

CONSTITUTION
of the
AMERICAN BUSINESS LAW ASSOCIATION
as amended and adopted at the
THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION
SYRACUSE, NEW YORK
AUGUST 30, 1956

(N.B. - Amendments are Underlined)

ARTICLE I - NAME

This Association shall be known as the American Business Law Association.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

The purpose of this Association shall be to promote and encourage scholarship in and superior teaching of business law in colleges and universities; to foster a better understanding between college and university administrators and those engaged in teaching and research in the field of business law; to develop and maintain a friendly and cooperative relationship among teachers and scholars in the field of business law; and to encourage and promote high ethical standards in the conduct of business.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The following Categories of Membership in the Association are hereby established:

(a) Active Membership.

Any person actively engaged in the teaching of or research in business law at any college or university shall be eligible for active membership in this Association.

(b) Associate Membership.

Any college or university administrator, any business or professional practitioner or any other person sympathetic with the purposes and aims of this Association shall be eligible for associate membership.

(c) Emeritus Membership.

Upon retirement for age from academic employment, an active member in good standing may transfer to emeritus membership.

Section 2. Induction.

Any eligible person may become a member by filing his application with the Secretary and making payment of his dues for the current fiscal year.

Section 3. Termination.

Membership in the Association shall be terminated whenever a member's dues are delinquent for a period of six months, providing the secretary shall first have given thirty days' notice to that effect.

ARTICLE IV - DUES

The annual dues of each active or associate member of this Association shall be five dollars, the same being payable at any time before the close of the fiscal year on June 30th. Emeritus members shall be exempt from payment of dues.

ARTICLE V - MEETINGS

Section 1. Annual Meetings.

An annual meeting of the Association shall be held at such time and place as the officers of the Association shall select. At the annual meeting, in addition to such business as must be transacted, a suitable program in business law or any related field of interest to the members shall be provided.

Section 2. Other meetings.

- (a) Such other meetings shall be held as may be called by the President.
- (b) Members of this Association from any region of the Western Hemisphere may establish therein a Business Law Association which shall be entitled to recognition as a Regional Association of the American Business Law Association so long as its programs and activities further the purpose set forth in Article II of this Constitution; provided that no organization shall be entitled to such recognition which holds itself out, or allows itself to be held out, as a region, sub-division or section of any association other than the American Business Law Association.

Section 3. Quorum.

For the purpose of conducting any business a quorum shall consist of those active and emeritus members who are present at an annual or duly called meeting. Only active and emeritus members shall be entitled to vote.

ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers.

The officers of this Association shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary-Treasurer, and such other officers as may be designated by the Association.

Section 2. Period in Office.

Each officer shall hold office for one year and thereafter until his successor takes office. For purposes of this section "one year" is defined as the period from the adjournment of one annual meeting to the adjournment of the following annual meeting.

ARTICLE VII - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. President.

It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all business meetings of the Association and to make provision for a chairman at other sessions. He also shall supervise the affairs of the Association, and shall promote its interests to the best of his ability.

Section 2. Vice-President

It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to preside at all business sessions at which the President is absent, and, with the advice and counsel of the President, to prepare the program for the annual meeting.

Section 3. Secretary-Treasurer.

The duties of the Secretary-Treasurer shall be to keep and preserve the minutes of all meetings of the Association, to keep an accurate record of the membership, and to care for all correspondence of the Association; and, in his capacity as treasurer, he shall collect and deposit all dues in an Association account, pay all expenses properly incurred by the Association, and keep a complete and correct record of all financial transactions.

ARTICLE VIII - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. Membership.

The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers for the current year and the last two preceding Presidents of the Association.

Section 2. Powers.

The Executive Committee is empowered to act in behalf of the Association upon all matters requiring emergency decision by the Association during the period intervening between duly called meetings.

Section 3. Committees.

There shall be such standing and special committees, of such numbers and qualifications and having such powers and duties, as the Executive Committee may from time to time authorize, the members of which shall be appointed in such manner as the Executive Committee shall direct.

ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENT

This Constitution may be amended only at an annual meeting upon an affirmative vote of two-thirds of all active and emeritus members present and voting.

ARTICLE X - ADOPTION

This Constitution shall become effective upon its adoption by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a regular session of an annual meeting.