

Session 4

Materials for

**Update & Follow Up -
Working Groups from 2010
State & Accreditation Entities**

Standing Committee on Specialization
Annual Roundtable

San Francisco, CA

March 31-April 2, 2011

Leaders: Richard Dombrow, Hon. Melissa May, Gary McNeil

2010 Roundtable Session Reports

FINAL SESSION

Name/topic of session: Emeritus

Leader: Dick Dombrow

Attendees: Jessica Thomas, Donette Welch, Pricilla Leal, Odessa Bradshaw, Tim Walker, Melissa Sternbach, Gary McNeil, Steve Oberman, Daniel Motsinger

Non-roundtable members:

Next steps:

- Dick will put together discussion packet, with proposed Standards, background information, etc. and email to committee members for comments and suggestions
- Dick will then incorporate proposed changes and again circulate to committee members for final comment
- Once proposed Standards are finalized, they will be forwarded to the Standing Committee, with a request that it be added to the June 2010 agenda
- After approval by the Standing Committee, will begin work to have resolution presented to the ABA House of Delegates for the June 2011 meeting.
- Will ask Tim Walker to spearhead work with organizations with an interest in emeritus status to support resolution when presented to/by House of Delegates

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Name/topic of session: Exam

Leader: Melissa May

Attendees: Priscilla A. Leal, Odessa Bradshaw, Alice Mine, Gary McNeil

Non-roundtable members:

Notes from session:

California specialist exam

Access to national exam for sharing questions

Change in style of specialization exams

Making review course for exam

Email digest written by sections to all lawyers instead of just specialists

Mainly California issue.

1. Review of the difficulty of the exam – making it easier for more attorneys to pass these exams.
2. Access to national examiners for data base of questions
3. Change in the style of the specialization exam – multiple choice with optional short essay, true/false with optional or not optional short essay
4. Prepare a review course before taking the exam so the participants will be better prepared.
Questions seem to be how many review sessions, where, and who is going to do the sessions.
5. Non exam issue – digests to all lawyers instead of just specialists.

California is setting up a meeting in the next 2 months with respect to these issues.

Next steps (please use as much space as needed):

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Name/topic of session: Uniform Accreditation Application Forms

Leader: Gwen Arcangelo

Attendees: Dian Gilmore, Gwen Arcangelo, Daniel Trujillo, Susan Etter, Julia Orzeske, Marianna Abashian, Liz Vanderbeek, Mandi Donnelly, Tori Jo Wible

Non-roundtable members:

Notes from session (please use as much space as need):

Next steps (please use as much space as needed):

1. Collect applications – Mandi will send electronic copies
 2. Put on sharepoint or googledocs all copies for review and comment
 3. Identify targeted top 4
Texas, Florida, Indiana, Ohio, MN
 4. Gather, Post, Review, Comment by June
 5. Consider color coding applications by section, exam, financial, etc.
 6. NY Advisory board - Mandi
- State representatives go back to their governing boards to get approval
Conference calls, everything by June

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Name/topic of session: Task Force on Public Outreach

Leader: Susan Odoyo

Attendees: Barry Nace, James Wren, Angela Parks, Carolyn De Looper, Jeri L. Whitfield, Rod Hatter

Non-roundtable members: David E. Rapoport

Notes from session:

Imperative to market to attorneys and the public to tell the benefits.

Have uniformity with logo or even attorneys can identify themselves with initials behind name.

Everyone liked Texas logo of simple "Board Certified."

Frustration that have been talking about for years but nothing has been done.

We want to stay in communication through listserve throughout year.

Next steps :

Uniformity – develop logo

Marketing plan - James Wren will work with Baylor law students to do marketing research who are certified attorneys – next 3 to 6 months

Research to develop marketing plan

List serve to develop communications

Ultimate goal is to present resolution to ABA Board approving marketing plan and logo.