subcommittee on Spousal Travel

The Board amended the policy to include “significant other” and “domestic partner” in the definition of spouse. Any resulting tax liability would continue to be the responsibility of the officer.
NEW ITEM - Officers’ International Travel

The Board of Governors extends until its February 2014 meeting the authorization of the Executive Committee to approve international trips of the ABA Officers through February 2014 as well as other trips beyond February 2014 whose ticket purchase would be cost efficient.

B. MATTERS OF INDEPENDENT JURISDICTION

3.16 Requests for Co-Sponsorships

The Operations and Communications Committee approved co-sponsorship requests from the following entities. No additional ABA general revenue is requested or required for the co-sponsorships at this time.

a. ABA Task Force on Gatekeeper Regulation: to cosponsor and participate in a joint project with the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe and the International Bar Association to produce a publication that will alert lawyers to the risk of money laundering and terrorist financing.

b. Commission on Women in the Profession: to cosponsor the Chicago Bar Association Alliance for Women Holiday Party that will take place in Chicago on December 17, 2013. The reception will give women lawyers the opportunity to network with one another, embrace the idea behind the ABA’s Goal III: Eliminate Bias and Enhance Diversity, as well as the mission of the Commission on Women in the Profession to secure full and equal participation of women in the profession.

c. Section of Science and Technology Law (two requests):
   ii. to cosponsor “Brown Bag” programs regarding current and emerging science, technology and law issues with certain outside entities during the 2013-2014 Association Year.

d. Task Force on Human Trafficking: to cosponsor with Arizona State University a survey of the publicly available policies adopted by Fortune 100 Companies addressing human trafficking.

e. Section of Antitrust Law: to cosponsor “Committee Programs” formerly called “Brown Bag” programs regarding timely antitrust happenings with certain outside entities for the 2013-2014 Association Year.

f. Commission on the American Jury Project: to cosponsor the National Symposium on the American Jury on October 23-24, 2014 at the University of San Diego Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice.
h. Center for Racial & Ethnic Diversity: to cosponsor with the National Conference of Bar Presidents a program focusing on leadership academies on February 7, 2014 and to cosponsor with the National Conference of Bar Executives Diversity Development Committee a workshop on diversity and inclusion on February 5, 2014 and a proposed webinar for bar association staff on diversity efforts.

i. ABA Journal: to cosponsor with ReInvent Law Laboratory of Michigan State University an event highlighting innovations and the need for innovation in the development, practice and teaching of the law.

j. Lawrence Gill: to cosponsor with Pervino Inc. to establish a new ABA program that offers wine club services and/or personalized custom labeling and engraving of wine bottles for individual lawyers and law firms.

3.23 Subcommittee on Publishing and CLE

The Subcommittee serves as the liaison between ABA entities and the standing committees on Publishing and Continuing Legal Education. The Subcommittee has been requested to work with the Standing Committee on CLE, CLE stakeholders and ABAction designee(s) to develop policy regarding when and under what terms the Standing Committee should approve entities contracting with outside vendors for CLE development. Michael E. Flowers, Chair of the Subcommittee, reported that a conference call will be scheduled with the Chairs of the Standing Committee on CLE and the Standing Committee on Publishing.

4. PROGRAM, EVALUATION AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

A. MATTERS FOR REVIEW BY THE BOARD

4.1 Request for Supplemental Funding for Judges Resource Manual Program

The Board approved the request, on behalf of SCLAID and the Working Group on Civil Right to Counsel, to provide $35,000 in supplemental funding to be used to complete the creation of the “ABA Resource Manual for Judges on Appointment of Counsel in Civil Proceedings.”

4.2 Funding for ABA Enterprise Fund for FY 2015

The Program, Evaluation and Planning Committee reaffirmed its support for funding of the ABA Enterprise at $350,000 for FY 2015 based on the approval by the Board in August 2011 as follows: The Board approved the request of the Program, Evaluation and Planning Committee to reserve $350,000 in funding for the ABA Enterprise Fund beginning with the FY2013 budget year and on an annual basis thereafter.
5.  **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

A.  **MATTERS FOR REVIEW BY THE BOARD**

5.1  **Section of Taxation Request to Contribute Funds to the American Tax Policy Institute**

The Board approved the request from the Section of Taxation to contribute $50,000 to the American Tax Policy Institute from Section funds not derived from member dues.

5.2  **Forum on Construction Industry to Contribute Funds to the ACE Mentor Program of America**

The Board approved the request from the Forum on the Construction Industry to contribute $50,000 to the ACE Mentor Program of America from Section funds not derived from member dues.

5.3  **Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources Request to Contribute Funds to Carbon Offset Providers**

The Board approved the Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources requests to make financial contributions to carbon offset providers from Section funds of up to $10,000 annually for fiscal years 2013-2014, 2014-2015, and 2015-2016 and to contribute, through the purchase of carbon offsets at the price of approximately $16 per metric ton, to carbon offset providers from amounts contributed by attendees at Section CLE conferences.

5.4  **Pricing Strategy Advisory Group Recommendation**

*See 2.2*

5.5  **Request to Amend Special Membership 70/25 Discount**

This item was withdrawn.