

September 25, 2010

**Memorandum 10-10**

To: Deans of Member Schools

From: Susan Westerberg Prager

Subject: Amendment of Executive Committee Regulation 3.1 Establishing Membership Dues for Calendar Year 2011

The Executive Committee adopted the Association's budget for FY 2010-11 (July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011), and amended Executive Committee Regulation 3.1 to establish the membership dues for Calendar Year 2011. The Executive Committee concluded that the dues for Calendar Year 2011 should be increased by 2%. The actual dollar amount of the increase ranges from \$125 to \$505, depending on the size of a school's student body. For most schools the increase ranges from \$190 to \$315. Member schools will be sent invoices in November.

Dues are based on the size of the study body.

<b>FTE Student Enrollment</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>
up to 250 students	\$6,310	\$6,435
251-500 students	\$9,455	\$9,645
501-800	\$12,625	\$12,880
801-1100	\$15,750	\$16,065
1101 - 1400	\$18,920	\$19,300
1401- 1700	\$22,920	\$23,380
over 1700	\$25,225	\$25,730

Income and Expense Summary: Attached as Appendix A is a summary of income and expense for FY 2007-08 and FY 08-09; FY 09-10 estimated income and expense (based on projections from actual expenditures through March 31, 2010), and the operating budget for FY 2010-11. The operating budget adopted by the Executive Committee for Fiscal Year 2010-11 contemplates operating income of \$5,172,055 and expenditures of \$5,298,898, for a net loss of \$-126,843. This amount will be funded from reserves. There will be no increase in registration fees for the 2011 Annual Meeting or AALS professional development programs.

Financial Statements: Attached as Appendix B are the AALS audited financial statements for FY 2008-09.

Comment: As you know, the Association of American Law Schools is the academic society for law faculty and provides a number of services and resources to its member schools and their faculty and professional staff. These services for 2010-2011 include both hard copy and on-line publication of *the Directory of Law Teachers*. Other AALS

services include the 90+ AALS Sections; Faculty Recruitment Services, including the annual on-line Faculty Appointments Register, Faculty Recruitment Conference, Placement Bulletin, Visiting, Foreign Visiting and Retiring Faculty Registers; the Annual Meeting; professional development programs for faculty and administrators; services of the Resource Corps. The AALS represents legal education to the larger world of higher education, the government, interdisciplinary societies, international law school/faculty associations, and the public.

We continue to feel that one of the ways we could manage long-term costs would be to purchase office space in Washington, DC rather than continue to lease. I will continue to keep you advised of any progress in that regard.

**Executive Committee Regulation 3.1** The recent action revised the regulation to read as follows:

**3.1 Annual Dues.** Each year each member school shall pay membership dues to the Association. For the calendar year 2011, the dues shall be \$6,435 ~~6,310~~ for a school whose enrollment does not exceed 250 students; \$9,645 ~~9,455~~ for a school whose enrollment exceeds 250 students but does not exceed 500 students; \$12,880 ~~12,625~~ for a school whose enrollment exceeds 500 students but does not exceed 800 students; \$16,065 ~~15,750~~ for a school whose enrollment exceeds 800 students but does not exceed 1100 students; \$19,300 ~~18,920~~ for a school whose enrollment exceeds 1100 students but does not exceed 1400 students; \$23,380 ~~22,060~~ for a school whose enrollment exceeds 1400 students but does not exceed 1700 students; and \$25,730 ~~25,225~~ for a school whose enrollment exceeds 1700 students.

In accordance with Bylaw 5-4, unless objection is received from at least ten member schools within 60 days of mailing a copy of these regulations, Executive Committee Regulations 3.1 and 7.1(c), as amended, will continue in effect.

I am sorry not to have gotten this to you before this beginning of this fiscal year. I hope that you will not hesitate to call me with any questions or comments about the recent Executive Committee decision, about any other aspect of the AALS, or if I can be of help to you in any way, informal or otherwise.

cc: Members of the 2010 AALS House of Representatives

Enclosures:

Appendix A: Income and Expense Summary

Appendix B: AALS Audited Financial Statements for FY 2008-09

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