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HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING

9 a.m. ■ Saturday, January 20, 2024

Renaissance Baton Rouge Hotel

M I N U T E S

President Shayna L. Sonnier called the meeting of the House of Delegates of the Louisiana State Bar Association to order at 9:05 a.m., Saturday, January 20, 2024. She reminded everyone that the meeting would be hybrid, with many in attendance in person and others via Zoom. She also reminded participants of the following special rules adopted and circulated for the hybrid meeting:

- Candidates for the position on the House of Delegates Liaison Committee member and Budget Committee member had to have qualified in advance of the meeting; and
- Salmon slips to speak for or against any resolution had to have been submitted in advance.

She also reminded all members that they must use their MeetingPulse login to register their attendance for the meeting and to cast votes.

Ms. Sonnier announced the names of the members of the 2023-24 Leadership LSBA Class present and asked them to stand to be recognized.

Business was conducted in accordance with the agenda below.

A G E N D A

I. Certification of Quorum by the Secretary

Secretary Valerie T. Schexnayder announced that there was a quorum. A participation roster is attached as an addendum to these minutes.

II. Recognition of Deceased Members of the House of Delegates

Ms. Sonnier asked for a moment of silence for the following deceased members of the HOD:

- *Chantelle Marie Smith, 14th JD, served from 2016-2023*
- *Dominick Scandurro, 25th JD, served from 2008-2023*
- *Mary B. Petruccelli, 22nd JD, served from 2008-2009*

III. Reports of Standing Committees of the House

Ms. Sonnier announced that any reports had been emailed to House members.

IV. Reports of Officers, Board of Governors, Standing Committees and Sections of the Louisiana State Bar Association

1. Shayna L. Sonnier, President

Ms. Sonnier gave a brief update on the Boudreaux litigation, noting that the Fifth Circuit affirmed key parts of the district court's opinion, recognizing the steps the LSBA has taken since McDonald to ensure compliance with constitutional standards and provide procedural protections for its members. She added that the Court found concerns with some of the LSBA's charitable, informational, and wellness-related speech activities and programs, and that the LSBA immediately those activities and was in compliance with the Court's opinion.

2. Patrick A. Talley, Jr., President-Elect

Mr. Talley waived his report.

3. Valerie T. Schexnayder, Secretary

Ms. Schexnayder waived her report.

4. Larry J. Centola III, Treasurer

Mr. Centola reported that the LSBA was in sound financial position.

V. Reports of Special Committees of the Louisiana State Bar Association*

There were no special committee reports.

VI. Other Reports*

There were no other reports.

Activities of the House of Delegates

VII. Old Business

There was no old business to come before the House.

VIII. Approval of Minutes

Consideration of approval of the Minutes of the June 8, 2023 meeting of the House of Delegates, held in Miramar Beach, Florida.

Upon motion by Robert A. Kutcher of the 24th Judicial District and second by Ann S. Siddall of the 7th Judicial District, the House unanimously approved the minutes as presented.

IX. Elections

1. Election of one member to serve a three-year term on the House of Delegates Liaison Committee, to commence at the conclusion of the 2024 Annual Meeting and end at the conclusion of the 2027 Annual Meeting. This member shall be elected from House of Delegates members representing the 20th through 42nd Judicial Districts.

Ms. Sonnier announced that the following nominations were received in advance and no additional nominations could be made from the floor:

- *Ms. Delynsha Brown, 27th Judicial District*

- *Mr. Michael Joseph Ecuyer, 41st Judicial District*
- *Ms. Adrienne Danielle White, 42nd Judicial District*
- *Mr. Aaron R. Wilson, 26th Judicial District*

She announced that voting was open, and members should vote for one candidate using Meeting Pulse.

Ms. Sonnier announced that voting was closed, and that there would be a runoff between Mr. Ecuyer and Mr. Wilson.

Ms. Sonnier announced that the runoff poll was ready and reminded members to vote for one candidate. After voting had closed, she announced that Mr. Wilson had been elected.

2. Election, from the three Liaison Committee members, of a Chair of the House of Delegates Liaison Committee for 2024-2025, whose term will commence at the conclusion of the 2024 Annual Meeting. The Chair of the Liaison Committee is a voting member of the Board of Governors.

Ms. Sonnier announced that there would be an election for the Committee Chair, who serves as a voting member of the Board of Governors. She further advised that the following members were eligible to run:

- *Ms. Sandra K. Cosby, 24th Judicial District*
- *Ms. Shannon Seiler Dartez, 15th Judicial District*
- *Mr. Aaron R. Wilson, 26th Judicial District*

She opened the floor for nominations. Robert A. Kutcher of the 24th Judicial District nominated Sharon Seiler Dartez of the 15th Judicial District, which nomination was seconded by Ann S. Siddall of the 7th Judicial District. There being no further nominations, Ms. Sonnier announced that Ms. Dartez was elected by acclamation.

3. Election of a member of the House of Delegates to serve on the Budget Committee for the term beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2026.

Ms. Sonnier announced that the following nominations were received in advance and no additional nominations could be made from the floor:

- *Mr. Jared Elijah-Akeem Nelson, 15th Judicial District*
- *Mr. Bradley J. Tate, 41st Judicial District*
- *Mr. Mark D. Latham, 41st Judicial District*

She announced that voting was open, and members should vote for one candidate using Meeting Pulse.

Ms. Sonnier announced that voting was closed, and that there would be a runoff between Mr. Nelson and Mr. Latham.

Ms. Sonnier announced that the runoff poll was ready and reminded members to vote for one candidate. After voting had closed, she announced that Mr. Latham had been elected.

X. Resolutions

Ms. Sonnier reminded members that only those who had completed salmon slips in advance or eligible individuals who had requested privileges of the floor in advance would be allowed to speak on resolutions.

She then called upon 24th Judicial District Representative and Bar Governance Committee Chair Mr. Robert A. Kutcher who reported that the resolutions were all in proper form and the committee had no comments or merits and recommended support.

Committee Resolution

1. Resolution from the Bar Governance Committee to amend the House of Delegates Rules of Procedure to make them consistent with governing documents and updated practices.
Ms. Sonnier called upon 24th Judicial District Representative and Bar Governance Committee Chair Mr. Kutcher to introduce the resolution and move its adoption, which was duly seconded.

There being no salmon slips, Ms. Sonnier announced that voting was open, and members would have roughly 60 seconds to vote for or against the resolution using Meeting Pulse.

