ARTICLE VI. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

SECTION 1. NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

1. Composition. There shall be a nominating committee consisting of seven members, no one of whom shall be a member of the Executive Board, and no one of whom shall be a candidate at the succeeding election.

2. Appointment: The Vice-President Elect shall present to the Executive Board a slate of candidates for membership on the Nominations Committee. The Executive Board shall elect seven members to the committee. In odd-numbered years the Executive Board Vice-President Elect shall elect propose three members; in even-numbered years the Executive Board Vice-President Elect shall elect propose four members. The Executive Board shall vote on this slate of candidates at the Spring Executive Board Meeting. In the event that there is no Spring Executive Board Meeting, the Executive Board shall, by conference call, vote on the slate no later than April 30.

3. Term of Office. Members of the committee shall serve non-renewable two-year terms.

4. Committee Vice-Chair. A vice chair shall be designated by the Executive Board from among the committee members with a full year left in the two-year term. The Executive Board shall appoint the immediate past president as the vice-chair of the committee. The vice chair will serve as chair in the second year of his or her term.

SECTION 2. NOMINATIONS PROCEDURES.

1. Number of Candidates. The committee shall present at least two candidates for each Executive Board position and two candidates for each of the offices of Vice President/President-Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer. If, by August 15, December 1 it is known that the Vice President/President-Elect cannot assume the duties of President, then the committee shall present two candidates to serve for a one-year term as President and then as Past President.

2. Notice. By August 15, May 1 the committee shall present to the President the names of all candidates and their written acceptances. The Secretary shall send the membership notice of the slate of nominees not later than 30 days after the committee has presented the names and acceptances to the President. Such notice shall state the deadline for submission of nominating petitions as provided in the following paragraph.

3. Nomination by Petition. A member may be nominated for any office by submitting to the Secretary not later than 30 days after the Secretary sends the
membership notice of the slate of nominees as provided in the previous paragraph a nominating petition signed by 2 percent of the members and the nominee’s written acceptance.

SECTION 3. BALLOT.

Voting shall be by secret ballot. The Secretary shall prepare and approve the official ballot comprised of the slate of nominees presented by the Nominations Committee and those nominated by petition. The professional position of each nominee shall appear on the ballot.

SECTION 4. ELECTIONS.

1. Timing of Elections. Members will begin voting on October 1. All ballots must be cast electronically by October 31 or in the case of paper ballots, must be received by Headquarters by October 31.
   2. Responsibility. The President shall appoint tellers who shall be charged with counting and tabulating all votes cast.

2. Method of Voting. The primary method of voting will be by electronic ballot. Any member may, at the opening of the election cycle, request a paper ballot from Headquarters. The President shall appoint two tabulators, who are members of the Chicago Association of Law Libraries and who are also members of the American Association of Law Libraries, to count the paper ballots. Prior to November 15, a copy of the ballot shall be distributed to each member of the Association. Ballots shall be returned before December 15 for tabulation.

3. Determination of Election. The candidate receiving the majority of legally cast votes shall be declared elected to the office, except that in the event there are more than two candidates on the ballot for a single office, the candidate receiving the largest plurality of legally cast votes shall be declared elected to office. In the case of a tie vote, the winner shall be determined by lot conducted by the tellers.

4. Notification of Results. All candidates shall be notified of the results of the election by the Secretary at the earliest possible time. Once all candidates have been notified the results shall be communicated to the membership electronically. In addition, the election results shall be published in the next issue of an Association publication that is sent to all members and also reported at the business meeting of the Association by the Secretary. In case the annual meeting is held before December 15, or if no annual meeting should be held, the results of the election shall be either printed in the first issue of an Association publication that is sent to all voting members following the report of the Secretary, or distributed to the members before March 1.
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ARTICLE IX. COMMITTEES, OTHER ORGANIZATIONS, AND REPRESENTATIVES.

SECTION 1. CREATION OF COMMITTEES.

There shall be such committees and other organizations as the Executive Board, or the President in consultation with the Executive Board, shall create.

SECTION 3. PURPOSE AND TERM OF COMMITTEES.

When the Executive Board or President creates a committee, the Board or President shall designate its purpose, term and structure.
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Article X. Special Interest Sections.

Section 5. Bylaws.

Each Special Interest Section shall be empowered to adopt Bylaws for its own governance. These Bylaws shall not be in conflict with the Bylaws of the Association. Whenever the Special Interest Section Bylaws are adopted or amended, they shall be submitted to the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee for review. When the Executive Board, on the advice of the committee, determines that a Special Interest Section Bylaw is in conflict with the Bylaws of the Association or that the Special Interest Section is not following its own Bylaws, the Special Interest Section shall be directed by the Board to remedy said conflict or lack of compliance in accordance with the recommendation of the committee. The remedies may range from necessary corrective measures up to the dissolution of the Special Interest Section.

Section 9. Dissolution.

Dissolution of a Special Interest Section shall be ordered by the Executive Board when, after consultation with the Special Interest Section officers, in the opinion of the Board, its usefulness has ceased. A Special Interest Section may also be dissolved for failure to adequately correct a conflict with the Bylaws of the Association or lack of compliance with its own Bylaws. Upon dissolution, all assets of the Special Interest Section shall revert to the Association.