



## **UNIFORM SECTION BYLAWS**

### **Young Lawyers Section**

#### **ARTICLE I NAME AND PURPOSE**

##### **Section 1 - NAME:**

This Section shall be known as the Young Lawyers Section of the Idaho State Bar.

##### **Section 2 - OBJECTIVES:**

This Section is created to:

- (a) Encourage active involvement of young and recently admitted lawyers in the objectives and activities of the Idaho State Bar;
- (b) Promote professionalism, the ethical practice of law, and social understanding and cooperation among young and recently admitted lawyers;
- (c) Contribute to the educational and professional advancement of all lawyers in general and young and recently admitted lawyers in particular;
- (d) Facilitate mentoring relationships between members of the Section and other members of the Idaho State Bar;
- (e) Organize, facilitate and promote community service activities;
- (f) Organize, facilitate and promote social functions for members of the Section and other members of the Idaho State Bar;
- (g) Organize, facilitate, and promote opportunities for law students and others pursuing careers in the practice of law to learn about the legal profession and the Idaho State Bar
- (h) Take such other action and perform such other functions as Section membership deem appropriate.

##### **Section 3 - FURTHERANCE OF OBJECTIVES:**

In furtherance of the objectives set forth in Section 2, the Young Lawyers Section shall:

- (a) Provide a forum in which young and newly-admitted lawyers may discuss issues of law and the legal profession acutely of interest to them;
- (b) Prepare articles for publication in The Advocate, aspiring to sponsor an edition of The Advocate at least every other year.

(c) Present lectures or seminars at the Idaho State Bar Annual Meeting or at other times during the year.

(d) Work with charitable organizations and members of the community to promote fundraisers and to create community service opportunities for members of the Section;

(e) Host New Admittee Receptions and other social events to encourage relationships between members of the Section, and between members of the Section and other members of the Idaho State Bar;

(f) Prepare statements pertaining to issues that affect young lawyers, provided that any position taken or statements issued must first be approved by the Board of Commissioners of the Idaho State Bar. The Section, or any member acting on its behalf, shall clearly state that such position or statement does not represent the policy of the Idaho State Bar, but only the policy of the Section, except where the statement or position has been formally approved or adopted by the members of the Idaho State Bar pursuant to the provisions of Rule 906 of the Idaho Bar Commission Rules. Statements of policy of the Section shall be adopted only in accordance with Article VII, Section IV of these by-laws; and

(g) Engage in such other activities not hereinabove enumerated which are consistent with the objectives of the Section.

#### Section 4 - CLE POLICY:

Any educational programs conducted by the Section shall be coordinated with and cosponsored by the Idaho State Bar or the Idaho Law Foundation, Inc., for purposes of avoiding conflicts in schedules, duplication of educational programs, and for the purposes of receiving assistance from the Idaho State Bar/Idaho Law Foundation staff in the preparation of program content and pricing. It is specifically recognized that the profits and/or losses from such continuing legal education offerings shall inure to Idaho State Bar.

## **ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP AND DUES**

#### Section 1 - MEMBERSHIP:

(a) Any lawyer who is a member in good standing of the Idaho State Bar and who is under the age of thirty-seven (37), or who is older than thirty-seven (37) but has been admitted to the Idaho State Bar less than (five) years may become a voting member of this Section and shall be eligible to serve as an officer of the Section.

(b) Any lawyer who is a member in good standing in another jurisdiction and who resides in Idaho and who is under the age of thirty-seven (37), or who is older than thirty-seven (37) but has been admitted to a bar in another jurisdiction less than (five) years, may become a voting member of this Section and shall be eligible to serve as an officer of the Section.

(c) Members of the general public, including lawyers who do not qualify to serve as officers and voting members under subsection (a) or (b) above, and any law student, may become members of this Section but shall not be eligible to vote or to serve as officers of the Section.

(d) Membership in the section shall, except as provided in subsection (f) below, terminate at the end of the year within which a member attains the age of thirty-six years, or at the end of the year in which the member reaches the third anniversary of membership in the Idaho State Bar, whichever is later.

(e) Application for membership shall be made upon the appropriate form supplied by the Idaho State Bar.

(f) The membership year shall be the calendar year.

Section 2 - DUES:

Members of the Section shall pay such annual dues as the Council of the Section may direct, subject to the approval of the Board of Commissioners of the Idaho State Bar. The dues shall be set at a level adequate to cover the expenses of operating the Section, including, but not limited to, administrative expenses of the Idaho State Bar, Section officers' travel and meeting expenses, and publications of the Section. Sections may not charge members annual dues of more than \$50 without prior approval by the Board of Commissioners.