Ms. Sonnier announced that voting was closed, and that the resolution was APPROVED by the following vote:

<i>Approve</i>	<i>129</i>
<i>Reject</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Abstain</i>	<i>5</i>

Section Resolution

2. Resolution from the Criminal Law Section to amend its Bylaws to increase section dues from \$10 per member per year to \$20 per member per year.
Ms. Sonnier called upon Criminal Law Section Chair Lindsay Jarrell Blouin to introduce the resolution and move its adoption, which was duly seconded.

There being no salmon slips, Ms. Sonnier announced that voting was open, and members would have roughly 60 seconds to vote for or against the resolution using Meeting Pulse.

Ms. Sonnier announced that voting was closed, and that the resolution was APPROVED by the following vote:

<i>Approve</i>	<i>122</i>
<i>Reject</i>	<i>8</i>
<i>Abstain</i>	<i>4</i>

Young Lawyers Division Resolution

3. Resolution from the Young Lawyers Division to amend its Bylaws to make them consistent with current practices regarding the qualification of members.

Ms. Sonnier called upon Young Lawyers Division Chair Senae Hall to present the resolution. Tina L. Suggs of the 24th Judicial District moved its adoption, which was duly seconded.

There being no salmon slips, Ms. Sonnier advised the vote would be taken. She announced that members should vote for or against the resolution using Meeting Pulse and that voting will be open for roughly 60 seconds.

Ms. Sonnier announced that voting was closed, and that the resolution was APPROVED by the following vote:

<i>Approve</i>	<i>122</i>
<i>Reject</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>Abstain</i>	<i>2</i>

XI. Other Business

Consideration of any other business to come before the House of Delegates.

There was no further business to come before the House.

Ms. Sonnier thanked House members for their participation and reminded Board members that they would reconvene to ratify the action of the HOD.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

Sincerely,

Valerie T. Schexnayder

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**APPROVED BY HOUSE OF DELEGATES
JUNE 6, 2024
MIRAMAR BEACH, FL**

ADDENDUM
2023-2024 HOUSE OF DELEGATES
ATTENDANCE · 2024 MIDYEAR MEETING

FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT (14 seats) Parish of Caddo

	Valerie A. DeLatte
	Daniel L. Farris
PRESENT	James L. Fortson, Jr.
PRESENT	Stephen Christopher Fortson
	John M. Frazier
	Daryl Gold BY PROXY TO Trinity Goines
PRESENT	W. James Hill III
	Richard M. John
PRESENT	Kevin R. Molloy
	Amy Michelle Perkins
PRESENT	Joseph L. Shea, Jr.
PRESENT	Kenneth Craig Smith
PRESENT	Scott R. Wolf
PRESENT	Paul L. Wood

SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT (3 seats) Parishes of Bienville, Claiborne & Jackson

THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT (3 seats) Parishes of Lincoln & Union

PRESENT	Amy Josephine Miller
PRESENT	Albert Carter Mills IV
PRESENT	Tyler G. Storms

FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (11 seats) Parishes of Morehouse & Ouachita

PRESENT	Jimmie Curtis Herring, Jr.
	Ethan Andrews Hunt
PRESENT	Kaleb Morgan Livingston
	Spencer Kirby Moore
PRESENT	Ramsey L. Ogg
PRESENT	Alicia Reitzell
	Brittany Sullivan
PRESENT	Peggy J. Sullivan
PRESENT	Grant M. Tolbird
	Justin Wooley
PRESENT	Thomas G. Zentner, Jr.

FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (3 seats) Parishes of Franklin, Richland, & West Carroll

PRESENT	John Clay Hamilton
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SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (2 seats) Parishes of East Carroll, Madison & Tensas

Kenneth A. Brister

SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (2 seats) Parishes of Catahoula & Concordia

PRESENT Alexandra E. LeTard

PRESENT Ann S. Siddall

EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (1 seat) Parish of Winn

Jonathan Randall McDow

NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (7 seats) Parish of Rapides

Bernetta Yvette Bryant

PRESENT Lauren G. Coleman

Randall Hayes

PRESENT Derrick Javon Johnson

PRESENT Robert G. Levy

PRESENT Monique Y. Metoyer BY PROXY TO Charles D. Elliott

PRESENT Alainna R. Mire

TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (2 seats) Parish of Natchitoches

PRESENT Keenan K. Kelly

ELEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (1 seat) Parish of Sabine

PRESENT Joseph R. Stevens

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (2 seats) Parish of Avoyelles

PRESENT Douglas L. Bryan

PRESENT Matthew Raymond Foster

THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (2 seats) Parish of Evangeline

Jacob B. Fusilier

PRESENT Christopher M. Ludeau

FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (10 seats) Parish of Calcasieu

Somer G. Brown

Andrew M. Casanave

PRESENT Todd S. Clemons

PRESENT Genia Coleman-Lee

Brad Allen Guillory

Rebecca J. Hunter

PRESENT Jonathan Lane Johnson

PRESENT Larry E. Pichon

PRESENT Michael H. Schwartzberg

FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (13 seats) Parishes of Acadia, Lafayette & Vermillion

PRESENT Shannon Seiler Dartez BY PROXY TO Tricia R. Pierre

PRESENT Katherine L. Hurst
 James L. Klock
 Andrew B. Mims
 PRESENT Jared E. Nelson
 Donovan J. O’Pry II
 Christopher B. Ortte
 PRESENT Megan E. Reaux
 PRESENT Mandy Ann Simon
 PRESENT Michael D. Skinner
 PRESENT Meghan Elizabeth Trahan
 PRESENT Juliette B. Wade
 PRESENT Desiree Williams-Auzenne

SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (8 seats) Parishes of Iberia, St. Martin & St. Mary

PRESENT Adolph B. Curet III
 Eric P. Duplantis
 Pamela A. Lemoins
 Marsha McNulty
 PRESENT Thailund Treymeine Porter-Green
 Andrew Reed
 Julie Des Ormeaux Rosenzweig
 PRESENT Maggie Trahan Simar

SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (5 seats) Parish of Lafourche

William N. Abel
 Eugene G. Gouaux, Jr.
 PRESENT Nicholas J. Zeringue

EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (4 seats) Parishes of Iberville, Pointe Coupee & West Baton Rouge

PRESENT Andretta Breaux Atkins
 PRESENT John Lane Ewing, Jr.
 PRESENT Stephen P. Jewell
 Deidre Deculus Robert

NINETEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (21 seats) Parish of East Baton Rouge

