AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

House of Delegates
New Member Orientation
for
2018 Midyear Meeting
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The ABA House of Delegates

What is it?
How does it work?
Who is it?
The House of Delegates
What is it?

- Makes Policy
- Elects Officers
- Oversees ABA
The House of Delegates

Composition

(52) State Delegates
(257) State Bar Delegates
(78) Local Bar Delegates
(18) Delegates-at-Large
(76) Present & Former Officers & Board Members
(75) Section, Division & Conference Delegates
(2) Ex-Officio Members
(27) Affiliated Organization Delegates
(5) Territorial Delegates
(8) Goal III Members-at-Large
The House of Delegates
Who is it?

DIVERSITY makes the House work !!!
The Board of Governors
Who is it?

Acts on behalf of ABA between meetings of the House

43 members
- 6 officers of the ABA
- 19 district representatives
- 18 members-at-large
# Nominating Committee

## Who is it?

Nominates Officers and Board of Governors at each Midyear Meeting

House elects at the following Annual Meeting

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<th>69 members</th>
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<td>52 State Delegates</td>
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<td>7 Section Delegates</td>
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<td>1 Judicial Division Delegate</td>
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<td>1 Young Lawyers Division Delegate</td>
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<td>8 Goal III Members-at-Large</td>
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Who is it?
Various House Caucuses

- Women’s Caucus
- Minority Caucus
- State Bar Caucus
- Section Officers Conference
- Solo and Small Firm Lawyers Caucus

Get Involved!
The House of Delegates
How It Works
The House of Delegates
How it Works

“How an Idea Becomes Policy?”

Deborah Enix-Ross,
Chair, House of Delegates
The House of Delegates
How It Works

- Consideration & Approval of Resolution by Sponsoring Entity
- Solicitation of Co-Sponsors
- Submission to Policy and Planning Division for consideration by Rules and Calendar
- Rules and Calendar Reviews Resolution for Compliance/Language
The House of Delegates
How It Works

- Rules and Calendar responds to sponsoring Entity
- Consideration by the House of Delegates
- If approved, Resolution becomes Association Policy
- Governmental Affairs Office Lobbies Congress
The House of Delegates
How It Works

- Meets twice a year
- Seating chart
- House Signature Roster
- Supplemental Information (Provided only Electronically)
  - Late Reports
  - Amendments/Revisions
  - 177A – Board Transmittal
  - 177 – Board Informational Report
- Board recommendations
The House of Delegates
How It Works

Final Calendar (Meeting Agenda)

- Regular Orders
- Special Orders
- Consent Calendar
The House of Delegates
How It Works

Voting

• No proxy voting
• Must be in your seat or in well of House
• Required Abstention Procedure
Meeting Materials:
How to Stay Informed

ABA’s Website
Meeting Materials: How to Stay Informed

House of Delegates Website
Meeting Materials:
How to Stay Informed

Emails with links to the House of Delegates website

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Significant Preview - 2017 Miami Midyear Meeting

As part of its ongoing effort to improve communication, the Select Committee of the House has prepared the Significant Preview, which includes information concerning issues that are being developed for presentation to the House of Delegates at the 2017 Midyear Meeting in Miami, Florida.

The Committee urges all Delegates to review this list for items of interest to their constituencies, and to act as the catalyst for further contact and action so that each entity will have ample opportunity for consideration and input.

Please note that: 1) this list is tentative in nature, and 2) with the exception of state and local bar associations, the filing deadline for submission of Resolutions with Reports by Association entities and affiliated organizations is Wednesday, November 16, 2016.