### **ARTICLE III OFFICERS AND COUNCIL**

Section 1 - OFFICERS:

The officers of the Section shall be a Chair, Vice-Chair, and a Secretary-Treasurer, Networking Coordinator and CLE/Publications Coordinator. In addition, the Executive Director of the Idaho State Bar will serve as assistant treasurer without voting rights.

Section 2 – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

There shall be a governing Executive Committee which shall consist of the current officers of the section. In addition, the Executive Committee may appoint up to five (5) additional members at large to serve on the Executive Committee for such period of time as may be determined by the Executive Committee. It shall be the objective of the Executive Committee to identify interested candidates to serve as large members who are geographically diverse.

### **ARTICLE IV POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Section 1 - AUTHORITY:

The Council shall manage the affairs of the Section, subject to the provisions of the Idaho Bar Commission Rules, the "Rules and Procedures for Establishing a Section", the duties of the Executive Director enumerated below, these by-laws, and the right of the members to decide any issue at a duly called membership meeting. The Executive Committee shall fix the Section dues subject to approval by the Board of Commissioners of the Idaho State Bar and shall authorize all commitments or contracts that entail the expenditures of funds.

Section 2 - DELEGATION:

The Executive Committee may authorize the Chair to exercise all of the authority of the Executive Committee in the management of the Section to the full extent permitted under Section 1 of this Article. The delegation of authority to the Chair shall not operate to relieve the Executive Committee, or any individual Executive Committee member, of any responsibility imposed upon. Nothing in these By-Laws shall be deemed to prohibit the Executive Committee from establishing committees, provided that such committee shall not have and may not exercise any of the powers of the Executive Committee.

Section 3 - QUORUM:

One half of the members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at a meeting of the Executive Committee. The act of the majority of the Executive

Committee members present at a meeting at which quorum is present shall be the act of the Executive Committee.

Section 4 - MEETINGS:

Executive Committee meetings may be held in person, by conference call, or by Zoom. The section Executive Committee may vote on any issue by oral or roll call vote, electronic voting (including email or any other electronic method, or by written ballot.

Section 5 - CALL:

The Executive Committee shall meet regularly at a time and place established for that purpose by the Committee. Additionally, the Executive Committee may meet at the call of the Chair or upon the request of three members thereof. Reasonable notice shall be given for every meeting.

## **ARTICLE V POWERS AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

Section 1 - CHAIR:

The Chair shall preside at all meetings of the Section and the Executive Committee. The Chair shall formulate and present to each annual meeting of the Idaho State Bar a written report of the work of the Section from the preceding year. In addition, the Chair shall attend meetings of the Practice Section Council of the Idaho State Bar and give such periodic written or oral reports to the Board of Commissioners of the Idaho State Bar as they may require. The Chair shall perform such other acts as usually pertain to such office.

Section 2 - VICE CHAIRPERSON:

Upon the death, resignation or inability for any reason of the Chair to act, the Vice Chairperson shall perform the duties of the Chair. The Vice Chairperson is expected, but not required, to succeed the Chairperson. The Vice Chairperson shall perform such other duties as may from time to time be assigned by the Executive Committee.

Section 3 - SECRETARY/TREASURER:

The Secretary/Treasurer shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings of all meetings of the Section, the council, and the Executive Committee of the Section. The Secretary/Treasurer shall keep duplicate records of all the dues collected and all expenses of the Section and shall present a report to the membership at the annual meeting and any regular meeting of the Section. In addition, the Secretary/Treasurer shall cause to be published, on the Internet, the minutes, and agendas of each the Section, as well as other information about the Section as the Executive Committee deems appropriate. The Secretary/Treasurer shall perform such other duties as may from time to time be assigned by the Executive Committee.

Section 4 – NETWORKING COORDINATOR:

The Networking Coordinator shall coordinate a reception, sponsored by the Section, following each mass admission of new lawyers to the Idaho State Bar. In addition, the Networking Coordinator shall coordinate other events and activities that promote social understanding, cooperation, mentoring opportunities, and networking among members of the Section and other members of the Idaho State Bar, as the Executive Committee deems appropriate. The Networking Coordinator shall also perform such other duties as may from time to time be assigned by the Executive Committee.

