

AALS 2021 Standing Committees and Board

Clinical Legal Education Committee

This committee advises the Executive Committee on matters concerning clinical legal education. The committee meets at the AALS Clinical Conference. **There are two positions open for 2021.**

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 two positions open for 2021.**

Committee on Arc of Career Programs

This 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 2021.**

***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 2021.**

Membership Review Committee (MRC)

The Membership Review Committee reviews law school applications for membership in the Association and approves periodic 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 2021.**

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 2021.**

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 2021.**

AALS 2021 Special Committees

Nominating Committee for 2022 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 2022 President-Elect. The Committee meets in Washington, D.C. in September. **There are three positions open for 2021.**

Program Committee for the 2022 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 four positions open for 2021.**

Scholarly Papers for the 2022 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 author(s) is/are recognized at the First Meeting of the AALS House of Representatives at the 2022 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 six positions open for 2021.**

Planning Committees for 2022 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.

2022 Clinical Conference

There are six positions open.

2022 Deans Forum Workshop

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

2022 Workshop for New Law Teachers

There are five positions open.

2022 Workshop for Pretenured Law School Teachers of Color

There are three positions open.