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## Executive Board Proposes Bylaws Revision for Elections

The AALL Executive Board proposed the following amendment to AALL's Bylaws at the 2002 Annual Meeting to shorten the Association's nominations and elections schedule and to use electronic voting when possible. AALL members will vote on the proposed changes at the AALL Business Meeting July 14 during the 2003 Annual Meeting in Seattle. If approved, the change would become effective immediately thereafter. It would affect the nominations and elections in 2004 for the officers and board members who will take office at the Annual Meeting in July 2005.

### Resolution 1.

The Executive Board proposes the adoption of amendments to the Bylaws as set forth below. ~~(strikethrough)~~ indicates deleted text; underlining indicates added text)

(1) Article IV, Membership, is amended by adding a new section 4, to read as follows:

#### 4. Notice to Members.

Whenever these Bylaws require notice be given to members of the Association, such notice shall be given by sending e-mail to the member's e-mail address of record, sending electronically transmitted facsimile copy (fax) to the member's fax number of record, or mailing printed or written notice to the member's postal address of record. Printed or written notice may be included in an Association publication sent to all members.

(2) Article VI, Nominations and Elections, is amended to read as follows

#### VI. Nominations and Elections.

##### 1. Nominations Committee.

- a. Composition. There shall be a nominating committee consisting of seven members, no one of whom shall be a member of the Executive Board, and no one of whom shall be a candidate at the succeeding election.
- b. Appointment. The Executive Board shall elect seven members to the committee. In odd-numbered years the Executive Board shall elect three members; in even-numbered years the Executive Board shall elect four members.
- c. Term of Office. Members of the committee shall serve non-renewable two-year terms beginning January 1.
- d. Committee Chair. The Executive Board shall designate the committee chair from the previous year's committee. The chair shall serve for the remainder of the term of office.

##### 2. Nominations Procedures.

- a. Number of Candidates. The committee shall present at least two candidates for each Executive Board position and for each of the offices of vice president/president-elect, secretary and treasurer. If, by ~~November 1~~ August 15, it is known that the vice president/

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president-elect cannot assume the duties of president, then the committee shall present two candidates to serve for a one-year term as president and then as past president.

- b. Notice. By ~~November 1~~ August 15, the committee shall present to the president the names of all candidates and their written acceptances. ~~By February 1, the secretary will shall send the membership notice of the slate of nominees not later than 30 days after the committee has presented the names and acceptances to the president. Such notice shall state the deadline for submission of nominating petitions as provided in the following paragraph. It either in an Association publication sent to all members or by separate distribution.~~
- c. Nomination by Petition. A member may be nominated for any office by submitting to the secretary ~~by March 1~~ not later than 30 days after the secretary sends the membership notice of the slate of nominees as provided in the previous paragraph a nominating petition signed by 2 percent of the members and the nominee's written acceptance.

3. Ballot.

[This section is unchanged.]

4. Elections.

- a. Responsibility. The president shall appoint tellers who shall be charged with counting and tabulating all votes cast.
- b. Method of Voting. Prior to ~~April 1~~ November 15, a copy of the ballot shall be distributed to each member of the Association. Ballots shall be returned before ~~May 1~~ December 15 for tabulation.
- c. Determination of Election. The candidate receiving the majority of legally cast votes shall be declared elected to the office, except that in the event there are more than two candidates on the ballot for a single office, the candidate receiving the largest plurality of legally cast votes shall be declared elected to office. In the case of a tie vote, the winner shall be determined by lot conducted by the tellers.
- d. Notification of Results. All candidates shall be notified of the results of the election by the secretary at the earliest possible time. The election results shall be reported at a business meeting of the Association by the secretary. In case the Annual

Meeting is held before ~~May 1~~ December 15, or if no Annual Meeting should be held, the results of the election shall be either printed in the first issue of an Association publication that is sent to all voting members following the report of the secretary, or distributed to the members before ~~June~~ March 1.

- (3) Section 4 of Article V, Meetings, is amended to read as follows:

4. Proper Notice for Meeting.

The secretary shall send notice of meetings to each member at least 30 days before a meeting. ~~Notice shall either appear in an Association publication sent to all members or be distributed separately.~~

- (4) These amendments shall become effective upon their approval as provided in Article XII of the Bylaws, except that the provisions of amendment (2) above which change the deadlines for nominating and electing candidates shall first take effect for the nominations and elections that will determine the officers who will take office at the Annual Meeting scheduled for July 2004.
- (5) These amendments shall be submitted for approval by mail ballot in accordance with Section 3 of Article XII of the Bylaws.