

**AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION
YOUNG LAWYERS DIVISION**

**POLICY
INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL**

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The Division's mission is to further the Association's goals and purposes, and thereby to serve the community and the legal profession; to represent young lawyers in the Association, and to represent the Association to young lawyers; to help shape the policies and priorities that affect young lawyers and the legal culture in which they practice; and to create a deliberative forum for the exchange and expression of young lawyers' views, and a voice to advocate those views.

Bylaws § 1.2 (mission)

The Division operates as a federation of autonomous affiliates. The Division's purposes include exchanging ideas and promoting communication among them and organizing conferences and other programs for their benefit.

Bylaws § 3.2(a) (affiliate outreach)

§ 1. Policy

The Division may fund travel to an international conference if—

- (a) the organization hosting the conference is a foreign or international bar association or equivalent organization whose membership consists primarily of lawyers, and which does not—
 - (1) discriminate on any basis on which the Division prohibits or discourages discrimination,
 - (2) endorse the candidate or platform of any organized political campaign or party, or
 - (3) endorse the creed, doctrine, or ideology of any religious, denominational, sectarian, or cultic enterprise, institution, or organization;

Note. The bylaws provide that

The Division shall not discriminate, and shall actively oppose discrimination, on the basis of

- (1) (A) ancestry, color, or race,
 - (B) cultural or ethnic background,
 - (C) economic disadvantage,
 - (D) ideological, philosophical, or political belief or affiliation,
 - (E) marital or parental status, (F) national or regional origin,
 - (G) physical disability,
 - (H) religion, or religious or denominational affiliation,
 - (I) sex, or
 - (J) sexual orientation or preference;

- (2) kind, size, or place of practice; and
- (3) any other status on the basis of which discrimination is prohibited or discouraged by—
 - (A) these bylaws,
 - (B) federal law (whether or not the law applies directly to the Division or the Association), or
 - (C) the Association.

Bylaws § 1.4(b) (nondiscrimination).

- (b) the hosting organization’s mission is comparable to the Association’s or the Division’s mission, and the conference’s purpose will further that mission;
- (c) accrediting a representative will further the Division’s stated mission or purposes in a particular way;
- (d) the hosting organization invites the Division’s representation; and
- (e) accrediting a representative will benefit the Division and its members, and that benefit’s value outweighs the cost of the representative’s attendance. For this criterion’s purposes, the Division’s presence does not confer a “benefit” if it is purely ceremonial, or if it serves merely as a perquisite for the representative.

The Division shall not fund travel to an international conference except as this policy provides.

§ 2. **Scope**

For this resolution’s purposes, an “international conference” means a conference hosted by, or a meeting of, a foreign or international bar association or equivalent organization whose membership consists primarily of lawyers, held outside the United States. This resolution does not apply to—

- (a) any meeting or conference held within the United States, even by a foreign or international bar association or equivalent organization; or
- (b) a conference hosted by, or a meeting of, the Association, the Division, or any entity within the Association or Division, to which the policies and procedures for meetings held outside the United States apply.

Note. See ABA POLICY AND PROCEDURES HANDBOOK ch. 7, I.E at 103-05 (1999-2000) (meetings held outside the United States).

§ 4. **Preliminary approval**

If the Executive Board finds that travel to an international conference complies with this resolution, and travel to the same conference has not been preliminarily approved within the past three years, then the Board may with a report to the Council

preliminarily approve such travel. Such preliminary approval shall expire when a representative accredited on the Division's behalf attends the conference, and shall not be renewed until at least three years after the conference unless the Board grants ongoing approval within six months after the conference.

§ 5. **Ongoing approval**

The Executive Board may by a two-thirds vote with a report to the Council approve ongoing travel to a conference for up to three years after an accredited representative has attended and reported on the conference. The Board may by a two-thirds vote renew such approval for up to three years at a time. The Board may by simple majority withdraw such approval at any time.

§ 6. **Accreditation**

The Chair shall represent the Division at, or accredit a representative to, each international conference to which travel is approved. The Chair shall ordinarily accredit an officer, but may also accredit a constitutional representative; an immediate past officer; the liaison to the Section of International Law; the chair or a vice-chair of the International Law Committee; or, with the Board's advice and consent, another member of the Division. The Chair shall accredit each representative with the Board's advice and with due regard for rotation among the officers, and an officer whose predecessor attended a particular conference shall customarily attend the same conference if travel to the conference is still approved. The Division shall reimburse its accredited representative on the same basis as for attendance at the Division's own meetings and conferences.

§ 7. **Report**

Each representative accredited on the Division's behalf to an international conference shall promptly report to the Board and the Council upon the conference and upon the state of the hosting organization. The report shall—

- (a) address whether and how travel to the conference complies with this resolution;
- (b) identify the particular way in which Division's presence at the conference furthers the Division's stated mission or purposes, specifying the mission or purpose thereby furthered;
- (c) itemize the expenses incurred and reimbursed;
- (d) address how the Division's presence at the conference has benefited the Division and its members, and whether that benefit's value outweighs the cost of attending the conference; and

- (e) recommend whether travel to the conference deserves ongoing approval.

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