

Proposed Bylaws Amendments

Pursuant to West Virginia State Bar Bylaw 11.01, and subject to final approval by the Supreme Court of Appeals, the following Bylaws Amendments will be on the agenda at the West Virginia State Bar Annual Meeting on Monday, April 20, 2026, at 8:00am at the Charleston Coliseum and Convention Center, Room 205:

1. **Bylaw 2.07** [proposed amendments](#) clarify that Judges of the Intermediate Court of Appeals who are approved by order of the Supreme Court of Appeals to continue serving as a judicial officer under senior status are to be treated as judicial members of the Bar, unless they are also engaging in the practice of law.
2. **Bylaws 3.01-3.04** [proposed amendments](#) would remove the specific dollar amounts for the annual membership fee and utilize a schedule of fees moving forward. In addition, the proposed amendments reduce the age at which inactive members become exempt from annual membership payments from 70 to 65 and create a new standalone Bylaw relating to the Military Fee Waiver. These amendments are being submitted with a [proposed schedule of fees](#) that would make the following changes to the current membership fee structure, pending approval of the Supreme Court of Appeals:

Type	Current	Proposed
Active Membership Less Than 1 Fiscal Year	\$100.00	\$175.00
Active Membership 1-3 Fiscal Years	\$200.00	\$325.00
Active Membership Over 3 Fiscal Years	\$250.00	\$450.00
Active Not Practicing	\$250.00	\$450.00
Inactive Membership	\$100.00	\$100.00

No changes are proposed to the Schedule of Administrative Fees.

3. **Bylaws 5.02-5.12** [proposed amendments](#) would increase the Board of Governors from 25 to 26 voting members by removing the African American representative and adding two at-large representatives: one from the West Virginia Bar Association and one from the Mountain State Bar Association. The proposed amendments set forth the qualification requirements, nomination process, vacancy procedures, and make technical cleanup throughout.
4. **Bylaw 6.05** [proposed amendments](#) clarify the process that will occur when there is a vacancy in the office of President, President-Elect, or Vice President of the Bar.

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