



Federal Bar Association

ACTIONS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FY2022

September 15, 2022

- Approved June 10, 2022 Board Meeting minutes
- Approved an updated Transition and Continuity Plan
- Approved the Diversity and Inclusion Committee's D&I Toolkit for Sections and Divisions
- Approved the Annual Meeting Committee's recommendation of Minnesota Chapter as host chapter for the 2025 Annual Meeting and Convention
- Approved appointment of Nancy Morisseau to fill a vacant director seat that expires on September 30, 2024
- Approved the FY2023 Budget
- Approved FY2023 committee appointments
- Adopted a resolution that authorizes and empowers the 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 Truist Bank
- Approved the creation of the Future of FBA Conferences Task Force
- Approved the creation of the Annual Meeting and Convention Task Force
- Approved the creation of the Strategic Plan Study of Sections and Division Task Force (Goal: Align sections and divisions operations with best practices and effective administration)
- Withdrew consideration of the Senior Lawyers Division Task Force Report on the basis that it is now moot given the creation of a new task force to study all sections and divisions

June 30, 2022 Meeting

- Approved FBA Statement on Judicial Security: The American public has sharply divided viewpoints on recent U.S. Supreme Court decisions. The Federal Bar Association takes no position on those decisions. The Federal Bar Association is committed to preserving, advancing, and protecting the [rule of law](#). The cornerstone of our democracy is an independent judiciary, which includes, without limitation, judicial security and public confidence in the judicial process. The Federal Bar Association condemns violence against or intimidation of any judicial officer and encourages respect for the judicial process, regardless of an individual's agreement or disagreement with the outcome of a particular judicial decision.

June 10, 2022 Meeting

- Approved the minutes of the April 28, 2022 Board meeting
- Approved amendments to the Qui Tam Section Bylaws

- Approved revisions to Policy 1-6: Standing Committees, Special Committees and Task Forces, which includes a requirement for one meeting instead of two
- Approved revisions to Policy 7-2: Chapter Leadership Training, which updates the per diem to lodging reimbursement rate of \$200 per night
- Approved revisions to Policy 9-5: Section and Division Financial Management, which administrative changes to bring policy current with practice and updated the reimbursement policy to be consistent with Policy 2-3
- Approved the GRC's recommendation to add the Civics Secures Democracy Act to the Issues Agenda and accepted the recommendation to not add additional proposals that have been vetted or are currently in the vetting process to the agenda at this time
- Approve the creation of two task forces: Future of FBA Conferences Task Force and Annual Meeting and Convention Task Force to analyze the current status of conferences and convention respectively and provide recommendations for improvements to ensure meaningful, engaging, and fiscally sustainable events
- Approved amendments to Bylaw 3: Expulsion from Membership, which updates the "good clause" language and adds a new section on reinstatement
- Approved amendments to Bylaw 8: Standing Committees, which are based on the approved recommendations of the Working Group to Review Standing Committees

April 28, 2022 Meeting

- Approved the minutes of the January 28, 2022 Board meeting
- Ratified the following Board actions taken via email vote
 - Approval of GRC's Recommendation to not add to the Issues Agenda the Senior Lawyers nomination regarding a federal vaccine mandate
 - Approved the Statement on the Invasion of Ukraine
- Approved revised Policy 2-3: Reimbursements, which raises the lodging reimbursement rate from \$175 to \$200 per night
- Accepted the Audit Committee's Report and approved the 2021 Financial Statements
- Approved the GRC's recommendation to reorganize the Issues Agenda
- Referred to the Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Resolutions Committee a proposal to amend Bylaw 3 to add a new section on membership reinstatement
- Approved the recommendations of the Working Group to Review Standing Committees and referred their report to the Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Resolutions Committee
- Tabled the Senior Lawyers Division Task Force Report

March 4, 2022 Email Vote

- Approved FBA Statement on the Invasion of Ukraine: The Federal Bar Association is deeply troubled by the Russian invasion into Ukraine and its implications for the safety and security of the people of Ukraine and the rule of law. We call upon the Russian Federation to respect the democratically elected government of Ukraine

and international law. We support the lawyers, judges, and people of Ukraine during this time of crisis.

February 2, 2022 Email Vote

- Accepted recommendation of the Government Relations Committee to take no action on a proposal submitted by the Senior Lawyers Division to urge the U.S. government to require mandatory vaccination requirement for all eligible people to the FBA Issues Agenda

January 28, 2022 Meeting

- Approved minutes of the November 17, 2021 Board meeting
- Approved Law Student Division Bylaws Amendments
- Referred proposal to amend Bylaw 3: Expulsion from Membership, Section A. Cause to the Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Resolutions Committee
- Approved recommendation of the Government Relations Committee to add additional item to the FBA Issues Agenda (Police Data Sharing, Misconduct Registry and Body Camera Technology)
- Approved creation of task force to study requirement to conduct election process for uncontested slate of candidates
- Referred proposal to create a standing committee on Professional Development to the Constitution, Bylaws, Rules, and Resolutions Committee

November 17, 2021 Meeting

- Approved minutes of the September 23, 2021 Board meeting
- Approved offering Honorary Membership to the Honorable Benes Aldana, president of the National Judicial College
- Approved revised Policy 1-1. Procedures for National Elections and Nominations (*gender neutral language and notice procedures*)
- Approved revised Policy 1-4. Endorsement of Candidates for Contested FBA National Office (*campaign limits to place all candidates on equal footing, and sanctions and appeal process for policy violations*)
- Approved revised Policy 1-6. Standing Committees, Special Committees and Task Forces (*limit to three consecutive terms for the same committee*)
- Rescinded Policy 1-10. Procedure for Consideration of Proposed Bylaws Changes: (*duplicative of the Constitution and Bylaws*)
- Approved revised Policy 1-12. Procedures for Consideration of Resolutions Before the ABA House of Delegates (*voting limitations to resolutions that are covered by the FBA Issues Agenda*)
- Approved revised Policy 2-3. Reimbursements (*per diem to per night of lodging*)
- Approved revised Policy 2-6. Sections and Divisions Administrative Fee (*quarterly fee determination based on number of members who pay section/division membership dues*)
- Approved appointing a board task force to review standing committees