

Article II – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Eligibility. Any member in good standing of The Florida Bar, and any law faculty affiliate under Rule 1-3.9, interested in the purposes of this section, is eligible for membership in the section upon application and payment of the section's dues. Any regular member of the section who ceases to be a member of The Florida Bar, (or ceases law faculty affiliate status) shall no longer be a member of the International Law Section. Law faculty affiliates who are regular members of the section shall not be eligible to serve as officers of this section as defined in Article III, Section 1. below.

Section 2. Affiliate Membership. Affiliate membership provides a method by which persons who are not members of The Florida Bar can be involved in activities of the section and receive information and publications from the section.

The executive council may, at its sole discretion, accept as an affiliate member of this section, upon application and payment of the prescribed dues, any of the following:

- (a) persons admitted to practice law and in good standing in any jurisdiction outside Florida, including other states, territories and foreign nations;
- (b) Full-time law students at any ABA-accredited law school in the United States; or
- (c) Full-time law faculty at any ABA-accredited law school in the United States.

(d) Licensed or certified professionals who customarily provide professional services to persons admitted to practice international law in any jurisdiction.

Any affiliate member who ceases to fall within one of the three aforementioned categories shall cease to be an affiliate member of the International Law Section.

Affiliate members shall have all the privileges of membership in this section, except that they may not:

- (a) Hold any office in the section, including service on the executive council, whether elected or appointed;
- (b) Vote or participate in the election of any officers of the section; or
- (c) Vote on the adoption, change or revision of any provision of these bylaws.

Section 3. Administrative Year. The administrative year of the section shall run concurrently with the administrative year of The Florida Bar.

Section 4. Annual Dues. The annual dues for members of this section (other than affiliate members) shall be fixed by the executive council and approved by the Board of Governors of The Florida Bar. The annual dues for affiliate members shall likewise be fixed by the executive council, and approved by the Board of Governors of The Florida Bar, on an annual basis. There shall be no proration of annual dues. Upon becoming a member of the section, dues shall be payable thereafter in advance of each membership year. Any member whose

dues are in arrears for a period of 3 months shall thereupon cease to be a member of this section.

Article III – OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of this section shall be a chair, chair-elect, a secretary, treasurer, , and **vice treasurer, in any one year appointed at the discretion of the officers and elected by the executive council.**

Section 2. Executive Council. There shall be an executive council composed of not less than 15 or more than 24 members of this section, including the immediate past chair, chair, chair-elect, secretary, treasurer, **vice treasurer when one is appointed by the officers and elected by the executive council**, and. All other past chairs of the International Law Section are voting ex-officio members of the executive council.

Section 3. Duties of Officers. The duties of the officers shall be as follows:

(a) Chair. The chair shall preside at all meetings of the section and at all meetings of the executive council. The chair shall appoint all committees and committee chairs with the approval or concurrence of the executive council, be responsible for all reports to be submitted to The Florida Bar or to the Board of Governors of The Florida Bar, and shall perform such other duties as customarily pertain to the office of chair. The chair shall be an ex-officio member of each committee of the section.

(b) Chair-elect. Chair-elect shall become chair in the event of death, resignation or failure of the chair to serve for whatever reason; provided, however, that in case of temporary disability or absence of the chair, the chair-elect shall serve as acting chair only for the duration of the chair's disability or absence. The chair-elect shall be responsible for such other duties as the chair may designate. The chair-elect shall be an ex-officio member of each committee of the section.

(c) Treasurer. The treasurer shall have the responsibility of accounting for all funds of the section, and shall prepare annual financial statements under the supervision of the executive council.

(d) Vice Treasurer. When the officers appoint and the executive council elects a vice treasurer pursuant to these bylaws, the vice treasurer shall assist the treasurer with his/her responsibilities.

(e) Secretary. The secretary shall be responsible for all permanent files and records of the section, including minutes of the meetings of the section, the executive council and all committee reports. The secretary shall keep accurate minutes of the proceedings of all meetings of the section and the executive council and shall furnish copies of said minutes to the executive director of The Florida Bar.

Section 4. Term of Office.

(a) Chair. The term of office of the chair shall begin at the conclusion of each annual meeting of the executive council during which he or she was elected chair and shall end at the conclusion of the next annual meeting of the executive council, at which time he or she shall be automatically succeeded by the chair-elect.

(b) Chair-elect. The term of office of the chair-elect shall run concurrently with that of the chair, beginning at the conclusion of the annual meeting of the executive council during which he or she was elected chair-elect, and ending at the conclusion of the next annual meeting of the executive council when he becomes chair.

(c) Treasurer. The term of office of the treasurer shall begin at the conclusion of the annual meeting of the executive council during which the treasurer was elected treasurer and shall end at the conclusion of the next annual meeting of the executive council.

(d) Vice Treasurer. When a vice treasurer is appointed by the officers and elected by the executive council, the term of office of the vice-treasurer shall begin at the conclusion of the annual meeting of the executive council during which the vice treasurer was elected and shall end at the conclusion of the next annual meeting of the executive council.

(e) Secretary. The term of office of the secretary shall begin at the conclusion at the annual meeting of the executive council during which the secretary was elected and shall end at the conclusion of the next annual meeting of the executive council.

(f) Executive Council. All members of the executive council shall serve for a term of 3 years, the terms of the members of the council being staggered so that one-third of the members shall take office at each annual executive council meeting, said terms commencing with the conclusion of the annual meeting of the executive council following their election and ending at the conclusion of the annual meeting of the executive council three years thereafter.

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Article V – NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Section 1. Election of Officers. The chair-elect, treasurer, **vice treasurer, when appointed at the discretion of the officers in any one year**, and secretary shall be elected by the executive council by majority vote at its annual meeting to be held at the annual meeting of The Florida Bar.

Section 2. Election of Executive Council. Nominations of the members of the executive council shall be submitted by the nominating committee. The nominating committee shall consist of the chair, chair-elect and the immediate past chair. Election will be by secret

ballot and shall be elected by the majority of those in attendance at the annual section meeting.

Section 3. Vacancies. If at any time during a term of office an officer or a member of the executive council, such office shall become permanently vacant by reason of death, resignation, ineligibility or other reason, such office shall be filled for the balance of such term by vote of the executive council at the next meeting of the executive council unless otherwise provided herein.