PRESENT B. Scott Andrews
 PRESENT Jesse H. Bankston, Jr.
 PRESENT Valerie B. Bargas
 PRESENT Brandi Alexis Barze
 PRESENT Elizabeth Bailly Bloch
 PRESENT James E. Boren
 Dana B. Brown
 Donald J. Cazayoux
 PRESENT Douglas J. Cochran
 PRESENT Renee C. Crasto

PRESENT Jean M. Faria
 PRESENT Maya Guntz Flowers
 PRESENT Christopher B. Hebert
 PRESENT Craig F. Holthaus BY PROXY TO Catherine S. Carriere
 PRESENT Leticia J. Johnson
 PRESENT Rusty M. Messer
 PRESENT Julie Baxter Payer
 PRESENT Mary E. Roper
 PRESENT Adrejia L.A. Boutté
 PRESENT David Abboud Thomas
 Tavares Anthony Walker

TWENTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (2 seats) Parishes of East Feliciana & West Feliciana

PRESENT Samuel Christopher D'Aquila
 Stewart B. Hughes

TWENTY-FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT (9 seats) Parishes of Livingston, St. Helena & Tangipahoa

PRESENT Erik L. Burns
 PRESENT Anthony Todd Caruso
 PRESENT Colt Justin Fore
 PRESENT Ivy Landry Graham
 PRESENT D. Blayne Honeycutt
 PRESENT Amanda Kay Kinchen-Gros
 PRESENT Christopher Paul Leger
 Robert W. Morgan
 PRESENT Sherrye Kay Palmer

TWENTY-SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT (12 seats) Parishes of St. Tammany & Washington

PRESENT Clayton J. Borne IV
 PRESENT Shiena Marie Normand Burke
 PRESENT Ben E. Clayton
 PRESENT Joshua P. Clayton
 PRESENT Michelle Mayne Davis
 Michael E. Holoway
 PRESENT Andrew B. Joyner
 PRESENT Robert C. Lehman
 PRESENT Charlton J. Meginley
 PRESENT Mitchell D. Monsour
 PRESENT Sean Michael Morrison
 Todd C. Taranto

TWENTY-THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT (5 seats) Parishes of Ascension, Assumption & St. James

PRESENT Christopher J. Bridges

PRESENT Lana O. Chaney
PRESENT Mark S. Riley
Lesia H. Warren

TWENTY-FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (19 seats) Parish of Jefferson

PRESENT Jason D. Asbill
PRESENT Thomas M. Brahney
PRESENT Thomas C. Cerullo
PRESENT Meredith E. Chehardy
PRESENT Sandra K. Cosby
Craig Stephen Daste, Jr.
PRESENT S. Guy deLaup
PRESENT Michael R. Delesdernier
Christen E. DeNicholas
PRESENT Jeremy D. Dwyer BY PROXY TO Stephen Dwyer
Edwin R. Fleischmann, Jr.
Paul C. Fleming, Jr.
PRESENT Christy M. Howley
PRESENT Robert A. Kutcher
PRESENT Richard K. Leefe
PRESENT Sowmya Mandava
Roy A. Raspanti
PRESENT Tina L. Suggs
PRESENT Colby F. Wenck

TWENTY-FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (2 seats) Parish of Plaquemine

S. Jacob Braud

TWENTY-SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (6 seats) Parishes of Bossier & Webster

PRESENT Ingrid J. James
PRESENT Ross E. Shacklette
Gregory Trompe
Aaron R. Wilson

TWENTY-SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (4 seats) Parish of St. Landry

PRESENT Delynsha Trevelle Brown
PRESENT Scherri N. Guidry
PRESENT Halli Kennerson
PRESENT Randy Wagley

TWENTY-EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (1 seat) Parish of LaSalle

TWENTY-NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (3 seats) Parish of St. Charles

PRESENT Don Paul Landry
PRESENT Joseph B. Rochelle

THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (3 seats) Parish of Vernon

THIRTY-FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT (1 seat) Parish of Jefferson Davis

Richard M. Arceneaux

THIRTY-SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT (5 seats) Parish of Terrebonne

Alexis M. Connell

PRESENT Teresa D. King

THIRTY-THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT (2 seats) Parish of Allen

PRESENT Kevin P. Fonetenot

PRESENT Michael B. Holmes

THIRTY-FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (5 seats) Parish of St. Bernard

PRESENT Elizabeth Borne Kott

PRESENT Helen Duplantier

PRESENT Cherish A. Kenner

PRESENT Gregory J. Noto

PRESENT Paul A. Tabary III

THIRTY-FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (1 seat) Parish of Grant

Jared G. Price

THIRTY-SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (2 seats) Parish of Beauregard

F. Steve Landreneau

PRESENT Kyle T. Townsley

THIRTY-SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (1 seat) Parish of Caldwell

THIRTY-EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (1 seat) Parish of Cameron

THIRTY-NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (1 seat) Parish of Red River

FORTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (3 seats) Parish of St. John the Baptist

PRESENT Toni Sutton Becnel

PRESENT Alicia I. McDowell

PRESENT William D. O'Regan III

FORTY-FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT (32 seats) Parish of Orleans

PRESENT Glenn B. Adams

PRESENT Francis J. Barry, Jr.

PRESENT Ashley L. Belleau

PRESENT Evan J. Bergeron

PRESENT Joe McCaleb Bilbro

PRESENT Nicole T. Bowyer

PRESENT	Thomas A. Casey, Jr.
PRESENT	Justin M. Chopin
	Thomas L. Colletta, Jr.
PRESENT	Michael J. Ecuyer
	Micah J. Fincher
PRESENT	Thomas M. Flanagan
PRESENT	William R. Forrester
PRESENT	Amber B. Garcia
PRESENT	Nichole M. Gray
	Andrew Gregorian
PRESENT	Barry H. Grodsky
PRESENT	James C. Gulotta, Jr.
	Jessica L. Ibert BY PROXY TO Ian Taylor
PRESENT	Philip K. Jones, Jr.
PRESENT	Mark D. Latham
PRESENT	Philip D. Lorio IV
PRESENT	Walter F. Metzinger
PRESENT	Chadwick J. Mollere
	John Reed Poole, Jr.
PRESENT	Christopher K. Ralston
PRESENT	Louis Gravois Schott
PRESENT	Timothy H. Scott
PRESENT	Karen B. Sher
PRESENT	Ronald J. Sholes, Jr.
PRESENT	Bradley J. Tate
PRESENT	Edward D. Wegmann

