

**ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN LAW SCHOOLS**

**Bylaws of the Section on Indian Nations and Indigenous Peoples**

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**Article I, Name and Purpose**

Section 1. Name. This Section shall be known Section on Indian Nations and Indigenous Peoples.

Section 2. Purpose. The purpose of this Section is to promote the communication of ideas, interests, and activities among members of the Section and others in related fields and to make recommendations on matters of interest in the teaching and improvement of the law.

**Article II, Membership**

Section 1. 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).

(b) Associate membership is open to others who are concerned with the teaching, administration and improvement of legal education.

Section 2. 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 or hold office in the Section.

### Article III, Officers, Committees

- Section 1. Officers. The officers of this Section are the Chair, Chair-elect and Secretary. They shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Association and shall qualify by acceptance. An officer shall serve until his successor has been elected and qualified.
- Section 2. Council of the Section. The Council of the Section shall consist of the officers of the Section, the immediate past Chair and the Chairs of any Standing Committees. The Council shall advise the officers as requested by the President or the Executive Committee.
- Section 3. The Executive Committee.
- (a) The Executive Committee of the Section is the Chair of the Section, the immediate past two Chairs and the Chair-elect and the Secretary.
  - (b) On the nomination of the Chair, the Executive Committee shall act in the interval between annual meetings and may appoint Standing and Special Committees.
- Section 3. Standing Committees.
- (a) The Standing Committees of the Section shall be
    - (1) the Nominating Committee
    - (2) Program Committee, and
    - (3) the Committee on Special Projects.
  - (b) The Standing Committees shall have such duties as are described by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee may act as any of the Standing Committees as any of the Standing Committees or at its discretion, appoint members of the Section to do so.

#### **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 Chair 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 or secret ballot, as the Chair of the Section determines.

#### **Article V, Duties of Officers**

Section 1. Chair. The Chair of the Section shall preside at all meetings of the Section, of the Executive Committee, and of the Council. 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 also be responsible for the production and distribution of the quarterly newsletter.

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. If the office of the Chair becomes vacant, the Chair-Elect shall succeed to the Office of Chair.

Section 3. Secretary. The Secretary of the Section shall keep the minutes of the proceedings of the Section, the Council and the Executive Committee and shall perform such other duties as the Chair may request.

**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 of the AALS.

**Article VI, 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 of the AALS.

**Article VIII, Dues**

Section 1. Dues. The Executive Committee of the Section may impose dues not to exceed \$10.00 per year.

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