**MODEL CHAPTER BYLAWS**

**IMPORTANT NOTICES:**

**The Association of Legal Administrators (ALA) has approved this “Model Chapter Bylaws” as a template for use by its chapters in drafting their bylaws. While certain provisions set forth below establishing ALA’s structure and purposes are mandatory, provisions controlling the chapters corporate governance are meant solely as a guide.**

**The corporate governance of each chapter is subject to and controlled by the not-for-profit corporation act or similar law(s) governing the operation of not-for-profit corporations in the chapter’s state of incorporation (referred to herein as “Applicable Law”) and the chapter is solely responsible for ensuring that its bylaws comply with Applicable Law.**

**Accordingly, each chapter is strongly encouraged to engage legal counsel familiar with the Applicable Law to review its bylaws prior to submission to ALA headquarters and before they are sent to the chapter’s membership for consideration and approval.**

**Please be aware that all chapters must comply with the ALA Bylaws, including, without limitation, the following requirements:**

**1. “All members of a Chapter must be members of the Association.” [Section 8.2 of the ALA Bylaws]**

**2. “Each Chapter shall be incorporated as a not‐for‐profit corporation, have a Board of Directors, officers and bylaws in such form as shall be approved by the \*Association’s Board of Directors. Chapters must maintain voting membership categories and criteria that are identical to the Association’s. Changes to a Chapter’s bylaws must receive the prior written approval of the Association’s Board, or its designee(s).” [Section 8.6 of the ALA Bylaws]**

**\*All references to “Association” in the paragraph above refer to ALA.**

**The text highlighted in yellow within the template indicates areas where the chapter has flexibility to make its own decisions.**

**The text that is highlighted in green within the template *must* appear in the chapter bylaws. If the language highlighted in green (or substantially similar language) is not currently included in the chapter bylaws, the bylaws must be amended to include such provisions.**

**If the text is not highlighted, changes to such text are not generally encouraged (unless necessary to comply with Applicable Law).**

**All references to “Association” in the template refer to the Association of Legal Administrators (ALA), a Pennsylvania not-for-profit corporation.**

**BYLAWS OF THE**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ CHAPTER OF THE**

**ASSOCIATION OF LEGAL ADMINISTRATORS**

# NAME AND OFFICE

## **Name.** The name of this corporation shall be the **[\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_]** Chapter of the Association of Legal Administrators ("Chapter"), a **[INSERT NAME OF STATE WHERE INCORPORATED]** not-for-profit corporation.

## **Offices.** The Chapter shall have and continuously maintain in the **[INSERT NAME OF STATE WHERE INCORPORATED]** a registered office and a registered agent whose office is identical with that registered office and may have such other offices, within or without the **[INSERT NAME OF STATE WHERE INCORPORATED]**, as the Chapter Board of Directors may determine.

# PURPOSES AND RESTRICTIONS

## **Purposes.** In addition to the purposes set forth in the Chapter’s articles of incorporation, the purposes for which the Chapter is organized are to:

### Improve the quality of management in legal organizations;

### Promote and enhance the competence of legal management professionals and all members of the management team;

### Represent the interests of professional legal management and managers within both the legal community and community-at-large;

### Stimulate the exchange of information about all aspects of the business of law;

### Educate the legal profession about the value and availability of legal management professionals;

### Advance and promote the interests of the Association of Legal Administrators, a Pennsylvania not-for-profit corporation (the “Association”), within the geographic area covered by the Chapter; and

### Other appropriate purposes.

## **Restrictions.**

### All policies and activities of the Chapter shall be consistent with applicable federal, state and local laws, statutes, ordinances including, without limitation, all antitrust, trade regulation and other legal requirements.

### No part of the Chapter’s earnings shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, its directors, officers, committee members or other private persons, except that the Chapter shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth above.

# MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Chapter is open to any individual that is a member in good standing of the Association.

## **Application.** The Chapter shall adopt an application form and procedures to facilitate membership in the Chapter. All applicants shall complete the application form and submit the application, along with the designated fee, if any, to the Chapter. The Chapter Board of Directors, or its designee(s), shall review the application of all applicants and determine, based on the criteria set forth in these bylaws and such other guidelines as the Board of Directors may prescribe, whether individual applicants meet the qualifications necessary for membership in the Chapter. All such qualified applicants shall become members upon notice from the Chapter.