FORTY-SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT (2 seats) Parish of DeSoto

PRESENT	Mekisha Smith Creal
PRESENT	Adrienne Danielle White

SECTION CHAIRS

	Alyson V. Antoon, Animal Law
	Richard J. Arsenault, Insurance, Tort, Worker's Compensation
PRESENT	Lindsay J. Blouin, Criminal Law
PRESENT	Susan J. Burkenstock, Trust Estate Probate & Immovable Property
PRESENT	Christopher Caplinger, Bankruptcy
	Cade R. Cole, Tax Section
PRESENT	Katherine Z. Crouch, Solo Small Firm
	Ashley F. Dees, Immigration Law
	Isidro R. DeRojas, Immigration Law
	Steven J. Farber, Government & Public Law
	Edgar D. Gankendorff, Art, Entertainment & Sports Law
PRESENT	Philip J. Giorlando, Labor Relations
	Demarcus J. Gordon, Minority Involvement
	Edward T. Hayes, International Law

PRESENT	Ashley J. Heliprin, Intellectual Property BY PROXY TO Jared Roviria
PRESENT	Steven J. Herman, Class Action Mass Tort
	Leland G. Horton, Mineral Law
PRESENT	Lynn Luker, Civil Law & Litigation
PRESENT	Alexander M. McIntyre, Antitrust & Trade Regulation Law
	Courtney P. Newton, Administrative Law
	Warren A. Perrin, Francophone
	Alex P. Prochaska, Environmental Law
PRESENT	Lamar Pugh, Health Law Section
PRESENT	John W. Redmann, Bench Bar
	David L. Schroeder, Corporate & Business Law
	H. Bruce Shreves, Fidelity Surety & Construction Law
PRESENT	Mary K. Shoenfelt, Family Law
	Richard C. Stanley, Appellate
	David A. Szwak, Consumer Protection Law
	Carrie Tournillion, Public Utility

LOUISIANA STATE BAR ASSOCIATION BAR GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Article VIII, Section 1 of the Articles of Incorporation defines the House of Delegates as the policy-making body of the Louisiana State Bar Association;

WHEREAS, Article VIII, Section 5 provides that the House may adopt rules and procedures for the transaction of its business;

WHEREAS, some sections of the House of Delegates Rules of Procedure are out-of-date and not consistent with the Association's governing documents and operating procedures and practices;

WHEREAS, those inconsistencies include:

- Reference to a lobbyist which the Association no longer employs;
- Procedures for the execution of the minutes of the House;
- Voting procedures; and
- Implementation language for election of members of the House of Delegates Liaison Committee.

NOW THEREFOERE BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Delegates Rules of Procedure be amended in accordance with the redline attached as the Appendix to this Resolution.

Respectfully Submitted:
Bar Governance Committee



Robert A. Kutcher, Chair

Members:

Joseph L. Caverly

Renee Chabert Crasto

James J. Davidson III

S. Guy deLaup
Stephen I. Dwyer
Larry Feldman, Jr.
Darryl J. Foster
Edmund J. Giering IV
Barry H. Grodsky
Carrie LeBlanc Jones
Richard K. Leefe
C.A. “Hap” Martin III
Kevin R. Molloy
John H. Musser IV
Michael A. Patterson
H. Minor Pipes III
Dona K. Renegar
Valerie T. Schexnayder
Christopher J. Sellers, Jr.
Joseph L. Shea, Jr.
Ronald J. Sholes
Lawrence P. Simon, Jr.
Ann S. Siddall
Patrick A. Talley, Jr.
Bradley J. Tate
Edward J. Walters, Jr.

APPROVED BY HOUSE OF DELEGATES
FOR 129 (97%)
AGAINST 4 (3%)
JANUARY 20, 2024
BATON ROUGE, LA

RATIFIED UNANIMOUSLY BY BOARD OF GOVERNORS
JANUARY 20, 2024
BATON ROUGE, LA

ATTEST:

Valerie T. Schexnayder

Valerie T. Schexnayder
Secretary, Louisiana State Bar Association

APPENDIX

TO BAR GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

HOUSE OF DELEGATES

RULES OF PROCEDURE

Rule I

MEETINGS OF THE HOUSE

1. The times and places selected for sessions of the House of Delegates of the Louisiana State Bar Association (hereinafter called "House"), during or in connection with the annual and midyear meetings of the Association, shall be set by the Board of Governors, pursuant to Article VIII, Section 5 of the Articles of Incorporation. Notification thereof shall be sent by the Secretary, not later than 30 days before the time fixed for the first session, to each member of the House and to each chair of a section and standing or special committee of the Association. Times and places for additional sessions may be fixed by the House.

2. Also in accordance with Article VIII, Section 5 of the Articles of Incorporation, additional meetings may be called by the President or shall be called by the Secretary of the Association on the written request or with the written consent of 25 members of the House of Delegates. When such a meeting is called the purposes of the meeting shall be included by the Secretary in the notice of such call; but the business transacted at such meeting shall not be limited by such statement.

3. Notice of any meeting of the House shall be deemed to be sufficiently given if written notice of the time and place thereof is forwarded by the Secretary to each member of the House according to the roster of its members maintained by the Secretary and to the chairperson of each section and standing and special committee at the email address maintained for such member in the Association's database.

4. The Secretary shall include with the notice of any meeting an agenda of the business of the meeting. If the agenda is not available when the notice is sent, the Secretary shall send the agenda to the members of the House as soon as it is available, but not less than 10 days in advance of the meeting.

5. Meetings of the House shall be open to attendance by members of the Association, subject to the right of the House, by vote, to go into closed sessions at any time or to determine that particular sessions shall be closed sessions. In fixing and announcing any annual or special meeting of the House, the Board of Governors or the President may announce one or more sessions as closed sessions of the House; and such sessions shall be closed, unless the House shall vote otherwise.

6. The following persons shall have the privilege of the floor without the right to vote: chairs of committees and task forces; past presidents of the Association; members of the Board of Governors; the Association's Executive Director; and the Chief Disciplinary Counsel of the Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board; ~~and the Association's lobbyist.~~

7. The chairpersons of the sections of the Louisiana State Bar Association shall be ex-officio members of the House of Delegates and, as such, shall have all of the privileges as members of the House including, but not limited to, the right to vote, the right to the floor, and the right to designate a proxy.

