

MEMORANDUM

TO: Supreme Court Advisory Committee Members

FROM: Chip Babcock

DATE: April 26, 2001

RE: SBOT proposed reimbursement restrictions

The proposed revision to the State Bar of Texas reimbursement policy faxed to you on April 23, 2001, was tabled by the Board of Directors for consideration at its June 13-15, 2001, meeting. Our next meeting is June 15 and 16, too late to discuss the issue.

We have been advised that more money was reimbursed by the Bar to the SCAC than to any other group last year. We would like to receive the collective wisdom of the SCAC members on this issue by e-mail. If you care to share your thoughts, please respond to the following questions and add any additional comments you may desire.

1. Do you favor restricting reimbursement for attending meetings beyond the policy we have been using?
2. Do you favor adopting the revised policy being considered by the SBOT Board of Directors?
3. Would adoption of the revised policy in its present form cause you to be less active on the SCAC, or pose a financial burden on you?
4. What parts of the revised policy do you think are needed, and why?
5. What parts of the revised policy do you think are not needed, or are harmful, and why?
6. If you think some changes are needed in the current reimbursement policy, but disagree with the proposed revised policy, what changes would you make in it, and why?

7. What suggestions do you have for the SCAC to reduce reimbursements for travel expenses?
8. What areas do you feel the SBOT Board should address to reduce operating expenses before adopting a more restrictive reimbursement policy?

Please respond ASAP. Feel free to contact your area Director with your thoughts. It has not been determined what, if any, response the Committee will make.