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ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN LAW SCHOOLS

Bylaws of the Section on Teaching Methods

Article I. Name and Purpose

Section 1. Name. This Section shall be known as the Section on Teaching Methods.

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 techniques, strategies and methods of teaching, evaluating assessment of strategies, and formulating learning outcomes for law students.

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 legal education.

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 Chair, the Chair-elect, the Secretary, and the Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be elected at each annual meeting of the Association, shall qualify by acceptance. At the end of each annual meeting, the Chair-elect shall succeed to the office of chair, the secretary shall succeed to the office of Chair-elect and treasurer shall succeed to the office of secretary. An Officer shall serve until his/her successor has been elected and qualified.

Section 2. The Executive Committee.

- (a) The Officers of the section are the Chair of the Section, Chair-elect, the Secretary, and the Treasurer, and four additional members to be elected from the membership at the annual business meeting. The immediate past Chair may be called upon to participate in committees, as necessary.
- (b) Members of the Executive Committee will serve two year, staggered terms for consistency in governance and programming.
- (b) The Executive Committee shall act in the interval between annual meetings and may create standing and special committees.

Section 3. Filling Vacancies. If an officer or other member of the Executive Committee resigns, becomes ineligible to serve or dies, the position shall be promptly filled. If the position of Chair becomes vacant, the Chair-elect becomes the Chair. If the position of chair-elect becomes vacant, the Secretary shall succeed to the office of Chair-elect. If the position of secretary becomes vacant, the Treasurer shall succeed to the office of Secretary. If the position of treasurer becomes vacant, the Chair, with the advice and consent of the other members of the Executive Committee, shall appoint a person to serve as Treasurer until the next annual meeting of the AALS.

Article IV. Nomination and Elections

Section 1. Nominations. The Nominating Committee for the subsequent year shall be appointed by the Chair prior to 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 Treasurer 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. Any members of the section may put his or her own name in nomination.

Section 2. Elections. The election of the Treasurer and members of the Executive Committee shall be determined by the Nominating Committee.

Article V. Duties of Officers

Section 1. Chair. The Chair shall preside at all meetings of the Section and of the Executive Committee. The Chair 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 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.

Article VI. Income

Section 1. Authorized Expenditures of Section Dues and Other Section Income. In addition to the purposes described in Association Executive Committee Regulation 12.6(d), section dues and other section income may be spent for a reception for section members as an Association 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 Association policies. The Section's Executive Committee must approve the expenditure at least six weeks prior to the activity for which the expenditure is authorized: the Chair shall notify the Association's National Office no later than one month before the occurrence of the activity.

Article VII. 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.