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Association of American Law Schools  
Bylaws of the Section on International Legal Exchange

Article I, Name and Purpose

Section 1. Name.

This Section shall be known as the Section on International Legal Exchanges.

Section 2. Purpose.

The purpose of this Section is to promote international communication and understanding, principally through the transnational movement of law faculty and students, both through assisting in placing United States law faculty and students in foreign nations and in bringing to United States law schools foreign faculty and students. The Section shall seek to obtain and exchange ideas and information relating to exchanges and to assist law schools in the development of exchange programs.

Article II, Membership

Section 1. Membership.

- (a) Membership in the Section is open to any faculty person of a law school that is a member of the Association of American Law Schools (hereinafter referred to as AALS) and to Canadian Associates.
- (b) Associate membership is open to others who are concerned with the teaching, administration and improvement of legal education. The number of Associate members shall not exceed 25 percent of the regular membership.
- (c) New members shall be added to the Section membership by contacting the Section chairperson or office of the Executive Director of the AALS. Members shall retain membership from year-to-year by informing the Section chairperson or office of the Executive Director of the AALS of continuing interest. No member shall be dropped until the second year of failing to indicate a continuing interest, unless the Section chairperson is otherwise aware of the member's desire to withdraw from the Section.

Section 2. Privileges of Members.

- (a) Regular members may vote in person at all Section meetings.
- (b) Associate members may participate in the programs, meetings and activities of the Section but may not vote nor hold office in the Section.

Article III, Officers, Committees

Section 1. Officers.

The officers of this Section are the chairperson, chairperson-elect and secretary. They shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Association for a term of two years and shall qualify by acceptance. An officer shall serve until his successor has been elected and qualified.

Section 2. Standing Committees.

- (a) Standing committees of the Section may be established from time to time by the chairperson or a vote of the Section.
- (b) The standing committees shall have such duties as are described by the chairperson or these bylaws.

Article IV, Nomination and Elections

Section 1. Nominations.

Nominations for the subsequent year shall be made immediately following the annual meeting. The chairperson shall receive from the floor suggestions of persons to serve as officers for the Section and shall report the slate of nominees to the Section for election. Elections may be by voice vote or secret ballot, as the chairperson of the Section determines.

Article V, Duties of Officers

Section 1. Chairperson.

The Chairperson of the Section shall preside at all meetings of the Section and shall serve as ex-officio member of all committees of the Section. 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.

Section 2. Chairperson-elect.

The Chairperson-elect shall assist the Chairperson, as the Chairperson may request, and shall perform the duties of the Chairperson during absence or disability of the Chairperson. The Chairperson-elect shall succeed to the office of the Chairperson at the expiration of the Chairperson's term, or if the office otherwise becomes vacant.

Section 3. Secretary.

The Secretary of the Section shall keep the minutes of the proceedings of the Section and shall perform such other duties as the Chairperson may request.

Article VI, Policy Statements

Section 1. Policy Statements.

Because sections are part of the structure of the AALS, statements of policy adopted by a section, or similar positions, shall be made public only after they are approved by the Executive Committee.

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.