



# Federal Bar Association

## ACTIONS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FY2016

### September 15, 2016 MEETING

- Approved recommendation on the Government Relations Committee to add the following language to the Issues Agenda; “Support U.S. Senate ratification of the Marrakesh Treaty, which would allow for copyright exceptions to facilitate the creation of accessible versions of books and other copyrighted works for persons who are blind, visually impaired or otherwise print-disabled.”

### June 17, 2016 MEETING

- Approved the FY2017 budget
- Approved revised Policy 2-7: Section and Division Administrative Fee
- Approved the bylaws and dues of the LGBT Law Section
- Approved a \$12,000 donation made by the Securities Law Section to Columbia Law School
- Referred the review and ruling of the Immigration Law Section’s bylaws regarding term limits to the Sections and Divisions Council
- Approved amended bylaws of the Immigration Law Section
- Approved the charter for the establishment of the Wisconsin Chapter
- Approved the FY2017 Issues Agenda as recommended by Government Relations Committee
- Approved the selection of the South Carolina Chapter as host chapter for the 2020 FBA Annual Meeting and Convention
- Approved the appointment of Judge Lisa Smith as Circuit Vice President to fill the vacancy in the Second Circuit

### April 1, 2016 MEETING

- Approved revised Policy 9-5: Section and Division Financial Management
- Approved amended bylaws of the International Law Section
- Approved the charters for the establishment of the Nebraska Chapter and the Southern District of Illinois Chapter
- Accepted the FY2015 Financial Statements and Independent Auditors’ Report

### JANUARY 22, 2016 MEETING

- Approved revised budget for FY2016
- Approved the amendments to the Bankruptcy Law Section Bylaws
- Approved the name and chapter boundaries change for the FBA Chapter for the Districts of Kansas and Western Missouri, formerly the Kansas Chapter
- Approved the recommendation of the Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Resolutions Committee regarding proposed amendment to the FBA Bylaws that specifies the

number of write-in votes a candidate must receive when no other candidate is included on the ballot

- Approved the recommendation of the Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Resolutions Committee regarding proposed amendment to the FBA Constitution that gives the president the authority to fill vacancies if no individual is duly elected to national office
- Established a LGBT Law Section
- Disapproved the recommendation of the Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Resolutions Committee regarding proposed amendment to the FBA Constitution that prevents candidates by petition when the Nominations and Elections Committee nominates one member for elective office (including director) who is also a member of the federal or state judiciary or otherwise employed by the federal or any state government and who, by virtue of applicable ethics rules, decisions, or opinion, is prohibited by virtue of such position or employment from participating in a contested election
- Approved the rounding of the automatic dues adjustment as set forth by the Bylaws per the following guidelines: amounts ending in 1 or 2 and 6 or 7 shall be round down to rounded down to 0 or 5, respectively, and amounts ending in 3 or 4 and 8 or 9 rounded up to 5 or 9, respectively and to forego the adjustment to law student associate member dues
- Approved revised Policy 2-2: Authority to Sign Checks
- Adopted recommendations of ABA delegate regarding ABA resolutions

#### **SEPTEMBER 10, 2015 MEETING**

- Adopted a resolution that authorizes and empowers the Executive Director, President, Treasurer, and Deputy Executive Director to execute agreements, give direction, and receive information to/from SunTrust Bank regarding the investment and custody accounts of the Federal Bar Association
- Adopted a resolution that authorizes and empowers the Executive Director, Deputy Executive Director, President, and Treasurer to act, give instructions, access information, use Bank's services, perform transactions, enter into agreements, and delegate authority on behalf the operational account of the Federal Bar Association at SunTrust Bank
- Approved FY2016 committee appointments