

ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN LAW SCHOOLS

Bylaws of the Section on Education Law (Amended February 7, 2024)

Article I. Name and Purpose

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

Section 2. Purpose. The purpose of this Section is to promote the communication of ideas, interests, and activities among members and to provide discussion, information, and recommendations in regard to the interaction of law and education.

Article II. Membership

Section I. Membership.

(a) Membership in the Section is open to any faculty person 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 others who are concerned with the teaching, administration and improvement of education law.

Section II. Privileges of Members.

(a) Regular Members may vote in person at all Section meetings.

(b) Associate Members may participate in the programs, meetings and activities of the Section but may not vote nor hold office in the Section.

Article III. Officers, Committees

Section 1. Officers.

The officers of this Section are the chairperson, the chairperson-elect, the secretary, and the treasurer. The chairperson-elect shall also serve as vice-chairperson and shall qualify by acceptance. During the annual meeting at which these Bylaws are adopted the current chairperson-elect shall become chair and all other officers shall be elected. An officer shall serve until his successor has been elected and qualified.

Section 2. Executive Committee. The Executive Committee of the Section shall consist of the officers of the Section, the immediate past chairperson and no less than three (3) and no more that 10 (ten) additional section members.

The Executive Committee shall act in the interval between annual meetings and shall appoint the standing and special committees.

Section 3. Committees.

(a) Section committees shall include a Nominating Committee and any special committees that may be appointed by the Executive Committee from time to time as deemed necessary to plan and conduct the activities of the Section.

(b) Special Committees shall have such duties as are described by the Executive Committee.

Article IV. Nomination and Elections

Section 1. Nominations. The Executive Committee shall appoint a Nominating Committee for the subsequent year 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 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 of the Section determines.

Article V. Duties of Officers

Section 1. Chairperson. The Chairperson of Section shall preside at all meetings of the Section and 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.

Section 2. Vice-Chairperson. The Chairperson-elect shall serve as Vice-Chairperson. The Vice-Chairperson 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 Vice-Chairperson shall succeed to the office of Chairperson. The Chairperson-elect shall succeed the Chairperson at the close of the Annual Meeting.

Section 3. Secretary. The Secretary shall assist the Chairperson as the Chairperson may request and maintain the minutes of the Annual Meeting and other records of the Section.

Section 4. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall assist the Chairperson as the Chairperson may request and shall assist the chairperson in preparing the annual budget.

Article VI. Policy Statements

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

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 after it has been approved by the Executive Committee.