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This draft represents codification of the common law on the subject which has developed during the first year of the Section's operations.

BY-LAWS  
of  
SECTION OF COMPARATIVE LAW  
ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN LAW SCHOOLS

Article 1

NAME

The name of the Section is Section of Comparative Law of the Association of American Law Schools.

Article 2

PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal office of the Section shall be located at the principal office of the Association of American Law Schools in the District of Columbia.

Article 3

OBJECTS

The objects of the Section are to provide a forum for discussion of problems in the comparison of laws which are of concern to the comparatists as a profession, and to bring to the attention of members of the Association of American Law Schools the experience of other countries with matters of current concern to American professors of law.

Article 4

MEMBERS

The members of the Section shall consist of:

1. Regular Members: Members of faculties of schools of the Association of American Law Schools who signify their desire to become members; Canadian Associates (as defined in the resolution adopted at the 1969 Annual Meeting of the Association of American Law Schools) who signify their desire to become members.
2. Associate Members: Persons whose professional duties and comparable interests make their participation in the affairs of the Section appropriate to the affairs of the Section, and who signify their desire to become members. Associate Members shall not exceed 25% of the Regular members.

Rights of Members:

Regular members of the Section shall have the right to participate in activities of the Section, to vote and to hold office.

Associate Members shall have the right to participate in all activities of the Section except voting or holding office.

## Article 5

### MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

1. Annual Meeting: The Annual Meeting of Members and Associate Members shall be held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Law Schools at such time as the Program Committee of the Annual Meeting of the Association shall designate.
2. Special Meetings: Special Meetings of the Members and Associate Members may be called at any time by the Executive Committee of the Section on majority vote, or by any twenty members of the Section and may be held at such time and place as may be specified in their notices or waivers of notice thereof.
3. Notice of Meetings: Notice of each annual meeting shall be placed in the Program for the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Law Schools. Notice of a Special Meeting shall be in writing; shall state the place, date and hour of the meeting; the authority under which it is issued, and the purpose or purposes for which it is called. Such notice of Special Meeting shall be mailed to all members and associate members of the Section from the principal office of the Association of American Law Schools at least three weeks prior to the date of the special meeting.
4. Voting and Quorum: Each regular member shall be entitled to one vote on each matter submitted to a vote of the members. Voting shall be by members present, a quorum being ten regular members.
5. Annual Reports: The Chairman shall submit for publication by the Association of American Law Schools in its volume of Section Reports an Annual Report on the Section's activities, and shall make an oral summary of it at the annual meeting of the Section. This report shall contain a financial statement of the assets of the Section, if any.
6. The Executive Committee of the Section shall consist of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary-Treasurer and two members, elected at the annual meeting of the Section for one year from among the members of the Section.

## Article 6

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. General powers: The Executive Committee of the Section shall manage the property, affairs and all business of the Section during its year of office and for such additional time as may be necessary if, for any reason, successors are not elected for any given year.
2. Resignations: Members of the Executive Committee may resign, but their place shall not be filled until the next Annual Meeting of the Section.
3. Meetings: The Executive Committee shall meet prior to the Annual Meeting of the Section and at such other times during the year of office as the Chairman may from time to time designate to each of them in writing or by telephone. In exceptional cases, a meeting may take place over the telephone on a "conference" hook-up.

4. Voting: At all meetings of the Executive Committee a majority of those present shall decide the matter before the Committee.

Article 7  
OFFICERS

1. General powers and duties: The officers of the Section shall have such powers and duties as shall be given to them by the Executive Committee, and if none are designated, such powers and duties as are normally associated with such offices.

2. Nominations: At the Annual Meeting of the Association nominations of Section members to fill the positions of officers and members of the Executive Committee shall be received from the floor. Additionally, a Nominating Committee may present nominations should the Chairman in any year believe that the Section has grown to such size that a more formal procedure would contribute to orderly consideration of nominations.

Article 8  
PROPERTY

Should the Section acquire property from dues or otherwise, it shall be deposited for safekeeping with the Treasurer of the Association of American Law Schools.

Article 9  
POLICY STATEMENTS

Statements of policy may be presented at the Annual Meeting of Members of the Section, but in keeping with rules of the Association of American Law Schools they shall not be made public, if adopted by a majority vote of those present, until approved by the Executive Committee of the Association and only if proper safeguards are taken to avoid the impression to the public that the position being taken is the position of the Association of American Law Schools.