

ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN LAW SCHOOLS
By – Laws of the Section on National Security

Article I. Name and Purpose

Section 1. Name. This Section shall be known as the Section on National Security

Section 2. Purpose. The purpose of this section is to provide for the exchange of informational among, and the professional development of, law school faculty members interested in and involved with the laws governing national security.

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 person who is concerned with the law of , and legal issues associated with national security.

(c) Special section dues may be imposed from time to time as necessary for the support of particular section projects not financed by AALS.

Section 2. Privileges of Members

(a) Regular members are entitled to participate in section meetings, programs and activities, vote in person at section meetings, and hold office in the section

(b) Associate members are entitled to participate in section meetings, programs and activities, but may not vote or hold office in the section.

Article III. Officers and Committees

Section 1. Officers. The officers of this section are the chairperson, two vice chairpersons, secretary and treasurer. The chairperson, vice chairpersons, secretary and treasurer shall be elected at each annual meeting of the AALS and shall qualify by acceptance, except for the duration of the first provisional year of the section, where the officers shall be designated. The elected chairperson shall succeed to the office of chairperson at the close of the annual meeting. An officer shall serve until his or her successor has been elected and qualified. No person shall serve as chairperson or vice chairperson for more than two consecutive terms.

Section 2. The Executive Committee

(a) The executive committee of this section consists of the chairperson, two vice chairpersons, secretary, and treasurer, and six other members elected annually at the annual meeting of AALS.

(b) The executive committee shall act in the interval between annual meeting of the AALS and may create standing and special committees.

Article IV. Nominations and Elections

Section 1. Nominations. The nominating committee for the subsequent year shall be appointed at or immediately following the annual meeting of the AALS. 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 and members of the executive committee of the section. Not less than 60 days before the annual meeting of the AALS, the nominating committee shall report a slate of nominees to the Executive Director of the AALS. The nominating committee also shall report the slate to the section for election at the business meeting of the section at the annual meeting of the AALS.

Section 2. Elections. The officers and members of the executive committee of the section shall be elected at the business meeting of the section at the annual meeting of the AALS. Nominations shall be received from the nominating committee and from the floor. Elections may be by voice 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 business meeting of the section at the 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. Vice – Chairpersons. The vice chairpersons 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, a vice chairperson shall succeed to the office of the chairperson.

Section 3. Secretary. The secretary – treasurer of the section shall keep the minutes of the section meetings, and shall discharge such other duties as are usually appertaining to the office as may be required by the executive committee or chairperson. In the absence or disability of the secretary, the chairperson or executive committee shall select a secretary pro tempore to perform the duties of the office

Section 4. Treasurer. The treasurer of the section shall maintain a record of the section's financial transactions, and shall discharge such other duties as are usually appertaining to the office as may be required by the executive committee or chairperson. In the absence or disability of the treasurer, the chairperson or executive committee shall select a treasurer pro tempore to perform the duties of the office

Article VI. Policy Statements

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

Article VII. Amendments

Section 1. Amendments. These by –laws may be amended at the business meeting of the section at the annual meeting of the AALS 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.