

LAMBDA LAW SOCIETY

By-Laws
Amended 2016

PREAMBLE

We, the members of the LAMBDA Law Society, hereby form an association to further awareness of legal and social rights of people who are gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered or transsexual and promote the highest standards of professional ethics and equality in the law school community.

ARTICLE I .NAME

The name of this organization shall be the LAMBDA Law Society.

ARTICLE II .MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. All law students, faculty, staff, administration, alumni and all other interested individuals are eligible for membership. Everyone is encouraged to apply.

Section 2. Dues are \$15 per school year or \$30 one time flat fee.

Section 3. At a member's written request, his/her anonymity will be maintained and his/her membership shall be confidential. Such member's membership shall be maintained by the Faculty Advisor and available to the officers.

Section 4. Only active student members shall be eligible to vote and to hold office. An active member is one who has paid his/her dues.

ARTICLE III .OFFICERS

The officers of the association shall be the Co-Presidents, Treasurer, Secretary and Public Relations Representative. The Co-Presidents, Treasurer, Secretary, Public Relations Representative and Faculty Advisors shall be the only authorized users of the LAMBDA LAW email address.

Section 1. The duties of the Co-Presidents shall be to preside at all meetings of the association, to appoint committee heads where necessary, to call emergency meetings as prescribed herein, and to formally represent the association wherever necessary. The Co- Presidents shall consult the secretary in preparing the agenda for all meetings. The Co-Presidents shall also be responsible for the promotion of membership, especially students in the incoming class. The Co-Presidents will alternate presiding over meetings, or shall jointly preside when necessary. The Co-Presidents shall appoint temporary officers when necessary.

Section 2. The duties of the Treasurer shall be to collect dues, make expenditures and to

render regular financial reports. The Treasurer shall provide a copy of the monthly bank generated statement to the association Co-Presidents. The Treasurer shall maintain ledgers of accounts receivable and accounts payable and shall provide to the Co-Presidents a financial report each month and an annual report four (4) weeks prior to the end of the Winter semester but no later than at least one week prior to election of officers. The Treasurer shall prepare with the Co-Presidents a budget request to be submitted to the Student Bar Association in accordance with the Student Bar Association's deadlines.

Section 3. The duties of the Secretary shall be to keep minutes of the meetings, to maintain a membership roster available to faculty advisors and officers, and to send correspondence and announce meetings when necessary.

Section 4. The duties of the Public Relations Representative shall be to assist the officers when necessary and to handle incoming and outgoing correspondence. To reply to both negative and positive communications. In so doing, the Public Relations Representative shall consult with the Co-Presidents as to the nature of the response. The Public Relations Representative shall publicly represent the organization with the Co-Presidents when necessary. The Public Relations Representative shall assist in the promotion of membership.

Section 5. All vacated offices shall be filled as soon as possible by a vote in accordance with the election procedures of Article IV.

Section 6. The position of an officer is a public position requiring then to actively promote LAMBDA Law Society. Therefore, the officer's association with the club will be known.

ARTICLE IV .ELECTIONS

Except as provided for in Article III, Section 5, elections shall be held three (3) weeks prior to the end of the winter semester. The Secretary shall provide standardized forms for nominations, acceptance of nominations and voting, either by hard copy or via email.

Section 1. The term of office shall be for the length of one (1) year. A person may not serve in the same office for more than four (4) consecutive semesters (two years).

Section 2. Nominations and elects of Co-Presidents will give no preference to gender.

Section 3. Nominations shall be entertained at the regular or special meeting closest to, but at least (7) days before the election. Nominations shall be closed at 3:00 p.m. exactly one week after this meeting. Only active student members, willing to be "outed" may be nominated.

Section 4. Elections will be held no sooner than six (6) days after nominations have been closed. Notice of election and the names of the nominees who have accepted their nominations shall be delivered to all active members by the Secretary and within (1) day after the close of nominations.

Section 5. A quorum shall consist of one third (1/3) of all active members. Except for proxy votes, all voting shall be by secret ballot unless waived by quorum. A plurality of those voting, in person or by proxy, shall dictate the choice.

Section 6. Proxy votes must be submitted to the Secretary by 3:00 p.m. on the day before the election. Proxy votes must bear the voter's signature in order to be valid; email

ARTICLE VI .FACULTY ADVISORS

This association shall have at least one faculty advisor from the law school's faculty or administration, who shall advise the association.

Section 1. The Co-Presidents shall keep the faculty advisor informed of the association plans and financial status.

Section 2. The faculty advisor shall maintain membership records as provided for in Article II Section 3.

ARTICLE VII .BY-LAW INTERPRETATION

Problems of interpretation shall be resolved in the following manner: Upon motion by any active member, the problem(s) at issue shall be resolved by a plurality vote of the active members present.

ARTICLE VIII . AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Amendments to these By-Laws shall be submitted to the Co-Presidents in writing for submission to the members for a vote or between among the discretion of the executive board.

Section 2. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of all active members present or by proxy pursuant to Article IV Section 5, shall suffice for adoption of a proposed amendment.

ARTICLE IX . BY-LAWS

By-laws shall be passed only during regular or special association meetings by a simple majority vote of those members present.