

## BYLAWS

Article I. - Name The name of this organization is the Law and Political Science Section of the Association of College and Research Libraries, a division of the American Library Association.

Article II. - Object The Section shall represent librarians in the fields of law and political science. It will act for ACRL in cooperation with other professional groups in regard to those aspects of library service that require special knowledge of law and political science.

Article III. - Membership Any member of ACRL may elect membership in the Section. Every personal member has the right to vote and is eligible to hold office.

Article IV. - Meetings The Section shall hold an annual meeting at the time and place of the Annual Conference of the American Library Association. Other meetings may be called at the discretion of the Executive Committee. Ten members constitute a quorum for any meeting of the Section. All meetings are conducted in accordance with the policies of ACRL and ALA.

Article V. - Officers

Section 1. The officers of this Section shall be a chair, vice-chair/chair-elect, a past chair, a secretary and two members-at-large.

Section 2. All officers shall serve terms ending at the adjournment of the annual meeting. The chair-elect serves as vice-chair for one year. At expiration, or earlier in case of a vacancy in the office of chair, the chair-elect succeeds to the office of chair and serves until the expiration of the term for which elected. The secretary is elected for a term of two years. The members-at-large are elected for two-year staggered terms. Vacancies in other offices, other than the Chair-elect, shall be filled by appointment made by the remaining elected officers. If needed, a new Chair-elect shall be selected through a special election.

Article VI. - Committees The Executive Committee shall consist of the elected officers and the Section WebMaster. In addition to the Executive Committee, LPSS will have those committees deemed appropriate for its smooth operation by the membership. Committee chairs and members shall be appointed by the Vice-chair/Chair-elect.

Article VII. - Representatives to Other Bodies The Executive Committee may appoint and charge a representative of the Section to other sections or bodies, as appropriate.

Article VIII. - Nominations and Elections The Section Vice-chair / Chair-elect shall appoint a Nominating Committee of at least three members and designate one member as chair. The Nominating Committee shall choose a slate of two candidates for each elective office. All nominees must be members of the Section and must consent to candidacy. Elections shall be conducted by mail ballot through the auspices of the American Library Association. For each office, the candidate receiving a plurality of the votes cast shall be elected. Ties will be determined according to ALA policies.

Article IX. - Amendments Amendments to these Bylaws may be proposed in writing to the Executive Committee by a member or members of the Section. To become effective, amendments must be approved by a vote of the membership. [Proposed amendment, change the last sentence to read "...by a two-thirds vote of those members attending the business meeting at the Annual Conference provided

notice of the impending vote is given in the section newsletter. Amendments of extraordinary consequence will be voted upon by the full membership through the ALA ballot structure. Approval requires two-thirds of those voting.]

Article X. - General Provisions Wherever these Bylaws make no specific provisions, the organization of and procedures in the Section shall correspond to those set forth in the ACRL Bylaws, and those of ALA.

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