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Areas of Emphasis for Section Leaders

Discussion List

Each Section has a unique online community connected by discussion lists. Use your discussion list to encourage the exchange of ideas, helpful tips, events, and other teaching resources. If you are unsure of your Section discussion list address, email us at sections@aals.org.

Annual Meeting

Each Section Chair is responsible for planning their Section's program at the AALS Annual Meeting. Throughout the year, you should select topics for sessions, determine the format of your program, recruit speakers, and communicate the upcoming sessions to your membership.

Newsletters

Consider establishing or continuing an online newsletter to keep faculty informed and engaged with your Section throughout the year. Successful issues tend to include new scholarship from the field, messages from the chair, publication updates, and authored articles from Section members.

Webinars & Socials

Webinars can be an excellent source of reusable content for Section members, and they expand opportunities to provide programming beyond the Annual Meeting. Section Socials are designed to mimic in-person networking and give members time to reconnect and meet new members.

Mentorship

As Section Leaders, we encourage you to create mentorship programs that foster excellence in teaching and scholarship, improve the legal profession, and offer guidance to faculty in early stages of their careers. Consider developing a mechanism to connect mentors with mentees.

Section Officer Resources

The Section Officer Resources page is dedicated to making life for our faculty volunteers easier. You can find the officer planning guide, deadlines, templates, guides, submission forms, award information, tips, and more. Use this area to develop new ideas.