

**Council Meeting | September 13-15, 2018 | St. Louis, MO
Section Director's Report**

Membership

Membership Count Report

The Section has 14,368 members, up 2.8% from this time last year.

Membership Breakdown:

Lawyers: 9,389
Associates: 1,083
Law Students: 3,896

Total: 14,368

(Source: July 2018 Monthly Entity Membership Count Report)

Faculty Group Program Breakdown:

Faculty Group Program Members: 10,132
Individual Members: 4,236

(Source: August 2018 List Manager Report)

New ABA Membership Model Report

During the Annual Meeting, the ABA Board of Governors approved a new membership model that includes a revised dues structure and member benefit package.

Programs/Conferences Update

Annual Meeting Student Debt Program

A podcast, recorded by the Legal Talk Network after our live program, is posted on the section's [program materials webpage](#).

2019 New Deans and Deans Workshops

The New Deans and Deans Workshops will be held the week of June 10, 2019. Location and schedule have not yet been finalized.

2019 Associate Deans Conference

The Section will host its conference for Associate Deans in June 2019 in Chicago. The hotel and dates have not yet been finalized.

Legal Career Central Webinar

The Section collaborated with the ABA's Legal Career Central group on their free Career Choice webinar series for ABA members. "[Academia and Becoming a Dean](#)" was held August 24 and featured panelists Dean Danielle Holley-Walker of Howard University School of Law and Dean Michael Hunter Schwartz of University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law. The webinar had 72 attendees and is posted on the [program materials webpage](#). We look forward to working with Career Central to deliver additional webinars in 2018-2019.

Conferences and Programming Committee

The Conferences and Programming Committee will hold its first conference call of the year this month. The committee welcomes three new members for the 2018-19 year:

James McGrath

Professor and Associate Dean for Academic Support, Bar Passage, and Compliance
Texas A&M University School of Law

Teri McMurtry-Chubb

Professor
Mercer University School of Law

Ruth Anne Robbins

Distinguished Clinical Professor of Law
Rutgers Law School-Camden

Publications

2018-2019 Standards and Rules of Procedure for Approval of Law Schools

The 2018-2019 edition of the Standards and Rules of Procedure for Approval of Law Schools is posted on the section's [Standards webpage](#).

Publications Committee

The committee is continuing to focus on the new edition of *The Sourcebook on Legal Writing Programs*. We have received several complete chapter drafts and will be sending a complete first draft to the editor by end of September.

Syllabus

The Fall issue of [Syllabus](#) will be available in late September/early October.

ABA Website

The new ABA website is expected to launch in October. A beta site is currently available for viewing at: <https://beta.americanbar.org/>.