

Bylaws of the Section on Legal History

Article I. Name and Purpose

Section 1. Name. This Section shall be known as the Section on Legal History

Section 2. Purpose. The purpose of this section is to promote the communication of ideas, interests, and activities among members and to make recommendations on matters of interest in the teaching of legal history including Roman law.

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 of legal history and Roman 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 chairman, the chairman-elect, vice-chairman, and secretary-treasurer. The chairman-elect shall be elected at each annual meeting of the Association, shall qualify by acceptance and shall succeed to the office of chairman at the close of the next annual meeting. An officer shall serve until his successor has been elected and qualified.

Section 2. The Executive Committee.

(a) The Executive Committee of the section is the chairman of the section, chairman-elect 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 chairman 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 chairman determines.

Article V. Duties of Officers

- Section 1. Chairman. The chairman shall preside at all meetings of the section and of the executive committee. The chairman 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 chairman shall appoint the members of standing and special committees.
- Section 2. Chairman-Elect. The chairman-elect of the section shall assist the chairman, as the chairman may request, and shall perform the duties of the chairman during the absence or disability of the chairman. If the office of the chairman becomes vacant, the chairman-elect shall succeed to the office of chairman.

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.

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