

ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN LAW SCHOOLS

Bylaws of the Section on

Law and the Humanities

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Article I, Name and Purpose

Section 1. Name. This Section shall be known as the Section on Law and the Humanities.

Section 2. Purpose. The purpose of this Section is to promote the communication of ideas among members and to provide discussion and information regarding the role of the humanities in the teaching, development and practice of law.

Article II, Membership

Section 1. Membership.

(a) Membership in the Section is open to any faculty members or professional staff of AALS member schools.

(b) Associate membership is open to other interested parties.

Section 2. Privileges of Members.

(a) Regular members can vote in all Section elections.

(b) Associate members may participate in the programs and meetings of the Section but may not vote or hold office in the Section.

Article III, Officers and Committees

Section 1. Officers. The officers of this Section are the Chair, Chair-Elect, and Secretary-Treasurer. They shall be elected by a vote of the Section's members at each annual meeting.

(a) Chair: The Chair of the Section shall preside at all meetings of the Section, of its Officers, or of the Executive Committee. The Chair shall be responsible for the Section's programming at the annual meeting and for conducting the Section's elections.

(b) 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 if the Chair is unable to do so. If the office of the Chair becomes vacant, the Chair-Elect shall succeed to the office of Chair. In advance of each annual meeting, the Chair-Elect shall contact members to request nominations for Section officers and other members of the Executive Committee.

(c) Secretary-Treasurer: The Secretary-Treasurer shall present a report at each annual meeting of the Section's activities for the prior year. The Secretary-Treasurer shall also welcome all new members of the Section and provide them a copy of these Bylaws.

Section 2. Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall consist of the Section's Officers, the immediate past Section Chair, and a group of at least five other members of the Section. The Executive Committee shall consult on the Section's programming and communications and shall nominate the Section's officers.

Section 3. Program Chair. After each annual meeting, the newly elected officers shall meet with the immediate past Section Chair and, after consultation with the Executive Committee, decide on the topic of the Section's programming for the following annual meeting. The Chair may choose to appoint a Program Chair to organize the Section's programming.

Article IV, Nominations and Elections

Section 1. Nominations.

(a) Officer Nominations: Before each annual meeting, the Chair-Elect shall request, and the Executive Committee shall consider, suggestions of persons to serve as officers of the Section. The Executive Committee shall decide on a slate of officers to present to the Section for approval at the annual meeting. Ordinarily the Chair-Elect, if willing, shall be nominated as Chair.

(b) Executive Committee Nominations: Before each annual meeting, the Chair-Elect shall request, and the Officers shall consider, suggestions of persons to serve on the Executive Committee. The Officers shall present a slate of proposed

Executive Committee members, other than Officers, for approval by the Section at the annual meeting.

Section 2. Elections. The proposed slates of Officers and other Executive Committee members shall be presented to the Section's membership for a vote at the annual meeting. The Chair shall decide whether to conduct a voice vote or secret ballot, either in person or online.

Article V, Policy Statements

Section 1. Public Policy Statements. The Section may take a position on a matter related either to the subject matter of the Section or concerning legal education when the Section's Executive Committee, after giving Section members an adequate opportunity to review and submit comments on a proposed position, reasonably believes that the position reflects the views of a majority of the Section's membership.

Section 2. Communications. In accordance with AALS Executive Committee Regulations, the Section may communicate a position taken in accordance with the preceding Section to others within and outside AALS only if accompanied by a disclaimer that states that the position is that of the Section only and not necessarily that of AALS. The disclaimer should use the following or similar language: "The following is a statement of the Law and Humanities Section of the Association of American Law Schools only. It does not necessarily represent the position of the Association." The Section may submit to the Executive Committee a recommendation that AALS take a stated position.

Article VI, 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 only when it is approved by the Executive Committee of the AALS.