



Federal Bar Association

ACTIONS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FY2025

September 11, 2025

- Approved the March 29, 2025 Board Executive Session minutes
- Approved the June 20, 2025 Board meeting minutes
- Ratified the July Email Vote Approving the 2027 Annual Meeting and Convention Host Chapter
- Ratified August Email Vote Approving the Constitution and Bylaws Committee's Recommendation to Initiate Constitutional Amendments
- Ratified August Email Vote Authorizing the Executive Committee to Execute the CEO Employment Agreement
- Approved the FY2026 Budget
- Authorized the CEO to enter into an agreement with Bernstein to provide investment management services
- Approved an updated Transition and Continuity Plan
- Adopted a resolution that authorizes and empowers the CEO, 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 Maine Chapter Charter
- Approved FY2026 committee appointments
- Approved the Government Contracts Section's Policy 9-3 waiver request
- Approved revised Policy 7-3: Section and Division Leadership Training
- Approved new Policy 9-1: Sections and Divisions Operating Guidelines and Appendix
- Rescinded policies 9-3, 9-4, 9-5, and 9-7 because they are redundant and subsumed by new Policy 9-1
- Rescinded Policy 2-6 because an administrative fee is no longer charged to sections and divisions
- Approved Bylaw amendments regarding FBA entities issuing public statements, subject to the approval of proposed constitutional amendments
- Approved revised Policy 1-15: Endorsements, Determination of FBA National Policy, and Advocacy of Public Positions by FBA Entities, subject to the approval of proposed constitutional amendments

August 28, 2025 Via Email Vote

- Authorized the Executive Committee to execute the most recent iteration of the CEO employment agreement for Stacy King with the organization.

August 18, 2025 Via Email Vote

- Approved the Constitution and Bylaws Committee's recommendation to initiate approval of Constitutional amendments regarding entities issuing public statements

July 21, 2025 Via Email Vote

- Approved the Annual Meeting Committee's recommendation of the John W. Peck Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky Chapter as host for the 2027 Annual Meeting and Convention

June 20, 2025 Meeting

- Approved Minutes from the March 29, 2025 Meeting
- Approved Chapter Membership Rebate Increase Incentive program
- Adopted revisions to the D&I Chapter Model Plan and renamed it to the Chapter Model Plan for Advancing the Legal Profession
- Approved changing the Diversity & Inclusion Committee's name to the Committee on Advancing the Legal Profession and referred the name change to the Constitution & Bylaws Committee (The Constitution & Bylaws Committee determined that the name change did not need to be referred to the Committee, because proper notice had been given to the Board to adopt the Bylaw change at its June meeting.)
- Referred the Federal Court Accessibility Guide to a working group for further review
- Approved the appointment of Kelly Scalise as Membership Committee Chair
- Approved amendments to the Bylaws to change Younger Lawyer Division eligibility criteria to 15 years or fewer years in practice
- Approved Courts and Civility Initiative as a national program of the Civics, Service, and Outreach Committee
- Denied the Labor & Employment Law Section's request to reinstate its conference as a national program, because it did not meet criteria established by policy
- Approved withdrawal of the FBA delegate to the ABA House of Delegates

March 29, 2025 Midyear Meeting

- Approved Minutes from the January 24, 2025 Meeting and executive session
- Ratified February 5, 2025 email vote to approve retain outside counsel for DEI review
- Approved Minutes from the February 17, 2025 special board meeting
- Approved Minutes from the March 3, 2025 special board meeting executive session
- Ratified March 18, 2025 email vote to join Chief Justice Roberts' statement
- Approved the Report of the Audit Committee and the audited September 30, 2024 year-end financials.
- Accepted the recommendation of the Budget & Finance committee to refrain from expanding honorary memberships.
- Approved revised Policy 2-3: Reimbursements (to include Sections and Divisions)
- Approved revised Policy 9-6: National Conferences (to update paid attendee/in person thresholds)
- Approved revised Policy 9-7: Section and Division Programming (to clarify definition of outside organization)
- Approved Bylaw amendments to implement board-approved recommendations of the Section and Division task force.
- Approved observer status for AIEG for the American Civil Trial Bar Roundtable

- Approved new Policy 1-23: Statements of the Board of Directors (provides guidelines for issuing statements)
- Delegated authority to a working group to submit a proposal to amend the Constitution regarding entities issuing public statements

March 18, 2025 Via Email Vote

- Approved issuance of the following statement: The Federal Bar Association reaffirms its nonpartisan commitment to [the independence of the judiciary](#) and the rule of law and joins the statement of Chief Justice Roberts on these issues.

February 5, 2025 Via Email Vote

- Approved Executive Committee's recommendation to retain outside counsel specializing in advising associations to evaluate and review our organizational documents (Constitution, Bylaws, etc.), our programming, and our DEI mission statement to determine compliance with executive orders and to suggest such other actions as deemed necessary.

January 24, 2025 Meeting

- Approved Minutes from the September 5, 2024 Annual Meeting
- Approved the recommendation of the Budget and Finance Committee to set the price for sections and divisions as follows to be implemented in the new membership system in July for new joins and FY26 renewals
 - \$0 for divisions
 - \$45 for sections
 - \$99 for 3 sections
- Approved setting dues for first-year of practice membership to \$0 to be implemented in the new membership system in July for new joins
- Disapproved request to reduce public sector membership dues
- Referred a request to include Administrative Law Judges in honorary membership eligibility to the Budget and Finance Committee
- Approved the Constitution and Bylaws Committee's recommendation to initiate the approval of the proposed amendment to the Constitution, which implements board-approved recommendations by the Section and Division Task Force
- Approved the admittance of the National Board of Trial Advocacy to the American Civil Trial Bar Roundtable of which the FBA is a member
- Approved the Connecticut Chapter charter