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ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN LAW SCHOOLS

Bylaws of the Section of
Property Law
As Adopted December 28, 1973

Article I. Name and Purpose

Section 1. Name. This section shall be known as the Section of Property Law of the Association of American Law Schools.

Section 2. Purpose. The purpose of this Section shall be to promote the communication of ideas, interests and activities among members and to consider and make recommendations on matters of interest in the teaching and improvement of the law relating to property interests.

Article II. Membership

Section 1. Membership.

(a) Regular membership in the Section shall be open to any faculty person of a law school which is a member of AALS.

(b) Associate membership shall be open to others who are concerned with the teaching and improvement of property law. The number of associate members under this paragraph 1(b) shall not exceed 25% of the regular membership.

(c) All regular members may vote in person or online at all Section meetings.

Article III. Officers, Committee

Section 1. Officers. The Officers of this section shall be the Chairperson, the Chair-elect, the Secretary/Newsletter Editor, immediate past Chairperson, and Communications Coordinator. They shall be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Law Schools or at an online meeting and shall qualify by acceptance. They shall serve until their successors have been elected and qualified.

Section 2. The Executive Committee.

(a) The Executive Committee of the Section shall consist of the Officers of the Section and such other persons who may be elected at the meeting discussed in Article IV.

(b) The Executive Committee shall act in the interval between annual meetings and shall appoint any ad hoc committees on the nomination of the Chairperson.

Article IV. Nominations and Elections

Section 1. Nominations. The Executive Committee for the subsequent year shall be appointed at or immediately following the annual meeting. The Executive Committee shall receive and consider suggestions of qualified 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, or at an online meeting after that annual meeting.

Section 2. Elections. The officers of the Section shall be elected at each annual meeting, or at an online meeting. Nominations shall be received from the Executive Committee and from the floor. Elections may be by voice or standing vote or secret ballot, as the Chairperson of the Section determines.

Section 3. Successions. The Chair-elect will succeed to the office of the Chairperson for the subsequent year after the new slate of officers and other members of the Executive Committee are elected. If the office of the Chairperson becomes vacant, the Chair-elect shall succeed immediately to the office of the Chairperson. If the Chair-elect succeeds to the office of the Chairperson at a time that requires the Chair-elect to be responsible for the program of the Section, then a new Chairperson shall be elected at the next business meeting of the Section. If the Chair-elect does not take responsibility for the planning of the program, he/she shall serve as Chairperson the following year. In the event of a vacancy of any of the other four positions, the Executive Committee may designate people to fill any such vacancy until the next business meeting of the Section.

Article V. Duties of Officers

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

Section 2. Chair-elect. The Chair-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. Secretary/Newsletter Editor. The Secretary/Newsletter Editor of the Section shall keep a record of minutes of the proceedings of the Section and the Executive Committee. The Secretary/Newsletter Editor is responsible for composing at least one Section Newsletter each year and distributing it to all members of the Section.

Section 4. Communications Coordinator. The Communications Coordinator is responsible for compiling and maintaining an appropriate internet-based mechanism for informing the membership of issues and developments that are of concern to the membership.

Article VI. Policy Statements

Section 1. Policy Statements. Because Sections are part of the structure of the AALS, statements of policy adopted by the Section, or similar positions shall be submitted to the Executive Committee of the AALS prior to publication as provided by II.A. of the AALS Section Policy Statement.*

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.

*II.A. provides in pertinent part “The requirement of prior approval of the Executive Committee *** extends also *** to the announcement of policy decisions or to such other Section activities as may affect the constituent relationships between the Sections and the Association or its public image”.

As amended 3-15-24

Chair Michael Lewyn
Chair-Elect Matt Festa
Secretary Kalyani Robbins
Communications Coordinator Dave Caudill
Executive Committee persons listed on the AALS web page

Diminishing Suburb (Kahlenberg’s book on exclusion)