

# **Bylaws for Section on Constitutional Law**

## **Article I. Name, Purpose, and Membership**

Section 1. Name. This Section shall be known as the Section on Constitutional Law of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS).

Section 2. Purpose. The Section's primary purpose is to present programs of interest to constitutional law scholars and teachers at the AALS Annual Meeting, and during the course of the year between Annual Meetings. The Section shall honor and promote the AALS core values, including excellence in scholarship and teaching; academic freedom; diversity of backgrounds and viewpoint; integrity; and nondiscrimination.

Section 3. Membership. Section Membership is open to faculty members of law schools that are AALS members. The Section does not require dues.

## **Article II. Officers, Executive Committee, Elections, Duties of Chair, and Term Limits**

Section 1. Officers. The Section officers are Chair, Chair-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and Immediate Past Chair. Each holds office for one year. At the conclusion of the AALS annual meeting, the Chair assumes the office of Immediate Past Chair, the Chair-Elect assumes the office of Chair, the Secretary assumes the office of Chair-Elect, and the Treasurer assumes the office of Secretary. A newly-elected Treasurer, named by the Executive Committee, will assume the office of the Treasurer.

Section 2. Executive Committee. The Executive Committee consists of the officers and six additional members, or fewer if section members nominate fewer than six, popularly elected by the Section's members. At least one member of the Executive Committee must be a pre-tenured (tenure-track) faculty member.

Section 3. Duties of Chair. The Chair is responsible (in consultation with the Executive Committee) for Section programs held at the annual meeting and during the year. The Chair-Elect shall perform the duties of the Chair during absence or disability of the Chair or if the office of Chair becomes vacant.

Section 4. Term limits.

a. Executive Committee. No section member may serve on the Executive Committee, other than as an officer, for more than three consecutive years.

b. Officers. No section member who has served as Chair shall be eligible to serve as an officer or Executive Committee member until four years after finishing service as Immediate Past Chair.

## **Article III. Amendments: Adoption of Amendments by Vote of Section Members.**

These bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of the Section members present at a business meeting.