

LAKC-YLS Bylaws Recommendation: February 16, 2017

1) Amendment to add Associate membership (student/law clerk). The following language, taken from LAKC bylaws, to be added to YLS bylaws under Article II. Membership, Section 1. Qualifications.

Associate Membership. Any person shall be qualified to apply for associate membership if he or she shall be currently enrolled in, registered in, or a graduate of an American Bar Association accredited law school who has not yet been admitted to the bar in Missouri or Kansas and who does not otherwise qualify for active membership. An associate member shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of active membership except the right to vote or hold directorship or office in the Association, except as set forth below. The associate members of the Association shall be entitled to elect members to serve as an ex-officio member of the Young Lawyers Section Board of Directors with all of the rights, privileges and obligations of a Director of the Young Lawyers Section except for the right to vote or hold other office, as follows: the associate members from each law school may elect one ex-officio member of the Young Lawyers Section Board of Directors to represent associate members from that law school and associate members who have graduated from an American Bar Association accredited law school but have not yet been admitted to the bar in Missouri or Kansas may elect one ex-officio member of the Young Lawyers Section Board of Directors to represent said associate members.

2) Amendment to modify Director election from mail-in balloting/election by membership to slate of directors. Per bylaws, membership shall be notified of proposed change two weeks prior to approval by Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VI. ELECTIONS

Section 2. Election of Directors. The election of Directors of the Section shall be held each year at the Association's Annual Meeting by secret, mail in ballot, which ballot may be cast at the annual meeting of the Section. Voting for the election of directors and officers of the Association may, in the Board's discretion, be by open ballot or secret ballot.

Voting shall be non cumulative. The terms of the Directors then elected shall commence effective August 1 after the annual meeting at which the Director is elected. Voting for the election of Directors of the Section shall be by secret ballot, except as hereinafter provided, and Only members of the Section, in good standing at the time of the annual meeting, shall be entitled to vote. No more than two (2) persons from any one firm or entity may be elected in the same election (but more than two may be candidates). No more than two (2) persons from any one firm or entity may be members of the Board of Directors at any

one time; provided, however, that Board members from the same firm or entity shall be allowed to continue to serve on the Board of Directors for the remainder of their then current terms if the foregoing limit is exceeded (1) as a result of a merger or consolidation of two or more firms or entities, or (2) as a result of a current Board member's change in employment. The candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected to directorship in the Section. **If three or more persons from the same firm or entity are among the candidates receiving sufficient votes to otherwise be elected or if there are two or more persons from the same firm or entity among the candidates receiving sufficient votes to otherwise be elected and there is already a representative of the firm or entity on the Board, then the candidates receiving the most votes of those from the same firm or entity shall be declared elected and the others shall be disqualified. In this event, the candidate (or candidates, as the case may be) receiving the next highest number of votes shall be declared elected until all seats are filled. The votes shall be counted by the President. If possible, the name, picture and short statement of each candidate should be publicized to Association members prior to the Annual Meeting.**

Section 3. Mail-In Balloting. Any qualified member of the Section may vote by mail-in balloting for Directors. Mail-in ballots must be received by the Secretary by the close of business on the day of the Annual Meeting. In addition to being mailed, the membership ballots will be made available at the Annual Meeting. Any candidate may submit a one-paragraph statement regarding his or her qualifications for candidacy, which statement shall be included with the mail-in ballots to be sent to voting members.