

BYLAWS OF THE SECTION LEADERS COUNCIL
State Bar of Wisconsin

Article I. Names and Purposes.

Section 1. The organization will be known as the Section Leaders Council (SLC) of the State Bar of Wisconsin.

Section 2. The mission of SLC is to enhance the value of sections within the administrative and governing structure of the State Bar, and to assist the sections in promoting the mission of the State Bar. Purposes include but are not limited to:

- (a) Advocating for the common institutional interests of the sections to the State Bar President, Executive Committee, and Board of Governors;
- (b) Advising the State Bar President, Executive Committee, and Board of Governors about matters of interest, policies, and procedures that affect the sections generally including the creation, consolidation and dissolution of sections;
- (c) Making recommendations to the State Bar President, Executive Committee, and Board of Governors about the amount and calculation of section administrative and lobbying fees;
- (d) Coordinating information and activities among the sections;
- (e) Working with State Bar staff to develop, promote and implement cost-effective procedures for supporting the activities of the sections;
- (f) Providing training to section leaders; and
- (g) Generally assist the sections in providing services to their members.

Section 3. The actions of the SLC do not restrict in any way the rights and responsibilities of any section.

Article II. Membership and Voting.

Section 1. Membership.

- (a) Section Delegates. Each section is entitled to one section delegate on the SLC. Each section shall designate one person to serve as its section delegate, for at least a one-year term. In order to assure continuity in SLC membership, multi-year terms are preferred, and it is recommended that a person be designated who can consistently attend SLC meetings. However, an alternate section delegate may be designated to serve if the primary section delegate cannot attend a particular SLC meeting. A section delegate may, but is not required to be, an officer of the Section.
- (b) Officer Voting Rights. The Vice Chair, Board of Governors Representative and the Legislative Oversight Committee representatives shall each serve as at large delegates and shall each be entitled to one vote. The Chair shall only be entitled to vote in the case of a tie vote. If the Vice Chair is serving as Chair at a meeting, he or she shall not vote except in the case of a tie vote.
- (c) Voting Delegate. The term “voting delegate” shall mean section delegates (or a duly named alternate delegate) and SLC officers with voting rights (other than the Chair). For purposes of determining the number necessary for a quorum or an extraordinary majority, the number of voting delegates shall be the base.

Section 2. Voting. Each voting delegate is entitled to one vote in the SLC. Proxy voting is not allowed.

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Section 3. A quorum of the SLC consists of a majority of the voting delegates.

Section 4. Except as otherwise provided for in these bylaws, a majority vote of the voting delegates present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be sufficient to bind the SLC.

Section 5. Any SLC recommendation to the Board of Governors, Executive Committee, or President, must be approved by an affirmative vote of 60 percent of the total number of voting delegates of the SLC.

Article III. Officers.

Section 1. A Chair and Vice-Chair of the SLC shall be elected by the voting delegates and each shall serve a two-year term. No person may serve more than two successive two-year terms as Chair or two successive two-year terms as Vice-Chair; provided that a Vice-Chair who becomes Chair may also serve two two-year terms as Chair. If the Chair or Vice-Chair is unable or unwilling to serve a complete two-year term, SLC shall elect a successor to complete the term. A person elected to fill an unexpired term shall be eligible to serve two additional complete two-year terms.

Section 2. A Board of Governors Representative shall be elected by the voting delegates and shall serve a two-year term. The SLC Representative to the Board of Governors may not be an independently elected or appointed member of the Board of Governors. No person shall serve more than two successive two year terms, but if he or she is elected to fill the remainder of an unexpired term, he or she may serve two additional two year terms. The SLC Board of Governors Representative shall also be the representative to the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors.

Section 3. A SLC representative to the Legislative Oversight Committee shall be elected by voting delegates and shall serve a two year term. No person shall serve more than two successive two year terms, but if he or she is elected to fill the remainder of an unexpired term, he or she may serve two additional two year terms.

Section 4. Regular elections shall take place at the last meeting of the SLC during the State Bar's fiscal year. All officers' terms shall start at the beginning of the State Bar's next succeeding fiscal year.

Section 5. All officers must be members of at least one section. An officer may not concurrently serve as a section delegate. If a section delegate is elected as an officer, the section shall designate a new section delegate.

Article IV. Meetings.

Section 1. The SLC shall meet at least two times per year. The Chair may convene other meetings. The schedule of regular meetings shall be determined as soon as possible after the beginning of the State Bar fiscal year, and shall be distributed to all voting delegates and the President of the State Bar.

Section 2. The Chair may schedule special meetings by providing voting delegates with at least 15 days prior notice stating the purpose of the meeting. Such advance notice may be waived by majority vote of voting delegates, and such waiver may occur as late as the actual meeting. The Chair shall call a special meeting within 30 days of a written request to do so from five or more voting delegates or from the President. A number of voting delegates equal to a majority of all of the voting delegates may waive such notice either in person at the meeting or by written notification, including e-mail notification, given to the SLC Chair before the meeting. Delegates may also appear at the meeting for the sole purpose of objecting to inadequate notice without being deemed to have waived the right to notice.

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Section 3. A proposed agenda for each meeting shall be furnished to voting delegates prior to the meeting. Notice of agenda items involving an SLC recommendation to the Board of Governors, Executive Committee, or President, shall be provided at least 15 days prior to the meeting. Advance notice of such items may be waived by an affirmative vote of 60 percent of the total number of voting delegates.

Section 4. The SLC may establish rules and procedures governing the method and mode of conducting its meetings.

Article V. Committees.

Section 1. The SLC shall have the following standing committees with the stated purposes:

- (a) **Nominating:** The Nominating Committee will prepare a proposed slate of officers. The nominations committee shall nominate a slate of candidates for officers. This slate of candidates for officers shall be provided to the voting delegates in writing not later than 30 days before the meeting at which the officers shall be elected. In addition, nominations for officers may be made from the floor by any voting delegate.
- (b) **Fees:** The Fees Committee will work with State Bar staff and other entities to develop recommendations to the Board of Governors for administrative and lobbying fees chargeable to the sections.
- (c) **Executive Committee:** The Executive Committee shall consist of the SLC Chair, Vice Chair, Legislative Oversight Committee Representative, the Board of Governors Representative, and two section delegates elected by the SLC. The Executive Committee may act for the SLC between meetings, prepare budgets & agendas. Any action taken by the Executive Committee shall be reported to all voting delegates within 72 hours of taking the action.
- (d) Upon receipt of notice of the proposed dissolution, creation, or consolidation of a Section, the Chair shall appoint a committee to respond and make recommendations to the SLC.

Section 2. The Chair shall have the authority to establish special committees, task forces or working groups as the Chair or the SLC shall deem necessary and appropriate.

Section 3. The Chair shall have the authority to appoint voting delegates as members and Chairs of standing committees, special committees, task forces and working groups.

Article VI. Miscellaneous.

Section 1. The SLC shall develop and adopt a budget as required by State Bar procedures.

Section 2. An amendment to these bylaws may be recommended to the Board of Governors by an affirmative vote of 60 percent of the total number of voting delegates. No amendment shall become effective until approved by the Board of Governors.