

ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN LAW SCHOOLS  
Bylaws of the Section on Global Engagement

**Article I. Name and Purpose**

Section 1. Name. This Section shall be known as the Section on Global Engagement.

Section 2. Purpose. The Section on Global Engagement promotes international communication and understanding through the transnational movement of law faculty, administrators, and students. The section also promotes joint research projects among institutions and faculty around the world, and encourages, where appropriate, the inclusion of international and foreign law materials into the U.S. law school curriculum.

**Article II. Membership**

Section 1. Membership.

- (a) Membership in the Section is open to faculty members or administrators of a law school that is a member of the AALS.
- (b) Associate membership is open to any other person who is concerned with the improvement of graduate degree programs offered to graduates of foreign law schools.

Section 2. Privileges of Members.

- (a) Regular members in good standing shall have all the privileges of membership including the right to vote and hold office.
- (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**

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

**Article IV. Nomination and Elections**

Section 1. Nominations. A Nominating Committee of three shall be elected at each annual meeting and shall serve until the next Nominating Committee has been elected. The Nominating Committee shall receive and consider suggestions of persons to serve as officers and members of the

Executive Committee of the Section and shall report a slate of nominees to the Section for election at the business meeting of the Section at the next annual meeting of the AALS.

Section 2. Elections. The officers and other members of the Executive Committee of the Section shall be elected at the annual meeting, or prior to the annual meeting electronically. Nominations may be made from the floor or via the Section listserv. Elections shall be by electronic ballot or done in person.

#### **Article V. Duties of Officers**

Section 1. Chair. The chair shall preside at all meetings of the Section and of its Executive Committee. At each annual meeting of the AALS, the chair shall report on the Section activities during the prior year and is 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.

Section 3. Secretary. The secretary shall be responsible for publishing the section's newsletter and have primary responsibility for maintaining the section webpage on the AALS website.

Section 4. Treasurer. The treasurer shall be responsible for coordinating with AALS regarding Section expenditures and income.

#### **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 at an Association annual meeting, workshop, or teaching conference, any 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 chair shall notify the Associations' national Office one month before the activity of the Section's Executive Committee decision to authorize the expenditure.

#### **Article VII. Executive Committee**

Section 1. Members.

(a) The Executive Committee of the Section is the chair of the Section, chair-elect, secretary, treasurer, and up to fifteen (15) other members elected annually.

Section 2. Authority.

- (b) The Executive Committee shall act on behalf of the Section 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, the secretary becomes the chair-elect, and the treasurer becomes the secretary. A new treasurer will then be elected at the next annual meeting. If the position of chair-elect becomes vacant, the chair, with the advice and consent of the other members of the Executive Committee, shall appoint a person to serve as chair-elect until the next annual meeting of AALS at which time both a chair and a chair-elect shall be elected. If the position of a member of the Executive Committee becomes vacant, the chair, with the advice and consent of the other members of the Executive Committee, shall appoint a person to the position to serve until the next annual meeting of the AALS.

**Article IX. Parliamentary Authority**

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the Section in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the bylaws and any special rules of order this Section may adopt.

**Article X. Policy Statements**

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

**Article XI. Amendments**

Section 1. Amendments. These bylaws may be amended at the annual meeting of the Section by a 2/3 majority of the regular members of the Section present and voting provided notice has been submitted in writing to members at least 30 days in advance of the Section's annual meeting. The amendment takes effect when it is approved by the AALS.