

AALS 2019 Standing Committees and Board

Arc of Career Programs

First established in 2015 as a task force, this new standing committee solicits and selects proposals for programs at the Annual Meeting that focus on the different stages of careers in legal education rather than on substantive fields of law. The committee also organizes a session for first-time meeting attendees. The committee meets at the prior Annual Meeting to review arc of career programs presented. **There are two positions open for 2019.**

Clinical Legal Education

This committee advises the Executive Committee on matters concerning clinical legal education. The committee meets at the AALS Clinical Conference. **There are three positions open for 2019.**

Committee on Academic Freedom and Tenure (CAFT)

This committee serves as a resource for member schools that request an assessment of their procedures for protecting academic freedom or tenure. Requests from individual faculty members are referred to the Department of Academic Freedom, Tenure, & Governance of the American Association of University Professors. **There are three positions open for 2019.**

Journal of Legal Education Editorial Board

The Editorial Board assists the Coordinating Editors of the *Journal* in reviewing manuscripts presented for possible publication in the *Journal* and provides general policy guidance. The *Journal* is a quarterly publication devoted to issues confronting legal educators, including curriculum development and legal scholarship. It also serves as an outlet for emerging areas of scholarship and teaching. **There are three positions open for 2019.**

Membership Review Committee (MRC)

The Membership Review Committee reviews law school applications for membership in the Association and approves sabbatical site evaluation reports on member law schools. The committee meets twice a year, at least once at the AALS office in Washington, D.C., to evaluate schools up for sabbatical review and to make recommendations to the Executive Committee on the actions it should take. **There are three positions open for 2019.**

Recruitment and Retention of Minority Law Teachers and Students

This committee is charged with recommending to the Executive Committee how the Association can better assist member and fee-paid schools in the recruitment and retention of minority law teachers and students. **There are three positions open for 2019.**

Sections Committee

The Sections Committee mission is to improve the operation of Sections throughout the year, as well as their programming for the Annual Meeting. Each committee member serves as liaison to at least one Section. The committee meets at the Annual Meeting. **There are three positions open for 2019.**

Steering Committee of the AALS Deans Forum

The mission of the Steering Committee is to identify issues affecting legal education and to develop strategies to assist law school deans in building great law schools and improving legal education. All members of the committee must be sitting deans at Member Law Schools. The committee meets twice a year, at the Annual Meeting and in the spring. **There are three positions open for 2019.**

AALS 2019 Special Committees

Nominating Committee for 2020 Officers and Members of the Executive Committee

The Nominating Committee has the task of nominating faculty from member law schools to serve on the AALS Executive Committee in the following year. The committee reviews nominations solicited by the AALS, and recommends to the AALS House of Representatives two nominees for the Executive Committee and the 2020 President-Elect. The Committee meets in Washington, D.C. in September. **There are four positions open for 2019.**

Program Committee for the 2020 Annual Meeting

This committee solicits and selects proposals for “open submission” programs for the Annual Meeting that do not come from Sections. There are four types of “open submission” programs: symposium programs, small discussion groups, open source programs not sponsored by a Section, and hot topics. The Committee meets at the prior Annual Meeting to review and critique all “open submission” programs and to plan for the new year. **There are five positions open for 2019.**

Scholarly Papers for the 2020 Annual Meeting

This committee oversees the Scholarly Papers Competition that is open to faculty at AALS Member and Fee Paid schools who have been in teaching for five years or less. The winning paper(s) is/are presented at a special session at the Annual Meeting. The Committee meets by conference call in October or November to select the awardee(s) after a winnowing process that begins in August. **There are seven positions open for 2019.**

Planning Committees for 2020 Workshops and Conferences

Planning committees are responsible for organizing a workshop or Conference. They typically meet once at AALS headquarters to begin the planning process.

2020 Clinical Conference

There are seven positions open.

2020 Deans Forum Workshop

All committee members must be sitting deans. There are three positions open.

2020 Workshop for New Law Teachers

There are five positions open.

2020 Workshop for Pretenured Law School Teachers of Color

There are three positions open.