

Proposed changes to the NHBA Bylaws – December 7, 2021

Many of the revisions are simply grammatical corrections, and changes to make the language consistent with current practice. The last time the bylaws were reviewed and revised as a whole was 2013, with minor revisions since then.

Below are the substantive changes:

page 4 – Article II, new section 6: As formerly written, members of the armed forces received a waiver of dues until they notified the NHBA that they were no longer on active duty. In practice, these notifications did not happen. The new language changes this so that they will be charged dues unless they request a waiver due to their service on active duty.

Page 6 – Article II, new section 8: Language regarding Resignation moved from Article II section 8 of the NHBA Constitution to the bylaws for consistency, and a definition of good standing was added.

Page 7, 11 – Article III, section 3, and Article IV, section 8 (newly added): Language added to define the role of ABA Delegates as ex officio members of the Board of Governors, without vote.

Page 9 – Article IV, section 2 – In practice, this task is performed by the President, as noted in section 1.

Page 10 – Article IV, section 3: Process clarified, and time limits added to succession procedure so can follow the proscribed process. If a resignation comes within the last 90 days of the President's term, it is not possible to meet timelines for special election.

page 22 – Article IX, section 6(g) – Charge of Committee on Lawyer Referral Services revised to make it consistent with understood role of NHBA Standing Committees.

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These revisions are grammatical corrections, and changes to make the language consistent with current practice, the NHBA Bylaws and the NH Supreme Court Rules.