Rule II PRESIDING OFFICER

1. The President of the Association shall preside at meetings of the House. In the absence of the President of the Association, the President-Elect shall preside. In the absence of both the President and the President-Elect, the House shall choose a chairperson pro tempore. Pending such selection, the Secretary shall assume the chair.

2. The presiding officer shall preserve order and shall have the power to designate members of the House to assist in preserving order. The presiding officer, or aforementioned designee(s), shall require observance of the Rules of the House and shall decide questions of order and procedure. On an appeal by a member from a ruling by the presiding officer, no member shall speak more than once except by unanimous consent.

~~3. The presiding officer of the House shall sign every resolution, attest every report adopted by the House and sign the minutes as approved by the House.~~

4. The presiding officer shall, at the opening of each meeting of the House, make a brief statement of the principal business to be considered by the House.

Rule III MEMBERSHIP

1. Members of the House of Delegates shall be elected in accordance with Article VIII of the Association's Articles of Incorporation. The Secretary shall maintain a roster of the membership of the House. Such roster shall be open to examination by any member of the Association.

2. Any member designating an alternate to vote for an elected member at any meeting shall file with the Secretary, prior to the commencement of the meeting, a written proxy in such form as may be prescribed.

Rule IV

HOUSE RECORD

The proceedings of the House shall be stated in its record kept by the Secretary of the Association, who shall be ex-officio Secretary of the House. Prior to the adjournment of a meeting, minutes of the previous meeting shall be sent by the Secretary to each member of the House. Any changes to the minutes shall be made at the time the House considers such minutes for approval.

Delegates shall coordinate their efforts to ensure all constituents receive reports of the substance of proceedings at each meeting.

Rule V

THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. The order of business of the House each day shall include the following:
 - (a) the certification of a quorum, or lack thereof, by the Secretary;
 - (b) reading and approval of the record;
 - (c) unfinished business from the preceding day;
 - (d) the special order of business for the day;
 - (e) the next item on the published agenda for that meeting of the House;
and
 - (f) new business.
2. The agenda for each meeting of the House shall include:
 - (a) Presentation of any matters which the Board of Governors or local bar association, or any affiliated organization of the legal profession wishes to bring before the House;
 - (b) Presentation of any matters which any Section or Standing or Special Committee of the Association wishes to bring before the House; and
 - (c) Any resolution or matter proposed by a member of the House or a member of this Association, provided a copy of the resolution or a complete notice covering its subject matter, shall have been filed with the Secretary of this Association at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date of the meeting of the House.
3. Any subject may by a vote of two-thirds of the members of the House present, be

made a special order and considered by the House as though proper notice had been given.

4. Questions relating to the priority of business shall be decided by the presiding officer, subject to appeal to the House. Any such appeals shall be decided by majority vote of the members present.

Rule VI QUORUM

1. The presence of a majority of the duly elected members of the House of Delegates, either personally or through duly appointed and certified alternates, shall constitute a quorum for the official conduct of all matters pertaining to the business of the House of Delegates. Vacant seats in the House of Delegates shall not be counted when calculating a quorum.

2. Prior to the commencement of any scheduled meeting of the House of Delegates the delegates shall check in for the meeting via such procedures as established by the presiding officer. Each delegate's presence or absence shall be noted in the minutes of the meeting.

3. If it is ascertained that a quorum is not present, no debate, business or motion, except to recess or to adjourn, shall be in order.

4. If it is ascertained that a quorum is present, the stated business of any scheduled meeting of the House of Delegates may be conducted in full and to completion, irrespective of the continued presence of said quorum, until such time as a majority of the members present and voting shall, by resolution, adjourn for the day.

Rule VII DEBATE

1. When a member of the House desires to speak, the member shall rise and address the presiding officer. Upon being recognized, such member shall state his/her name and respective capacity. No member shall speak more than once at the same session upon any one question, unless with the unanimous consent of the House. The member who made the motion under discussion shall have the right to close the debate upon it.

2. No member of the House or chairperson of a standing or special committee of the Association shall speak more than five (5) minutes at one time without majority consent of the House, unless the member be then engaged in making the report of a Section of the Association or of a committee of the Association or of the House. A chairperson of a standing or special committee of the Association may have the privileges of the floor, without vote, and may speak or make a motion, only concerning any report of the committee or any matter within the jurisdiction of the Committee. When a minority report has been filed in connection with a committee report, one representative of the minority, selected by the minority for that purpose, shall have the privilege of the floor, without vote, to speak once upon the question, not to exceed five (5) minutes.

3. No non-member of the House (except those set forth in Rule I, Section 6 of these Rules, or persons presenting minority reports of committees or sections) shall be heard by the House, unless upon motion of a member and the unanimous vote of the House.

4. At the request of the presiding officer or any member, any resolution or motion shall be reduced to writing. Such a resolution or motion shall be read before it may be debated. The House or the presiding officer may require that copies of any resolution shall be made available to members of the House before a vote is taken thereon.

5. Any resolution or matter, notice of which is filed by a member of the House or a member of this Association with the Secretary 15 days or more prior to any meeting of the House of Delegates shall be sent as soon as possible to each member of the House prior to the scheduled meeting of the House. Wherever practical, copies of each report by a committee of the Association or of the House shall be made available to each member of the House, before or at the time of the presentation of such report. Unless otherwise ordered by vote of the House or directed by the presiding officer, reports of sections and committees of the Association and reports of committees of the House, of which copies are available, shall not be read orally at the meeting, but shall be stated to the House in substance only. When the reading of a report is called for and objected to, the reading shall be determined by a vote of the House, without debate.

Rule VIII COMMUNICATIONS, ETC., FROM THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1. The presiding officer may place before the House, or a member may move to place before the House, any resolution, report, message, or information of action from the Board of Governors or the General Assembly of the Association at any time except while the House is voting, or while the record is being read, or while a question of order is pending. Any motion to lay such a resolution, report, message, or other information before the House shall be determined without debate and, if carried, shall become a special order of business.

Rule IX VOTING

1. ~~Except where a written ballot is ordered, voting~~ Voting shall be ~~by voice~~ conducted electronically, with specifics to be determined by LSBA staff with the approval of the Association's Executive Committee, unless the presiding officer is in doubt of the result or a division is requested. Thereupon, the House shall divide those on the affirmative of the question first rising and then those on the negative rising. Upon request of ten (10) members of the House, a roll call shall be had on any matter.

