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STATE, COURT AND COUNTY LAW LIBRARIES SPECIAL INTEREST SECTION
 BYLAWS WITH 1999 PROPOSED REVISIONS

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 Amended July 2, 1979 at San Francisco, California
 Amended June 24, 1980 at St. Louis, Missouri
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 Amended June 18, 1989 at Reno, Nevada
 Amended July 19, 1992 at San Francisco, California

Article I: NAME

The name of this ~~group~~ special interest section of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) shall be the State, Court and County Law Libraries Special Interest Section (SCCLL) ~~of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL)~~.

Article II: PURPOSE

Section 1. The purpose of the State, Court and County Law Libraries Special Interest Section is:

1. to improve the quality and services of the libraries represented in its membership, and
2. to represent its ~~member's~~ members' interests and concerns within AALL.

Section 2. The Section shall conduct its affairs in conformity with the Constitution and Bylaws of the American Association of Law Libraries.

Article III: MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be open to any AALL member requesting affiliation with the State, Court and County Law Libraries Special Interest Section as provided in the AALL ~~bylaws.~~ Bylaws. Membership shall be renewable each year.

Article IV: DUES

Section 1. Dues will be established, collected and disbursed by the ~~treasurer~~ Treasurer of AALL in accordance with AALL ~~bylaws,~~ Bylaws, Article VII.

Section 2. The fiscal year will be the same as that of the AALL, October 1 through September 30.

Article V: MEETINGS

Section 1. There shall be an annual meeting of the ~~section~~ Section held in connection with or during the annual meeting of AALL. The scheduling of the annual meeting during the annual meeting of AALL shall be cleared with the annual meeting program chair, or as otherwise provided in the AALL Bylaws.

Section 2. Special meetings may be called by the ~~Chairperson~~ or the Executive Committee.

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- Section 3. ~~Meetings shall be open to non-members, but only members shall cast votes. Meetings shall be open to all members of the Association (AALL), but no person may vote in any meeting who is not a Section member.~~
- Section 4. The quorum for all voting shall be thirty (30) members present and voting.
- Section 5. Voting at meetings will generally be by voice unless a ballot is requested. A majority vote of those present and voting will prevail on all business matters and ~~election~~, elections, except that bylaws amendments shall require a two-thirds vote.

Article VI: OFFICERS

- Section 1. The officers shall perform the duties usually pertaining to their respective offices and such other duties as may be assigned by the Executive Committee.
- Section 2. Officers shall serve until the adjournment of the annual business meeting.
- Section 2.3. All vacancies in offices shall be filled by the Executive Committee for an interim term until the next regular election of officers, at which time said vacancies shall be filled by election, except that the ~~vice chairperson-chairperson-elect~~ Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect automatically will become ~~chairperson~~ Chair upon a vacancy in such office.
- Section 3-4. The Officers shall be:
- A. ~~Chairperson.~~ Shall ~~service~~ serve for one year and automatically become ~~past Past Chairperson. and as such serve one year on the Executive Committee.~~
 - B. ~~Vice-Chairperson/Chairperson-Elect.~~ Shall ~~service~~ serve for one year and become ~~Chairperson~~ for the following year at the ~~closed~~ close of the current annual meeting.
 - C. Past Chair. Shall serve for one year.
 - ~~G.D.~~ Secretary/Treasurer. Shall ~~service~~ serve for three years and shall record the minutes of the meeting, keep the records of the organization, including the financial record, give a written account of the funds of the Section when requested to do so by the Executive Committee of the Section and prepare such documents as directed by the ~~Chairperson~~.
 - ~~D.E.~~ Newsletter Editor. Shall serve for two years and shall issue at least three newsletters to the members per year; ~~consisting of a Fall newsletter, a Winter newsletter to be mailed prior to January 28, and a Spring newsletter to be mailed prior to April 1.~~
- Section 4. There shall be an Executive Committee to conduct the affairs of the ~~section~~ Section between membership meetings. It is made up of:
- A. The officers of the ~~section~~, Section, named in Article VI above.
 - B. Three members at large serving for three-year terms staggered, one member at large being elected each year. ~~At the first election one person shall be elected to serve one year, one person to serve two years, and one person to serve three years.~~

Article VII: ELECTIONS

- Section 1. There shall be a Nominating Committee appointed by the Executive Committee, to consist of three (3) members, none of whom shall be a member of the Executive Committee, and none of whom shall be a candidate for office at the succeeding election. Each member of the committee shall serve for a term of one year. The ~~Chairperson~~ of the Committee shall be designated

by the Executive Committee.

- Section 2. The Committee shall nominate at least one candidate for each office. All candidates shall be members of the Section.
- Section ~~23~~. Names of candidates, together with their written acceptances, shall be presented by the Nominating Committee to the Chairperson ~~insufficient in sufficient~~ time to enable the Chairperson to inform the members of the nominations, by mail, in the ~~winter~~ newsletter.
- Section ~~34~~. Further nominations may be made upon written petition of ten voting members in good standing. Such petitions, accompanied by written acceptance of the nominees, must be filed with the Secretary/Treasurer no later than March 15. The Secretary/Treasurer shall prepare an official ballot, including nominations by petition.
- Section ~~45~~. A. ~~The Secretary-Treasurer~~ Secretary/Treasurer shall forward the official ballot to the Newsletter Editor, and the official ballot shall be included with the Spring Newsletter which shall be sent ~~oversee the mailing of the official ballot to each member of the section.~~ Section before April 1.
- B. Ballots shall be marked, sealed in plain envelopes and returned to the Secretary/Treasurer before April 20 in covering envelopes bearing on the outside the name and address of the member voting.
- C. The Secretary/Treasurer shall check, on a list of members, whose votes are received. The candidates receiving the largest number of votes shall be elected and shall be so reported at the annual meeting by the Nominating Committee, and all candidates shall be notified of the results of the election by the Nominating Committee at the earliest possible time.
- D. In case of a tie vote, a run-off election shall be held at the annual business meeting. Run-off elections shall be by secret ballot. The ballots immediately shall be counted and the candidate with the largest number of votes declared elected.

Article VIII: COMMITTEES

There shall be such standing or special committees as the Executive Committee or the membership of the section shall create.

Article IX: AMENDMENTS

~~Any bylaw~~ These Bylaws may be amended, adopted, repealed, or suspended at the annual meeting of the ~~section~~ Section, by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting- ~~assuming a quorum is present~~. Notice of proposed bylaw changes must be given to members of the Section at least thirty days before the vote is to be taken on the amendment change. At its discretion, the Executive Committee may schedule a vote by mail ballot as an alternative to conducting a vote at the annual meeting. If a mail ballot is used, these Bylaws may be amended, adopted, repealed, or suspended by a two-thirds vote of the members voting. Any amendment shall take effect after it has been approved by the Executive Board of AALL. Any amendment must be presented to the AALL committee on bylaws for review.

Article X: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

~~Robert's Rules of Order~~ Sturgis Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure, in the latest edition, shall govern all deliberations of the ~~section~~ Section.

Article XI: DISSOLUTION OR MERGER

The membership has the authority to dissolve this ~~section~~ Section or merge it with another section or organization within AALL by a majority vote at a regular meeting provided a notice of said dissolution or merger is given to the entire membership of the ~~section~~ Section in writing at least thirty days prior to said meeting. Said dissolution or merger does not become effective until after it has

been approved by both the Executive Committee of the ~~section~~ Section and the Executive Board of AALL.

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