

Policy on Election of ISBA Delegates to the ABA House of Delegates

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Expense reimbursement section amended by the Board of Governors, May 19, 2006

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Para. 1. General. ISBA has eight seats in the ABA House of Delegates. Four are ISBA members at-large and two are ISBA members under the age of 35. These six are elected as delegates by the ISBA Assembly. In addition to the elected delegates, the ISBA President and First Vice-President are delegates ex-officio during their terms in those offices.

Para. 2. At-Large Delegates. The four at-large delegates, two from Cook County and two from Illinois judicial circuits outside Cook County, are elected in November of even-numbered years for two-year terms beginning at the close of the next following ISBA Annual Meeting. No delegate elected as an at-large delegate may be elected for more than five consecutive two-year terms.

Para. 3. Under 35 Delegates. The two delegates elected in the under age 35 category, one from Cook County and one from an Illinois judicial circuit outside Cook County, are elected in November in odd-numbered years for two-year terms beginning at the close of the next following ISBA Annual Meeting. The elected delegate must be under 35 at the beginning of the ABA term (not ISBA) that begins at the close of the ABA Annual Meetings in even-numbered years.

Para. 4. Nominating Petitions. Nomination of a candidate for ISBA delegate to the ABA House of Delegates must be made in writing and requires a minimum of 20 signatures of ISBA members in good standing from the area to be represented. The form of nominating petition is prescribed as shown below:

We, members of the Illinois State Bar Association, nominate (name and address of candidate) for ISBA Delegate (description of category of election) to the ABA House of Delegates for the two-year term beginning (date of close of ISBA Annual Meeting).

Signature
Printed Name
Address

The petitions must be filed with the Executive Director, Illinois Bar Center, 424 S. 2nd Street, Springfield, IL 62701, not sooner than 51 days prior to and not later than 21 days preceding the date of the Assembly Meeting at which the election will take place. A short biography should accompany the submission of the nominating petition.

Para. 5. Election. Delegates are elected by members of the Assembly at a meeting of the Assembly. The names and biographies of all candidates are sent to members of the Assembly in advance of the meeting. At that meeting nominating speeches not in excess of a total of five minutes may be made for each candidate, to be followed by a secret written ballot. A plurality of

votes cast for any delegate elects. When two or more candidates receive an equally high number of votes, the winner shall be determined by lot under the supervision of tellers that are appointed by the presiding officer. Announcement of the results of the election is made at the meeting.

If the number of candidates nominated for a particular position does not exceed the number to be elected to that position, the candidate or candidates are elected.

If no candidate is nominated for a position to be filled, or if there is no candidate by reason of death, declination or other cause, the Board of Governors fills the vacancy at its next meeting.

If a candidate in a contested election for a position to be filled dies or is unable to serve after nominations are closed, and a plurality of the votes are cast for him or her, a vacancy exists which shall be filled by the Board of Governors.

Para. 6. Expense Reimbursement. Delegates to the ABA House of Delegates, other than the ISBA President and First Vice-President shall be reimbursed as follows:

1. Registration fee for attendance at the ABA Annual Meeting.
2. Transportation. One round-trip tourist class, or ISBA's currently in force mileage reimbursement figure, up to the equivalent of one tourist class airplane fare and standard local transportation to and from terminals as incurred and as individually specified.
3. Lodging. Actual hotel expense up to \$200 per night for up to two (2) nights.
4. No reimbursement for the extra expense of attending the National Conference of Bar Presidents unless specifically requested by the President to attend such conference as a representative of ISBA, except that the Immediate Past President and spouse are to be reimbursed \$200 per diem for expenses to attend the meeting of the National Conference of Bar Presidents immediately following his or her term as President of the ISBA
5. The same formula applies for Midyear Meetings, less any expenses subject to reimbursement by the ABA.
6. Young Lawyer Division Delegates
 - (a) When ABA Young Lawyer Delegate Assembly meets, expenses are authorized for an amount equal to that of four delegates.
 - (i) Transportation. Actual cost (not to exceed coach class air fare) and standard local transportation to and from terminals.
 - (ii) Lodging. Actual hotel expense up to \$200 per night for up to two (2) nights.
 - (b) When the ABA Young Lawyers Division Assembly does not meet, a total of \$600 is authorized for delegate expenses with a maximum of \$300 per representative.

Para. 7. 2017 Revision Implementation. In order to implement the 2017 policy revisions replacing two ex officio delegate positions with two at-large delegate positions, the Assembly shall elect in November 2017 two additional at-large delegates whose terms will begin immediately but will end in November 2018. Delegates elected for this period shall be deemed to have served a full two-year term. Upon election of the two at-large delegate positions in November 2017, the terms of the two ex-officio positions serving as ABA Delegate (Second Vice-President and Third Vice-President) shall terminate.