2. When a question has been decided by the House, any member voting with the

prevailing side may, on the same day, move a reconsideration. If the House shall refuse to reconsider or upon reconsideration shall affirm its first decision, no further motion to reconsider shall be in order unless by unanimous consent.

3. Except as otherwise provided herein, Roberts Rules of Order latest edition shall be followed in the conduct of all business meetings.

Rule X

COMMITTEE ON LIAISON

1. The House shall have a Committee on Liaison, which shall consist of three members elected by and from the House. Election of such members shall be held at the Midyear Meeting of the Louisiana State Bar Association. Committee members shall serve three-year terms beginning at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting immediately following their election and ending at the conclusion of the fourth Annual Meeting following their election.

Immediately following the election at each Midyear Meeting, the House shall elect one member from the Liaison Committee as constituted for the coming year to serve as the Chair for the term beginning at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting immediately following his/her election and ending at the conclusion of the second Annual Meeting following his/her election. The chairperson of said Committee shall be known as the House of Delegates Liaison and shall serve as an ex-officio member of the Board of Governors, with the same rights and privileges of all other members of the Board, including the right to vote, as defined in Article VII, Section 1 of the Association's Articles of Incorporation.

- a) ~~For the purpose of establishing three-year terms and a rotation of committee members, at the Midyear Meeting in 2011, three members of the Committee on Liaison shall be elected by and from the House of Delegates: one member from the 1st through 19th judicial districts for a one-year term; one member from the 20th through 42nd judicial districts for a two-year term; and one member from the 1st through 19th judicial districts for a three-year term. These members shall serve terms beginning at the conclusion of the 2011 Annual Meeting. Thereafter at~~ At each Midyear Meeting the House shall fill the vacancy on the Liaison Committee by electing a Liaison Committee member from the group of judicial districts (1st through 19th or 20th through 42nd) different from the group represented by the member whose term is expiring. Liaison Committee members may not be elected to serve consecutive terms.
- b) Only members of the House of Delegates are eligible to serve as members of the Liaison Committee. If a member of the Liaison Committee ceases to be a member of the House of Delegates at any time during his/her term on the Liaison Committee, the President shall appoint a member of the House to serve the remainder of such term on the Liaison Committee.

2. The House may, from time to time, create and have such other committees of the House as it may deem desirable for the furtherance of its business.

3. For the purpose of furthering the consideration of a subject at any meeting of the House, the President of the Association may appoint a special committee of not more than five members to consider such subject and report its findings to the House. Unless otherwise voted by the House, any committee so appointed shall not continue beyond the adjournment of the next meeting of the House.

4. The President of the Association shall be an ex-officio member of all committees of the House.

Rule XI

PERSONS IN ATTENDANCE AT SESSIONS OF THE HOUSE

1. Non-members of the House, if members of the Association, may attend sessions of the House, except at times when the House is in closed session; provided that non-members of the House shall not at any time enter that portion of the hall reserved for the delegates and that all persons in attendance, except members of the House, may, by vote of the House, be required to withdraw from the hall in which the House is meeting.

2. Employees of the Association shall be admitted to sessions of the House without special authorization.

3. Representatives of the press may attend those sessions of the House which are not closed.

4. The House may, by unanimous vote, extend to any person the privilege of attendance at any session.

Rule XII

AMENDMENT AND SUSPENSION OF RULES

1. No motion to amend any rule or any part thereof shall be in order unless notice of such motion shall have been filed with the Secretary in writing, specifying the rule or part thereof proposed to be amended and the purpose of the amendment, and unless 10 days notice of such motion shall have been given by the Secretary to each member of the House. A vote of two-thirds of those members present at any session and not less than a majority of those who have responded to any roll call at the meeting of the House for which notice of the amendment was given shall be required to amend the Rules.

2. By a two-thirds vote of the members voting at a session of the House, Rules V or VII, or any part thereof, may be suspended during such session of the House.

Rule XIII

ALTERNATE DELEGATES

1. Any member of the House may designate a member of the Association in good standing from his/her judicial district to serve as his/her alternate at any specific meeting of the House; provided, however, no person may be designated an alternate for more than one absent elected delegate and no elected delegate may serve as an alternate.

2. A duly certified alternate shall have all the privileges of a member of the House at the specific meeting for which he/she has been designated as alternate.

Revised January 11, 2012

LOUISIANA STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
CRIMINAL LAW SECTION RESOLUTION

CRIMINAL LAW SECTION DUES INCREASE

WHEREAS, the Criminal Law Section dues rate of \$10.00 a year is the lowest rate of any Section of the Louisiana State Bar Association; and

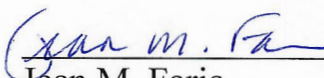
WHEREAS, the dues payable to the Criminal Law Section have been set at \$10.00 per year since 1980 without any increases; and

WHEREAS, the Section did not vote to increase its Section dues since the State Bar Association voted to increase in the amount payable to the LSBA for the administration of each Section in January 2017,

WHEREAS, the Section proposes increasing its Section membership fee in order to provide substantive continuing legal education to its members, while meeting its financial obligations to the LSBA.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the LSBA House of Delegates approve the increase in the in the Criminal Law Section dues from \$10.00 to \$20.00 a year.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jean M. Faria
LSBA Criminal Law Section
Chair
August 25, 2023

Criminal Law Section
Chair

APPROVED BY HOUSE OF DELEGATES
FOR 122 (94%)
AGAINST 8 (6%)
JANUARY 20, 2024
BATON ROUGE, LA

RATIFIED UNANIMOUSLY BY BOARD OF GOVERNORS
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ATTEST:



Valerie T. Schexnayder
Secretary, Louisiana State Bar Association

**RESOLUTION TO THE LOUISIANA STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
HOUSE OF DELEGATES
SUBMITTED BY THE YOUNG LAWYERS DIVISION COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, the Young Lawyers Division Council (“YLD Council”) of the Louisiana State Bar Association has revised certain provisions already contained in its Bylaws in order to clarify the Bylaws and make them consistent with current practices regarding the qualification of members; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the YLD Council to consolidate into a single restated Bylaws all revisions made to the Bylaws since restatement of the YLD Council Bylaws on June 5, 2014.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the House of Delegates, as the policy-making body of the Louisiana State Bar Association, approve the request of the YLD Council to adopt the attached Young Lawyers Division Bylaws.

