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State Bar of Texas Policy and Procedure

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SHORT FORM

Date: April 23, 2020

To: Section Chairs

From: Trey Apffel

Subject: Electronic Voting

Purpose:

To allow State Bar of Texas Sections to vote electronically by email, webinar, video conference, teleconference or by other electronic means, and to hold their annual meetings electronically.

Citations/Reference:

State Bar Board of Directors Resolution Regarding Authority of Executive Director During COVID-19 Pandemic Emergency

Policy/Procedure:

Some State Bar Sections' bylaws mandate in-person voting for the election of council members and officers and other matters requiring a vote. Sections also hold their annual meetings in person. Because of the COVID-19 Pandemic Emergency, gathering in-person for any business, including holding their annual meeting and/or voting in person is not advisable. Accordingly, pursuant to the State Bar Board of Directors Resolution Regarding Authority of the Executive Director During COVID-19 Pandemic Emergency, I, Trey Apffel, Executive Director, State Bar of Texas, hereby promulgate this policy.

Any State Bar of Texas Section may conduct voting electronically for elections and other matters requiring a vote, and may hold their annual meeting, electronically. Electronic voting by a State Bar section's council and/or membership as well as holding their annual meeting may be conducted by webinar, teleconference, video-conference, email, or other electronic means.

This policy shall remain in effect through September 15, 2020, unless earlier rescinded by the State Bar Executive Director.

Effective Date: April 23, 2020

For Questions, Contact: Office of Legal Counsel

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Legal Counsel Approval: John Sirman

ED/Deputy ED Approval: Trey Apffel