

Section Bylaws Amended

Section members voted to amend the Section's bylaws during the Annual Meeting in Atlanta. Changes to the bylaws as approved by a vote of the membership, are outlined below. The bylaws must now be approved by the ABA Board of Governors before the changes can take effective. For a full text of the Section bylaws with revisions, go the web site at http://www.abanet.org/family/proposed_bylaws.pdf

Section 4.3 CHAIR-ELECT.

- (e) In case of the death, resignation, or disability of the Chair, the Chair-Elect shall **be Acting Chair and shall** perform the duties of the Chair for the remainder of the Chair's term or disability, as the case may be, and then shall succeed to the office of Chair for the Chair-Elect's own term. **If the Chair-Elect declines to serve as Acting Chair, the Council shall elect an Acting Chair.**

Section 4.4 VICE-CHAIR. The Vice-Chair shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

- (c) In case of the Chair-Elect's death, resignation, absence, disability, or implementation of Section 4.3 (e), above, the Vice Chair shall perform the duties of the Chair-Elect for the remainder of the Chair-Elect's term or disability, except the duties set forth in Sections 4.3 (a) and (f), above, which duties shall be performed by the **Acting** Chair.

Section 6.7 Interim Meetings of Council. Between regularly scheduled meetings of Council, the Chair may convene Council by telephone or other appropriate means. Voting shall be as set forth in Section 6.4 above. No action shall be taken on an interim basis that can be reasonably deferred to the next scheduled Council meeting.

Section 8.2 CHAIR. The Chair-Elect shall automatically succeed to the office of Chair. The Chair shall serve a term of one year and may not again succeed to that office, **except as provided for herein.** ~~In the event the office of Chair-Elect shall be vacant, then a Chair shall be elected in the manner set forth in Sections 8.6 and 8.7.~~

Section 8.6 DEADLINES FOR NOMINATIONS. Nominations by resume or letter shall be submitted to the Chair of the Nominating Committee and the Section Director no later than November 1. In the event of an office becoming vacant pursuant to Section 9.2 of these Bylaws after the report of the Nominating Committee has been given, nominations for such office becoming vacant shall be submitted to the Nominating Committee no later than thirty (30) days prior to the first business meeting of the Section at the Annual Meeting and the time requirements of Section 8.8 are suspended. Procedures for nominations for ~~office with vacancies in offices~~ occurring within thirty (30) days of the Annual Meeting shall be determined by the Chair of the Section.

Article IX: Succession of Officers and Vacancies

Section 9.1 CHAIR-ELECT. The Chair-Elect, unless the Chair-elect refuses to act as Chair-Elect or has been disqualified or disabled, shall automatically assume the office of the Chair for a term of one (1) year at the end of the Annual Meeting following the Chair-elect's election.

Section 9.2 OFFICERS AND COUNCIL. ~~Between the Annual Meetings of the Section, the Council may fill vacancies due to as a result of death, disability, absence, or resignation shall be filled as follows: in its own membership or in the offices of Vice-Chair, Secretary, or Section Delegates. Members of the Council and officers so elected shall serve until the next Annual Meeting of the Section, at which time the membership of the Section shall elect officers and Council members to fill any unexpired terms existing at that time.~~

- (a) **Should the Chair-elect decline to act as Chair, the Council shall elect an Acting Chair for the remainder of the term pursuant to Section 8.2.**
- (b) **If the Chair-elect is unable for whatever reason to fulfill the term, the Council shall elect a Chair-elect to fulfill the remainder of the term, and who will then become Chair at the conclusion of his/her term as Chair-elect.**
- (c) **In the event there is a vacancy in the office of Vice-Chair, Secretary or Section Delegate, the Council shall elect an individual to serve in that capacity to fulfill the remainder of the term for the office.**
- (d) **In the event of a vacancy on Council, members of the Council shall elect an individual to serve on Council until the next annual meeting of the Section.**
- (e) **Officers and Council Members so elected shall serve until the next Annual Meeting of the Section at which time the Membership of the Section shall elect to fill any un-expired terms existing at that time.**
- (f) **Should a vacancy occur, notice of the vacancy shall be given by the Chair of the Section to the Section Membership by email or whatever other means the Chair deems appropriate. Said notice shall state the date by which applications shall be accepted along with the particulars of the election process.**

Section 9.3 ABSENTEEISM. If any officer or member of the Council shall fail to attend two successive meetings of the Council, that person shall be removed from the position, unless excused upon good cause accepted by a majority vote of the members of the Council at the next meeting. "Meeting" for the purpose of this Section is defined as the single or multiple day meeting of the Council, whether scheduled at the Annual Meeting, or other meetings of the Section where the Council meets, or other meetings of the Council.