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ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN LAW SCHOOLS

Bylaws of the Section on
INTERNATIONAL LAW

Article I. Name and Purpose

Section 1. Name. This Section shall be known as the Section on International Law.

Section 2. Purpose. The purpose of this section is to promote the communication of ideas, interests and activities among members of the section and to make recommendations on matters concerning international law.

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Article II. Membership

Section 1. Membership.

(a) Membership in the section is open to a faculty member of a law school that is a member of the Association of American Law Schools (hereinafter referred to as AALS) and to Canadian Associates.

(b) Associate membership is open to any other person who is concerned with the teaching, administration and improvement of international law.

Section 2. Privileges of Members.

(a) Regular members may vote in person at a section meeting.

(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, Committees

Section 1. Officers. The officers of this section are the chairperson, the chairperson-elect, the chairperson-elect shall be elected at each annual meeting of the Association, shall qualify by acceptance and shall succeed to the office of chairperson at the close of the next annual meeting. An officer shall serve until his successor has been elected and qualified.

Secretary and Treasurer.

Section 2. The Executive Committee.

(a) The Executive Committee of the section consists of the officers and three other members elected annually.

(b) The Executive Committee shall act in the interval between annual meetings and may create standing and special committees.

Article IV. Nomination and Elections

Section 1. Nominations. The Nominating Committee for the subsequent year shall be appointed at or immediately following the annual meeting. The Nominating Committee shall consist of at least three members of the section and shall include at least one past chairperson of the section. The Nominating Committee shall receive and consider suggestions of persons to serve as officers for the section and shall report a slate of nominees to the section for election at the business meeting of the section at the annual meeting of the AALS.

Section 2. Elections. The officers of the section shall be elected at the annual meeting. Nominations shall be received from the Nominating Committee and from the floor. Elections may be by voice vote or secret ballot, as the chairperson determines.

Article V. Duties of Officers

Section 1. Chairperson. The chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the section and of the executive committee. The chairperson shall present at each annual meeting of the AALS a report of the section for the prior year and shall be responsible for the program of the section. The chairperson shall appoint the members of standing and special committees.

Section 2. Chairperson-Elect. The Chairperson-Elect of the section shall assist the chairperson, as the chairperson may request, and shall perform the duties of the chairperson during absence or disability of the chairperson. If the office of the chairperson becomes vacant, the chairperson-elect shall succeed to the office of chairperson.

Article VI. Policy Statements

Section 1. Policy Statements. Because sections are part of the AALS, statements of policy adopted by a section or similar positions may be made public only after they are approved by the Executive Committee of the AALS.

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 Executive Committee of the AALS.

1. If an existing section does not have 12 faculty members from three member schools, it should take steps to increase its membership or recommend its own dissolution. Sections with small memberships should also consider merging with another section. The special interest represented by the too small section may be served by a committee of the larger section. A section once formed need not continue, if sufficient interest is not evidenced. A section may "self-destruct" at any time; but in order to be reactivated, it must make application as though it were a newly proposed section.
2. The Executive Committee has adopted the following policy with respect to dissolution of inactive sections:
 - a. The Committee on Sections shall review the activity of sections and recommend to the Executive Committee the dissolution of inactive sections.
 - b. If a section has not engaged in substantial activity for two years, as determined by its annual meeting programs or lack of them, the reports required of it by the Handbook or lack of them, and its budget requests or lack of them, the Committee on Sections shall issue a show-cause notice to the officers of that section, as their names appear in AALS records, asking those officers to justify the continuation of the section. The form and manner of this showing should be that required for an application for the establishment of a new section.
 - c. If no response is made to the Committee on Sections request, or if the response would not be sufficient to justify the establishment of a new section, the Committee on Sections shall recommend to the Executive Committee that the section be dissolved.
 - d. A section may also be dissolved, without regard to this procedure, on petition to the Executive Committee, by the section's officers.

A. Section Membership1. Regular Membership

- a. Regular membership in a section includes the right to participate in its activities, vote and hold office.
- b. Regular membership is open to faculty members of AALS member schools and Canadian Associates. Faculty members include professional staff and part-time teachers.
- c. Membership may be acquired by any of the following methods:
 - i. election on the biographical form for inclusion in the Directory of Law Teachers;
 - ii. written notification to the national office;
 - iii. written notification to the section chairperson.

A section member need not renotify the Association of interest in participating in a given section. Unless participation is contingent upon payment of dues, the individual's name will remain on the section's membership list. It will be removed only when the section member notifies the national office or section chairperson of his or her desire to discontinue membership.

2. Associate Membership. Associate membership in a section includes the right to participate in all of its activities, except voting and holding office. Associate membership is open to persons whose professional duties and comparable interests make their participation in the affairs of the section appropriate. Associate members, except those affiliated with service fee paying ABA approved law schools, must pay dues according to the following schedule: \$10.00 to join one section; \$20.00 to join two sections; \$25.00 to join three to five sections, and \$5.00 to join each additional section. This charge is in addition to any dues individual sections might charge and will offset overhead costs of the national office incurred in administering the sections. The attached form is that sent by the national office to those expressing interest in joining sections of the Association.
3. Membership Limitations. Sections may elect to limit either regular or associate membership according to professional duties or substantive interests of applicants. Membership criteria beyond the general requirements above must be approved by the Executive Committee. Additional criteria will not be approved unless specific and supported by an explicit rationale relating to the functions of the section.

- B. Membership Lists. The national office will maintain membership lists for all sections. Section chairpersons will be provided with a printout of their section membership twice a year. Please refer to Chapter 8 for information regarding mailing procedures.