

## ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN LAW SCHOOLS

### Bylaws of the Section on East Asian Law and Society

#### Article I. Name and Purpose

Section 1. Name. This Section shall be known as the Section on East Asian Law and Society.

Section 2. Purpose. The purpose of this Section is to promote learning about East Asian law and society, particularly in a comparative context; to collaborate with other Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Sections on matters of common interest related to globalization and legal education; and to facilitate the communication of ideas, interests and activities among members concerning legal systems in East Asia.

#### Article II. Membership

Section 1. Membership.

- (a) Membership in the Section is open to all faculty members and professional staff 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 in the subject area of the Section.

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 chair, chair-elect, and the secretary. The secretary shall be elected at each annual meeting of the Association, shall qualify by acceptance and shall succeed to the office of chair-elect at the close of the next annual meeting. The chair-elect shall succeed to the office of chair at the close of the next annual meeting. An officer shall serve until his successor has been elected and qualified.

Section 2. The Executive Committee

- (a) The initial Executive Committee elected to serve before official AALS approval of the section will consist of an interim chair and seven other interim Executive Committee members duly elected at the first open session of the proposed Section. The term of the interim chair and interim Executive Committee members will be one year.
- (b) Upon formal approval of the Section by the AALS, the Executive Committee of the Section will consist of an elected chair, chair-elect, secretary, and five other members. Of the five members of the Executive Committee who are not also Section officers, one will be the immediate past chair, and four will be "at large" members. Each Executive Committee who is not also an officer will serve for a two year period.
- (c) The Executive Committee shall act on behalf of the Section in the interval between annual meetings.

Section 3. Filling Vacancies. If an officer or other Executive Committee member, resigns, becomes ineligible to serve, or dies, the position shall be promptly filled through the process described herein. If the position of chair becomes vacant, the chair-elect will automatically become the chair. If the position of chair-elect becomes vacant, the secretary will automatically become the chair-elect. If the position of secretary becomes vacant, the chair, with the advice and consent of a majority of the other members of the Executive Committee, shall appoint a person to serve as secretary until the next annual meeting of AALS at which time both a chair-elect and a secretary shall be elected. If the position of a member of the Executive Committee becomes vacant, the chair, with the advice and consent of a majority 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. Nominations and Elections**

Section 1. Nominations. At or immediately following the annual meeting of the Section, which shall be held each year at the AALS annual meeting, the chair shall appoint the Nominating Committee for the subsequent year. The Nominating Committee shall consist of at least three members of the Section and shall include at least one past Section chair. The Nominating Committee shall solicit, receive and consider suggestions of persons to serve as secretary and "at large" members of the Executive Committee of the Section.

Section 2. Elections. The secretary and "at large" members of the Executive Committee of the Section shall be elected at the Section's annual meeting. Nominations shall be received from the Nominating Committee and from the floor during the annual meeting. Elections shall be by voice vote unless the chair otherwise determines.

#### **Article V. Duties of Officers**

Section 1. Chair. The chair shall preside at all meetings of the Section and of its Executive Committee. At each annual meeting of the AALS, the chair shall report on the Section activities during the prior year. The chair shall appoint the members of standing and special committees.

Section 2. Chair-Elect. The chair-elect shall assist the chair, as the chair may request, and shall perform the duties of the chair during absence or disability of the chair. With the exception of the first annual meeting after Section approval, the chair-elect shall be responsible for the program of the Section at each annual meeting of the AALS.

Section 3. Secretary. The secretary of the Section shall assist the chair and chair-elect, as the chair and chair-elect may request, and shall perform the duties of the chair-elect during absence or disability of the chair. The secretary shall produce and distribute one Section newsletter annually.

## **Article VI. Income**

Section 1. Authorized Expenditures of Section Dues and Other Section Income. Section dues and other Section income may be spent in accordance with the applicable AALS and Section policies, regulations, and bylaws. The chair shall confirm that each expenditure is permitted by AALS and Section policy, and shall ensure that the Executive Committee complies with any applicable AALS policy requiring notification of the AALS in advance of an expenditure.

## **Article VII. Policy Statements**

Section 1. Policy Statements. Sections are components of the AALS. Thus, any statements of policy adopted by a Section or similar positions may be made public only after the AALS Executive Committee has formally adopted the policy statement.

## **Article VIII. 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 AALS.