The Committee expresses its appreciation to those who provided the information on which this report is based. We ask that you provide additional information on any new developments or issues to any member of the Committee or to Rochelle E. Evans at the American Bar Association. She may be reached at 312/888-5157 or at Rochelle.E.Evans@aab.com.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen R. McCard, Chair
Carol A. Backhouse, Vice Chair
Meeting Materials: How to Stay Informed

Sneak Preview

• Assists delegates in communicating with their constituencies in advance
• Provided approximately 3 months before meeting
Meeting Materials: How to Stay Informed

Preliminary Agenda

• Description of resolutions
• Posted to website after filing deadline
Meeting Materials: How to Stay Informed

Executive Summary

• Summary of each resolution, reasons for adoption, a summary of its potential impact and minority view
• Posted to website after filing deadline
Meeting Materials: How to Stay Informed

Summary of Resolutions

- Official “call of the meeting”
- Posted to website approximately 5 weeks prior to meeting
Message from the Chair of the House

Barney, Adrienne
FW: Chair's Message to the House Regarding the 2016 San Francisco Annual Meeting

From: Patricia Lee Reo, Chair of the House of Delegates  [mailto:adrienne.barney@americanbar.org]
Sent: Monday, July 25, 2016 12:49 PM
To: barney, Adrienne <adrienne.barney@americanbar.org>
Subject: Chair's Message to the House Regarding the 2016 San Francisco Annual Meeting

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The House of Delegates

2016 San Francisco Annual Meeting

I am looking forward to seeing you in San Francisco at our 2016 Annual Meeting. As a reminder, the meeting of the House of Delegates will convene promptly at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, August 8. Please arrive and be in your seats prior to 8:45 a.m. We will recess at approximately 5:00 p.m. On Tuesday morning, August 9, we will reconvene promptly at 9:00 a.m., and anticipate that the meeting will adjourn early that afternoon. State Delegates should plan accordingly in scheduling state delegation meetings.

We have important agenda items coming before the House which are likely to result in lively debate. If you have not received the E-book of Resolutions with Reports, please contact Adrienne Barney. For your convenience, these documents, as well as the Informational Reports, are posted on the ABA’s website.

As is customary, we are likely to receive additional Bar Association and/or Local Resolutions with Reports. Please watch for emails alerting you to scheduled Rules and Calendar post-additional reports.

Among the many important matters presented to the House for consideration include:

- **Report No. 115-2** from members of the Commission on Governance amending §2.1 of the Association’s Constitution to realign the districts for representation on the Board of Governors.
- **Report No. 115-3** from members of the Standing Committee on Constitution and Bylaws, amending §5.1 and §6.1 of the Association’s Constitution to define...
Meeting Materials: How to Stay Informed

Reports

- Resources you will need for the meeting of the House are provided electronically prior to the start of the meeting. Documents provided included:
  - the Resolutions with Reports
  - the Preliminary Agenda
  - the Executive Summaries
  - the Summary of Resolutions

- For your convenience, these documents, together with the Informational Reports, have been posted on the ABA Website.
Meeting Materials: How to Stay Informed

Daily Journal

• Prepared and distributed electronically after each session of the House of Delegates meeting
Meeting Materials: How to Stay Informed

After the Meeting

- Daily Journal
- Select Committee Report
- Summary of Action
- Implementation Letters
How to Stay Informed

- Delegate Handbook
- Online Leadership Directory (Redbook)
- Summary of House Rules of Procedures
- Online Policy and Procedures Handbook (Greenbook)
- Online Constitution and Bylaws
The House of Delegates
How It Works

+ Midyear Meetings
  * Air/Ground transportation to and from as long as present at end of meeting is available
+ Annual Meetings
  * Travel reimbursement is not available
+ **Important Note:** Delegates attending House Committee meetings during Midyear and Annual Meetings are eligible for per diem reimbursement. **A Reimbursement Form MUST be submitted.**
Committees of the House

• Credentials and Admissions
• Drafting
• Issues of Concern to the Legal Profession
• Resolution and Impact Review
• Rules and Calendar
• Select
• Technology and Communications
• Tellers
Policy and Governance Group

Your information resource for the House of Delegates and the Board of Governors:

- Alpha M. Brady, Associate Executive Director and Chief Governance Officer
- Rochelle E. Evans, Director, Division for Policy and Planning
- Carri L. Kerber, Assistant Director
- Laura Macias, Assistant Director
- Leticia D. Spencer, Business Manager
Thank you and again,
WELCOME to the ABA House of Delegates!