



**GOVERNMENT LAW LIBRARIES
SPECIAL INTEREST SECTION**



REPORT OF THE GLL-SIS BYLAWS COMMITTEE 2023-2024

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The Committee had its introductory meeting on October 19, 2023.

Each year Committee members check the GLL Bylaws against the current AALL Bylaws for necessary changes or updates. Last fall the Committee found from this check that certain sections of the Bylaws do not adequately accommodate contemporary meeting processes, such as Zoom. The conclusion was that the GLL Bylaws should be amended to update this language.

Proposed amendments were prepared by the Committee. These were submitted to and approved by both the GLL Executive Committee and AALL Bylaws and Resolutions Committee. They will be put to a vote at the Annual Business Meeting in July. (A chart of the proposed amendments is included with this report.)

The Committee was not approached with any outside questions or tasks during the 2023-2024 term.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Greenwood

GLL-SIS Bylaws Committee

Proposed Amendments (2024)

Text of Bylaws	Questions & Comments	Proposed Amendment
<p>ARTICLE V: MEETINGS</p> <p>SECTION 5.</p> <p>Voting at meetings will be by voice unless a ballot is requested. A majority vote of those present and voting will prevail on all business matters and elections. In the case of a ballot vote, the chair or the chair’s designee shall count the ballots.</p>	<p>Committee: Which “meetings” does this section refer to (i.e. the Annual Business Meeting, Executive Board meetings, etc.)? Should it be changed to “Voting at the Annual Business Meeting will be conducted by voice or electronically, unless a ballot is requested.”? Other ideas for language change?</p> <p>The board understands “meetings” to apply to all formal GLL-SIS meetings, including those of the Executive Committee and any of the membership that might be called outside the annual meeting.</p> <p>Voting by poll would include show of hands, standing vs. seating, or other physical demonstrations of acclaim, as inclusivity may require, along with the electronic poll function available during online meetings.</p>	<p>Voting at meetings will be by voice or poll unless a ballot is requested. A majority vote of those present and voting will prevail on all business matters and elections. In the case of a ballot vote, the chair or the chair’s designee shall count the ballots.</p>
<p>ARTICLE VI: OFFICERS</p> <p>SECTION 6.</p> <p>The Executive Committee shall conduct business between membership meetings by telephone or email vote as necessary.</p>	<p>Committee: Propose language change to “The Executive Committee shall conduct business between membership meetings by telephone, email, virtual meeting and electronic vote, as necessary.”?</p>	<p>The Executive Committee shall conduct business between membership meetings <u>in person, virtually, or by telephone or email electronic vote</u> as necessary.</p>

<p>ARTICLE VII: ELECTIONS</p> <p>SECTION 3.</p> <p>Names of candidates, together with their written acceptances, shall be presented by the Nominating Committee to the Chair in sufficient time to enable the Chair to inform the members of the nominations, by mail, in the newsletter, or broadcast email as the Chair decides.</p>	<p>Committee: Should the word “broadcast” be eliminated? Should it be changed to “...or email to the membership listserve...”</p> <p>The board believes “electronically” will include email and any other form of online distribution on which the section or association may come to rely.</p>	<p>Names of candidates, together with their written acceptances, shall be presented by the Nominating Committee to the Chair in sufficient time to enable the Chair to inform the members of the nominations, by mail, in the newsletter, or <u>electronically</u>, broadcast email as the Chair decides.</p>
<p>ARTICLE IX: AMENDMENTS</p> <p>SECTION 1.</p> <p>These bylaws may be amended at the annual meeting of the Section by a majority of the members present and voting, or by majority of the votes cast by a mail or electronic ballot conducted by the Secretary/Treasurer.</p> <p>SECTION 2.</p> <p>Notice of proposed amendments shall be provided to the Section’s members, or be published in the Section’s newsletter, thirty (30) days in advance of the meeting, or of the mailing or distribution of ballots.</p>	<p>Committee: Does there need to be a clearer delineation re: “the annual meeting”? Should it be changed to “... at the Annual Business Meeting of the Section...”?</p> <p>The board believes that “annual meeting of the Section” is the Annual Business Meeting, whether it is held online or in person. As with last year, where the Annual Business Meeting was held online, any in-person meeting is social in nature, with no business conducted.</p>	<p>None.</p>