

ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN LAW SCHOOLS

Bylaws of the Section on Community Economic Development

Article I. Name and Purpose

Section 1. Name. This section shall be known as the Section on Community Economic Development.

Section 2. Purpose. The purpose of this section is to promote the communication of ideas, interests, and activities among members and to make recommendations to the Association of American Law Schools ("AALS") on matters of interest in the teaching and improvement of the law relating to Community Economic Development.

Article II. Membership

Section 1. Membership.

- (a) General Membership in the section is open to faculty members and professional staff of a law school that is a member of the AALS.
- (b) Associate Membership is open to any other person who is concerned with the teaching, administration, and improvement of legal education in the subject area of the section.

Section 2. Privileges of Members.

- (a) Members may serve as officers of the section, executive committee members, and may vote in a section election.
- (b) Associate Members may participate in the programs, meetings, and activities of the section, but may not vote or hold office in the section.

Article III. Officers, Executive and Other Committees

Section 1. Officers. The officers of this section are the chair, chair-elect, secretary, and immediate past chair. Officers of the section shall progress to the next highest officer position at the close of each annual meeting: the chair-elect shall become the chair and the secretary shall become the chair-elect. As determined by the chair at the beginning of his or her term, a new secretary shall be elected either at the annual meeting; by mail, including electronic mail, prior to the annual meeting; by other electronic means; or by in-person ballot vote at the business meeting of the section. Only current members of the section's Executive Committee shall be eligible to run for secretary. All general members shall be eligible to vote for secretary and chair-elect.

Section 2. The Executive Committee.

- (a) The Executive Committee of the section shall consist of the officers of the section and at-large members elected annually. The Executive Committee will be limited to eleven members in total.
- (b) The Executive Committee shall act on behalf of the section in the interval between annual meetings and may create standing and special committees.
- (c) Executive Committee members, other than the chair, chair-elect, secretary, and immediate past chair shall be elected to serve for a term of two years. Officers shall continue to serve on the Executive Committee until they have fulfilled their term as immediate past chair. Past Section chairs may be reelected to the Executive Committee two years after their term as immediate past chair has expired.

Section 3. Filling Vacancies. If an officer or other member of the Executive Committee resigns or otherwise becomes ineligible or unavailable to serve, the position shall be promptly filled. If the position of chair becomes vacant, the chair-elect shall become the chair. If the position of chair-elect becomes vacant, the chair, with the advice and consent of a majority of the other members of the Executive Committee, shall appoint a person to serve as secretary until an election can be held. If a position on the Executive Committee becomes vacant, the chair, with the advice and consent of a majority of the other members of the Executive Committee, may appoint a person to the position to serve until the next annual meeting of the AALS.

Article IV. Nomination and Elections

Section 1. Nominations. When there are vacancies on the Executive Committee, the chair shall appoint a Nomination Committee. The Nomination Committee shall consist of at least three members of the Executive Committee. The chair-elect shall serve as the chair of the Nomination Committee. Members of the Executive Committee seeking reelection may not serve on the Nomination Committee. The Nomination Committee shall receive and consider suggestions of persons to serve as members of the Executive Committee, and shall report a slate of nominees to the section for election at the business meeting of the section at the next annual meeting of the AALS.

Section 2. Elections. As determined by the chair at the beginning of his or her term, members of the Section's Executive Committee shall be elected at the annual meeting; by mail, including electronic mail, prior to the annual meeting; through other electronic means; or by in-person ballot vote at the business meeting of the section.



Article V. Duties of Officers

Section 1. Chair. The chair shall preside at all meetings of the section and of its Executive Committee. At each annual meeting of the AALS, the chair shall report on section activities during the prior year and is responsible for the programs organized by the section. The chair shall appoint the members of standing and special committees.

Section 2. Chair-Elect. The chair-elect of the section shall assist the chair, as the chair may request, and shall perform the duties of the chair during absence or disability of the chair. The chair-elect shall serve as chair of the section's Nomination Committee.

Section 3. Secretary. The secretary shall be responsible for publishing the section's newsletter and have primary responsibility for maintaining the section webpage on the AALS website.

Section 4. Immediate Past Chair. The immediate past chair shall serve in an advisory capacity to ensure continuity for the section. The immediate past chair shall work closely with the chair and chair-elect to ensure a smooth transition in section leadership, including sharing any institutional knowledge, resources, and assisting with programming as needed.

Section 5. Term Length. All officers shall serve a two year term, except for the immediate past chair. The immediate past chair will serve a one year term.

Article VI. Income

Section 1. Authorized Expenditures of Section Dues and Other Section Income. In addition to the purposes described in AALS Executive Committee Regulation 12.6(d), section dues and other section income may be spent for a reception for section members at an AALS annual meeting, workshop, or teaching conference, deficiency in a meal guarantee made to a hotel, section survey, section directory, or enhanced newsletter. Before the activity is undertaken, the section's Executive Committee must authorize the expenditure of dues or other income for the activity. In approving payment of an expenditure, the section chair must determine that the particular expenditure is for the activity authorized by the Executive Committee of the section and is consistent with the section's bylaws and AALS policies. The Executive Committee must approve the expenditure at least six weeks prior to the activity for which the expenditure is authorized, and the chair shall notify the AALS National Office no later than one month before the occurrence of the activity.

Article VII. Policy Statements

Section 1. Policy Statements. Sections are components of the AALS. Thus, any statements of policy adopted by a section or similar positions may be made public only after the AALS Executive Committee has formally adopted the policy statement.

Article VII. Amendments

Section 1. Amendments. These bylaws may be amended at the annual meeting of the

section by a majority of the regular members of the section present and voting. The amendment takes effect when it is approved by the AALS.

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End of Bylaws of the AALS Section on Community Economic Development.
Approved by the Executive Committee on May 28, 2019.