

Bylaws of the Section on
Trust and Estates

Article I. Name and Purpose

Section 1. Name. This section shall be known as the Section on Trust and Estates.

Section 2. Purpose. The purpose of this section is to promote the communication of ideas, interests, and activities among members and to make recommendations to the Association on matters of interest in the teaching and improvement of the law relating to Trust and Estate.

Article II. Membership

Section 1. Membership.

(a) Membership in the section is open to a faculty members of a law school that is a member of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS).

(b) Associate membership is open to any other person who is concerned with the teaching, administration, and improvement of legal education (e.g., with Trust and Estates)

Section 2. Privileges of Members.

(a) Regular members may be officers of the section and may vote in a section election.

(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, Executive and Other Committees

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

Section 2. The Executive Committee.

(a) The Executive Committee of the Section is the chairperson of the Section, chairperson-elect and three other members elected annually.

(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 chairperson becomes vacant, the chairperson-elect becomes the chairperson. If the position of chairperson-elect becomes vacant, the chairperson, with the advice and consent of the other members of the Executive Committee, shall appoint a person to serve as chairperson-elect until the next annual meeting of AALS at which time both a chairperson and a chairperson-elect shall be elected. If the position of a member of the Executive Committee becomes vacant, the chairperson, 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 IV. Nomination and Elections

Section 1. Nominations. At or immediately following the annual meeting, the chairperson shall appoint the Nomination Committee for the subsequent year. The Nomination Committee shall consist of at least three members of the Section and shall include at least one past chairperson of the section. The Nomination 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. Nominations shall be received from the Nominating Committee and from the floor. Elections may be by voice vote 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 its Executive Committee. At each annual meeting of the AALS, the chairperson shall report on the section activities during the prior year and is responsible for the program of the Section. The chairperson shall appoint the members of standing and special committees.

Section 2. Chairperson-Elect. The chairperson-elect 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.

Section 3. Authorized Expenditures of Section Dues and Other Section Income. In addition to the purposes described in Association Executive Committee Regulations 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, section survey, section directory, and 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 chairperson must determine that the particular expenditure was for the activity authorized by the Executive Committee of the section and is consistent with the section's bylaws and Association policies. The chairperson shall notify the Association's National Office one month before the activity of the Section's Executive Committee decision to authorize the expenditure.

Article VI. 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.

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