Respectfully submitted by:

LSBA Young Lawyers Division Council

Senae D Hall

Senae D Hall, Chair
December 13, 2023

APPROVED BY HOUSE OF DELEGATES
FOR 122 (98%)
AGAINST 2 (2%)
JANUARY 20, 2024
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BYLAWS
OF
THE LOUISIANA STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
YOUNG LAWYERS DIVISION

Including Amendments through December 2023¹

ARTICLE I
GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 1 - Qualifications of Members

Every member of the Louisiana State Bar Association (the “Association”) who has not reached the age of ~~forty (40)thirty-nine (39) years by the end of the Association’s fiscal year~~ or who has been admitted to the practice of law for fewer than five (5) years as of the ~~beginning end~~ of the Association’s fiscal year on July 1, whichever is later, is by virtue thereof a member (“Member”) of the Young Lawyers Division.

SECTION 2 - Functions

A. The Young Lawyers Division shall sponsor such other programs as may be determined advisable and beneficial to Young Lawyers Division members. The Council shall engage in all other progressive activity beneficial to all inhabitants of our state in general, and in particular, to the members of the Louisiana State Bar Association.

SECTION 3 - Governing Authority

The governing authority of the Young Lawyers Division shall be known as the Young Lawyers Division Council (the “Council”) and shall consist of a chair, a chair-elect, a secretary, an immediate past chair, and fourteen representatives (the “Representatives”), as follows:

District 1 (Composed of Orleans Parish) - two Members;

District 2 (Composed of the Parishes of Jefferson, St. Bernard, Plaquemines, St. Charles, St. John the Baptist, Ascension, Assumption, and St. James) - two Members;

District 3 (Composed of the Parishes of Lafayette, Iberia, Lafourche, Terrebonne, St. Mary, and St. Martin) - one Member;

District 4 (Composed of the Parishes of Calcasieu, Cameron, Acadia, Evangeline, Jefferson Davis, St. Landry, and Vermilion) - one Member;

District 5 (Composed of the Parishes of East Baton Rouge, East and West Feliciana, Livingston, St. Helena, Tangipahoa, Washington, and St. Tammany) - two Members

¹ Adoption of Bylaw Revisions approved by LSBA House of Delegates on January 21, 2023.

District 6 (Composed of the Parishes of Allen, Avoyelles, Beauregard, Grant, Iberville, LaSalle, Natchitoches, Pointe Coupee, Rapides, Sabine, Vernon, Winn, and West Baton Rouge) - one Member;

District 7 (Composed of the Parishes of Caldwell, Catahoula, Concordia, East and West Carroll, Franklin, Jackson, Lincoln, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, Tensas, and Union) - one Member;

District 8 (Composed of the Parishes of Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Claiborne, DeSoto, Red River, and Webster) - one Member;

At-Large One ethnic minority Member (in accordance with Article II(B), Section 1, Subsection E).

ABA/YLD One Member (in accordance with Article II(B), Section 1, Subsection F).

ABA/HOD One Member (in accordance with Article II(B), Section 1, Subsection G).

SECTION 4 - Place of Meeting

The annual meeting of the Young Lawyers Division shall be held during the Louisiana State Bar Association's Annual Meeting at the time and place designated on the official agenda. The Council shall hold at least four (4) other regularly scheduled meetings during each year.

SECTION 5 - Attendance at Meetings

Young Lawyers Division Council Members shall attend all meetings, including the Annual Meeting, the four regularly scheduled meetings, and the Council Orientation (if applicable), in person. Any Council Member who shall miss two (2) consecutive meetings, without cause deemed adequate by the Council, shall be subject to removal by the Council, pursuant to Article II(C), Section 4 of these Bylaws. However, should exigent circumstances so require, the chair may allow a Council Member to attend by telephone at the Member's own expense.

SECTION 6 – Eligibility To Vote

Each Member of the Young Lawyers Division shall be eligible to vote in any Young Lawyers Division election or other balloted matter. For purposes of voting, the preferred mailing address of the Member, as carried in the Association's membership database, shall control.

SECTION 7 - Voting

A simple majority of the voting members of the Council constitutes a quorum, which is required to conduct Council business.

There shall be no vote by proxy allowed at Council meetings.

ARTICLE II

OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES

ARTICLE II(A) - OFFICERS

SECTION 1 - Titles

The officers of the Young Lawyers Division shall be a chair, a chair-elect, a secretary, and an immediate past chair.

SECTION 2 - Chair

The chair shall, when present, preside at all meetings of the Young Lawyers Division and the Young Lawyers Division Council, and shall see that all orders, motions, and resolutions of the Young Lawyers Division Council are carried into effect. The chair shall direct the other officers and Council Members in the performance of their duties and shall generally perform all acts incidental to the office of the chair. The chair, after consultation with the Council, shall make annual appointments from the membership of the Young Lawyers Division to the Louisiana Law Institute.

SECTION 3 - Chair-elect

The chair-elect shall have such powers and shall perform such duties as shall be assigned to the chair-elect by the chair or by the Council Members. In the absence or disability of the chair, the chair-elect shall perform the duties and exercises the powers of the chair.

SECTION 4 - Secretary

The secretary shall give or cause to be given written notice of all meetings of the Council and shall attach an agenda of the meeting with said notice. The secretary shall record all the proceedings of the meetings of the Council, and shall further have such other duties as may be delegated by the chair, the chair-elect, or the Council Members.

SECTION 5 - Election of Officers

A. No voting shall be required to select the chair, as the chair-elect shall automatically succeed to this office after having served as chair-elect for a period of one year.

B. No voting shall be required to select the immediate past chair, as the chair shall automatically succeed to this office after having served as chair for a period of one year.

C. No voting shall be required to select the chair-elect, as the secretary shall automatically succeed to this office after having served as secretary for a period of one year.

D. In the event the chair-elect is unable to assume the chair, a chair for the coming year shall be elected by the Council. In the event a vacancy occurs in the office of secretary, a secretary shall be elected by the Council.

E. The secretary of the Council shall be elected by a ballot vote of all Members of the Young Lawyers Division.

F. The Young Lawyers Division Council shall act as the nominating committee for the Young Lawyers Division for the office of secretary. The Council shall submit one and only one name to the secretary of the Louisiana State Bar Association as the nominee for the position of secretary.

G. When the names of the nominees are sent to the secretary of the Louisiana State Bar Association, the secretary of the Council shall communicate the names and a brief biographical sketch of each nominee to the Members of the Young Lawyers Division. At the same time, the secretary of the Council shall solicit nominations from the membership of the Young Lawyers Division. The nominations shall close in conjunction with the dates adopted by the Board of Governors of the Louisiana State Bar Association in connection with the Louisiana State Bar Association general elections.