Section 5 – CLE/PUBLICATIONS COORDINATOR:

The CLE/Publications Coordinator shall develop a series of CLEs sponsored by the Section addressing the topics of particular interest to members of the Section with an objective of identifying topics and locating speakers for a one half-hour (1/2 hour) CLE each month. The CLE/Publications Coordinator shall work with the Advocate to coordinate Section sponsorship, aspiring for Section sponsorship of an edition at least every other year. The CLE/Publications Coordinator shall also coordinate other publications as the Executive Committee deems appropriate and regularly engage members of the Section to write articles and materials for publication. The CLE/Publications Coordinator shall perform such other duties as may from time to time be assigned by the Executive Committee.

**Section 6 - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/ASSISTANT TREASURER:**

The Executive Director of the Idaho State Bar shall serve as assistant treasurer, without voting privileges, and shall be responsible for receiving dues money, disbursing funds, keeping the books of the Section, and seeing that the Section operates in accordance with the rules and procedures of the Idaho State Bar, including, but not limited to, the expenditure of funds and the payment of expenses.

## **ARTICLE VI FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

**Section 1 - ACCOUNTING**

All funds of practice sections shall be funds of the Idaho State Bar and shall be administered by the Idaho State Bar. Section funds are subject to the financial rules and procedures of the Idaho State Bar. As with Idaho State Bar funds, section funds will be accounted for by the accrual method of accounting.

**Section 2 - EXPENSE POLICY**

Section expenditures are subject to the same restrictions as Idaho State Bar funds. The Idaho State Bar is an integrated bar, and as such, is limited in its ability to engage in legislative and political activity. This limitation applies to section activities, programs and the expenditure of section funds. Expenditures must be for activities that are within the scope of the purposes of the Section and the Idaho State Bar.

**Section 3 - GRANT REQUESTS**

No section shall, without prior authorization of the Board of Commissioners, make a grant request to an outside entity in the name of the section or the Idaho State Bar.

**Section 4 - FISCAL YEAR**

The fiscal year for section accounts shall be the calendar year.

**Section 5 – SECTION FUNDING**

Sections are required to comply with the Policy on Funding of Sections and the fund balance limits established by the Board of Commissioners.

## **ARTICLE VII MEETINGS AND ELECTIONS**

**Section 1 - ANNUAL MEETING:**

The annual membership meeting of the Section shall be held during the course and at the place as set by the Executive Committee of the Section. Proper notice of the annual membership meeting shall be given to all Section members.

Section 2 – REGULAR MEETINGS:

Further regular meetings may be established by the Executive Committee, and the Chair or members of the Executive Committee may call such special meetings as may be necessary. Reasonable notice shall be given. Members of the Executive Committee are expected to attend all regularly scheduled Sections meetings.

Section 3 - QUORUM:

Ten members of the Section shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Action of the Section shall be a majority vote of the members present and qualified to vote.

Section 4 - TERM OF OFFICE:

Officers, except ex officio members and the Chair, shall be elected by the Section for terms of one year. Elections shall be conducted through any confidential means, including, but not limited to, electronically via e-mail.

**Section 4.1 – FILLING OF VACANT AT LARGE COUNCIL MEMBER OR OFFICER POSITIONS:**

Upon the death, resignation, or inability for any reason of any at large member or officer to serve, such position may be declared vacant at any properly noticed meeting of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee may designate a person to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term of such position, subject to the requirements of Article III, Section 3. Such appointment shall be by majority vote of the Executive Committee.

Section 5 - POLICIES:

Statements of policy or position may be adopted only by vote of a majority of the members of the Section at the annual meeting or any regular meeting or by a majority of members voting by email so as to afford the greatest opportunity for participation of the members of the Section.

**ARTICLE VIII  
IMPLEMENTATION, AMENDMENTS AND DISCONTINUANCE**

Section 1 - EFFECTIVE DATE:

These by-laws shall become effective and this Section shall be created upon the execution hereof by ten members of the Idaho State Bar and upon approval by the Board of Commissioners.

Section 2 - AMENDMENT:

These by-laws may be amended by majority vote of the Executive Committee or by majority vote of the members at any duly called meeting, but no amendment shall be effective until approved by the Board of Commissioners.

Section 3 - DISCONTINUANCE:

The Executive Director of the Idaho State Bar shall maintain a list of members of this Section. At such time as the membership of the Section shall number less than fifty (50), the Executive Director shall report that fact to the Board of Commissioners for the purpose of determining whether the Section should be continued.