ABA House of Delegates 2020 Virtual Annual Meeting

Our first-ever Virtual Annual House of Delegates Meeting is approaching quickly. Plans are being finalized and details are being fine-tuned to ensure that your virtual House experience is optimized. This message reinforces key information that was provided in my previous message as well as offers new information that you will find useful as you prepare for the upcoming meeting.

2020 Virtual Annual Meeting Registration

In order to receive the link to access the House meeting, all delegates must be registered for the 2020 ABA Annual Meeting. For those who have not yet registered for the Annual Meeting, please click here to register.

2020 Virtual HOD Meeting

As additional details become available, we will continue to update our answers to frequently asked questions:

How do I access the Meeting?

- **House Members** - An individual link will be sent via email to all House Members (and those with speaking privileges) to access the meeting.

- **General Viewing** - The House of Delegates will be streamed live for all registered attendees. To access the livestream, please log-in to the Virtual Annual Meeting site and click on the Schedule of Events to search for the session you wish to attend.

How will I know that the voting system works? Is there a test voting session?

A test voting session has been scheduled for **Tuesday, July 28, 2020** from 1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. CDT. Two separate emails will be sent to all delegates who have registered for the Annual Meeting by Monday, July 27. One email will contain a link to the webinar session and the other email will contain a link to vote. This will be an opportunity to ensure that the voting email is received as expected (i.e. not blocked by spam filters, etc.) and that there are no technical issues with the voting process. You are strongly encouraged to participate. However, the test voting session will be recorded for all of those who are unable to do so.

Are there any updates to the House Rules of Procedure for this meeting?

**Limits on Debate of Unopposed Resolutions**

The Committee on Rules and Calendar will ask the House to adopt a motion, solely for the August 2020 meeting, that would limit the number of speakers when a resolution is unopposed (meaning no one has filed a salmon slip to speak in opposition to the resolution, to amend the resolution, or to postpone indefinitely consideration of the resolution). Specifically, the Chair would recognize no more than three speakers (the movant and two additional proponents), allow the movant to
close, and then immediately proceed to a vote. This limit on debate would not affect the time each recognized speaker is allowed to speak, and it would apply regardless of whether the Chair chooses to invoke the rules of limited debate. The Committee is proposing this limit on debate due to the large number of resolutions being considered in a virtual format and to avoid the need for a delegate to call the question to end debate on an unopposed resolution. This proposal requires a two-thirds majority vote.

**Are there any updates to the House Agenda?**

We have received six additional resolutions. The Committee on Rules and Calendar has reviewed and calendared four of those resolutions and is reviewing the other two. Please visit the HOD Webpage to view the additional resolutions that have been calendared. We anticipate that we are likely to continue to receive additional Bar Association and/or Late Resolutions with Reports. Please watch for emails alerting you when these additional Resolutions are calendared.

**What forms might I need to complete?**

*Abstention Forms*

Delegates wishing to abstain from voting on a particular resolution may do so by completing an abstention form. Please click here to access the electronic abstention form. All abstention forms must be submitted no later than 9:30 a.m. CDT on Monday, August 3, 2020.

*Salmon Slips*

An electronic salmon slip must be completed for each person wishing to speak on a resolution in any capacity (e.g. in favor of, against, amend, motion to postpone, etc.). Please click here to access the electronic salmon slip. The deadline for submission of electronic salmon slips is 12:00 p.m. CDT on Sunday, August 2, 2020. This will allow us to make arrangements with each speaker to appear by video. The list of speakers and movants will be circulated to the House on Sunday evening, August 2.

**What if I decide on Monday or Tuesday I would like to speak or make a motion?**

The Committee on Rules and Calendar will try to accommodate those delegates who decide on Monday or Tuesday that they wish to speak in favor of or against a resolution or who wish to make a motion. If a delegate wishes to speak and has not filed a salmon slip by Sunday at 12:00 pm CDT, the delegate can contact the Committee on Rules and Calendar by phone. This will not be as easy as our normal practice for obvious logistical and technological reasons and therefore, we cannot guarantee that everyone will be recognized. That is why we strongly encourage you to file a salmon slip by noon on Sunday. Your fellow delegates will thank you.

**What important deadlines must I be aware of?**

- **Consent Calendar Deadline**

  A delegate who wishes to remove an item from the Consent Calendar in order that it may be debated, may do so by filing the Consent Calendar reply form, which lists all of the resolutions on the Consent Calendar. Please return the Consent form to the attention
of Janae LeFlore no later than 12:00 p.m. CDT on Friday, July 31. As a reminder, this
deadline is before the House of Delegates Meeting. Submissions of reply forms prior to
the deadline are strongly encouraged.

- **Privileges of the Floor**

  Privileges of the Floor are required for those wishing to speak who are not members of
  the House. Requests may be made by submitting an email to Janae LeFlore and must
  be received no later than the conclusion of the Rules and Calendar Meeting on August
  1, 2020 -11:30 a.m. CDT.

**Important Reminders**

- The Committee on Rules and Calendar will have only one meeting on Saturday, August 1
  from 9:30 to 11:30 am CDT. **Please note: This is also the final deadline for submission
  of all revised resolutions with reports.**

- The Committee on Rules and Calendar will have only one meeting on **Saturday, August
  1 from 9:30 to 11:30 am CDT.**

- The Nominating Committee will meet **Saturday, August 1 from 1:30 to 2:30 pm CDT.**

- The **Delegate-At-Large Election** will be open for online voting from 9:00 a.m. CDT on
  Wednesday, July 29 until 5:00 p.m. CDT on Monday, August 3.

Please look for an additional email from me next week with final messages regarding the 2020
Virtual House Meeting. The countdown begins!

William R. Bay