H. Any person who presents a petition for office signed by at least fifteen (15) Members of the Young Lawyers Division shall be included on the ballot.

I. The first election for officers of the Young Lawyers Division will be held in conjunction with the first general election for the Louisiana State Bar Association. The secretary of the Council shall submit to each Member with the ballots a brief biographical sketch of each candidate for the office of chair-elect and secretary. If any candidate receives more than fifty percent of the votes cast, the candidate will be declared elected. If no candidate receives more than fifty percent of the votes cast, a runoff election between the two candidates receiving the greatest percentage of the votes will be held in conjunction with any runoff of the Louisiana State Bar Association.

J. If the Young Lawyers Division Council submits only one name for any position, and if no other person qualifies for that position by the time the nominations close, the person submitted by the Council shall be declared elected to that position.

ARTICLE II(B) – REPRESENTATIVES

SECTION 1 – Selection of Representatives

A. The Representatives of Districts 1 - 8 of the Young Lawyers Division Council shall be elected from each of the districts delineated in Article I, Section 2 by a ballot vote of all Members of the Young Lawyers Division of the respective districts. Nominations shall be solicited by the secretary of the Council from the membership of the Young Lawyers Division in each representative district in which elections are to be held. Nominations shall close in conjunction with the dates adopted by the Board of Governors of the Louisiana State Bar Association in connection with the Louisiana State Bar Association general elections. Any qualified person requesting to be included on the ballot shall be included on the ballot. The election procedure for the Representatives of Districts 1 - 8 shall be as set forth in this Article II(B). If only one person qualifies for any position by the time the nominations close, that person shall be declared elected to that position.

B. Each Representative of Districts 1 - 8 shall maintain his or her preferred mailing address in a parish within the Representative's respective district.

C. Elections for the Representatives from the odd numbered districts, with the exceptions of Districts 1, 2, and 5 shall be held on even years, and elections for the Representatives from even numbered districts shall be held on odd numbered years. One Representative from Districts 1, 2, and 5 shall be elected each year.

D. If no person qualifies for one of the Representative positions, then the chair assuming office in the year in which the term begins will appoint a Representative from the district's membership.

E. After consultation with the Council, the At-Large Representative shall be appointed from among the ethnic minority Members of the Young Lawyers Division by the chair assuming office in the year in which a vacancy in the office occurs.

F. After consultation with the Council, the ABA/YLD Representative shall be appointed from American Bar Association Members of the Young Lawyers Division by the chair assuming office in the year in

which a vacancy in the office occurs, unless the ABA/YLD mandates another method of selection for the ABA/YLD Representative, in which event the ABA/YLD Representative shall be selected according to the method prescribed by the ABA/YLD.

G. One Member of the Young Lawyers Division shall be included in the Louisiana delegation to the House of Delegates of the American Bar Association. That member, the ABA/HOD Representative, shall be selected according to the rules promulgated by the Louisiana State Bar Association and shall be a *de facto* Member of the Council.

ARTICLE II(C) – QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE, TERMS OF OFFICE, VACANCIES, AND REMOVAL

SECTION 1 – Qualifications for Office

Subject to the other requirements contained in these Bylaws, any individual who is a Member of the Young Lawyers Division when the term of office begins is eligible for election to the Council. For purposes of qualifying for office under Article II(A) and Article II(B), the preferred mailing address of the Member, as carried in the Association's membership database, shall control.

SECTION 2 – Terms of Office

A. The term of office for the chair, chair-elect, secretary, and immediate past chair shall be for a period of one year running from Annual Meeting to Annual Meeting of the Association.

B. Beginning with the nomination for secretary in 2016-17, the nominee shall maintain his or her preferred mailing address in the parishes of Orleans, Jefferson, St. Bernard, or Plaquemines. The following year, 2017-18, the secretary may maintain his or her preferred mailing address anywhere in the state, and in 2018-19, the secretary shall not maintain his or her preferred mailing address in the parishes of Orleans, Jefferson, St. Bernard, and Plaquemines. This three- year rotation shall continue until amended. As set forth in the rotation, if in any year the area from which a nominee is specified has no nominee qualified or willing, then the nominee may come from anywhere in the state.

C. With the exception of the ABA/YLD and ABA/HOD Representatives, the term of office for the Representatives shall be for a period of two years running from Annual Meeting to Annual Meeting of the Association. No Representative shall be elected or appointed to any specific Representative position on the Council to serve in excess of two complete consecutive terms. Notwithstanding the foregoing, an appointment made to fill a vacancy in a position on the Council for a period less than a complete term shall not be considered a complete term.

D. The term of office and term limit of the ABA/YLD Representative and the ABA/HOD Representative are governed by the Bylaws of the American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division and the Bylaws of the American Bar Association respectively.

SECTION 3 - Vacancies in Office

Whenever, for any reason, a Council Member's seat is vacated, except as provided in Article II(A), Section 5(C), the chair shall appoint a replacement from the Section's membership for that District.

SECTION 4 – Removal for Cause

Any Council Member may be removed from office for cause, as hereinafter defined, on the two-thirds affirmative vote of the Council . For the purposes of this Section, the term “cause” shall mean any of the following: (i) the Council Member’s physical or mental illness rendering him/her incapable of performing duties to the Young Lawyers Division for a period of more than three consecutive months; (ii) the Council Member’s absence at two (2) consecutive meetings, without cause deemed adequate by the Council; (iii) the Council Member’s continued neglect or failure, after written demand, to discharge his/her duties or to obey a specific written direction from the Council; (iv) conflicts that render the Council Member incapable of fulfilling his/her duties to the Young Lawyers Division; (v) the Council Member’s engaging in misconduct that is injurious to the Association; (vi) the Council Member’s conviction of any felony or any crime involving moral turpitude; (vii) conduct that would seriously impair the Council Member’s ability to perform his/her duties to the Young Lawyers Division or would impair the reputation of the Young Lawyers Division.

In the event of removal, such position shall be filled pursuant to Article II(C), Section 3 of these Bylaws.

ARTICLE III

MODIFICATION OF BYLAWS

SECTION 1

The Bylaws of the Young Lawyers Division may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Council at any regular or specially called meeting held by the Council.

SECTION 2

The Bylaws of the Young Lawyers Division may also be amended during the annual business meeting by a three-fourths vote of the membership of the Young Lawyers Division attending such meeting.