## **Definitions.** For the purposes of these bylaws:

### “Legal management professional” shall mean any individual who is, or aspires to be, actively engaged in the management of a legal organization or dedicated to performing its management responsibilities.

### “Legal organization” shall mean any law firm or practice, legal service clinic, corporate legal department, college or university legal department, governmental legal agency, court system, charitable legal agency, not-for-profit or nonprofit legal organization, bar association, legal consulting, alternative legal service provider, law and/or legal management educational institution or other organization that is engaged in the legal industry.

## **Membership Qualifications.** The criteria for membership in the Chapter are the same as those for membership in the Association as established by the Association in its bylaws and policies and are as follows:

### Membership may be granted to any individual who: (i) is a member in good standing of the Association; (ii) demonstrates an interest in legal administration and the management of legal organizations; (iii) is not disqualified by an affiliation with a business partner as defined herein or business partner-eligible entity; (iv) shares interest in and supports the purposes of the Chapter and Association; and (v) abides by these bylaws, the Association’s Code of Ethics, the Association’s bylaws, and such other policies, rules, and regulations as the Chapter or Association may adopt.

### Business Partners. Notwithstanding anything set forth herein to the contrary, individuals employed by (or that own) a company in the business of selling goods, furniture, equipment, supplies, materials, software, technology, insurance, or other similar services or products to legal organizations are generally not eligible for membership.

### Life Membership. Life Membership may be awarded to a Member who has demonstrated extraordinary service to the Chapter and meets such additional criteria as shall be determined by the Board of Directors. Life Membership status with the Chapter has no bearing on the status of a Member with the Association.

## **Rights and Duties.**

### All members shall be entitled to vote, attend the Chapter’s member meetings and social functions and serve on the Chapter’s committees.

### All members may hold office in the Chapter and serve on the Chapter’s Board of Directors.

### No individual member of the Chapter shall have the right to vote on the amendment of the Chapter’s Articles of Incorporation, or the merger or dissolution of the Chapter.

### **NOTE: The Chapter may determine whether its members have the right to vote on the amendment of the Chapter’s Articles of Incorporation, or the merger or dissolution of the Chapter. The Association believes that the Board of Directors is in the best position to make these types of decision. Accordingly, the Association recommends adoption of the language set forth above.**

## **Benefits.** Benefits associated with membership shall be determined by the Board of Directors from time to time.

## **Resignation.** Members may resign from the Chapter at any time by giving written notice to the Chapter. Any member resigning from the Chapter shall be responsible for all billed and unbilled dues and assessments related to the then current full fiscal year of the Chapter.

## **Ineligibility.** In the event that a member ceases to be eligible for Membership in the Association and/or Chapter (e.g., becomes employed by or professionally affiliated with a business partner or business-partner eligible entity), he or she must immediately notify the Chapter. Such individuals may remain a member for the remainder of their current paid Membership term; however, they may not renew their Membership in the Chapter until such time as they may become eligible.

## **Non-Payment of Dues/Ineligibility.** The Chapter membership of any member who is in default of payment of Chapter dues or assessments for more than three (3) months, or otherwise becomes ineligible for membership in either the Chapter or Association, may be terminated automatically, according to such rules or procedures as the Board of Directors or its designee(s) shall establish, unless such termination is delayed by the Board of Directors due to a special circumstance.

## **Termination of Membership/Disciplinary Action.** A Chapter member may be censured, suspended, expelled for cause or otherwise disciplined by the Association. Disciplinary matters are to be managed solely by the Association’s Board of Directors in accordance with the Association’s Member Disciplinary Actions and Fair Hearing Policy. Membership in the Chapter automatically shall be terminated whenever a Chapter member’s membership in the Association is terminated.

## **Reinstatement.** Members who have resigned or been terminated for non-payment of dues may automatically be reinstated upon payment of delinquent dues before the end of the subsequent calendar year for which the dues were payable.

# CHAPTER STANDARDS

## All members of the Chapter must also be members of the Association in good standing. The Board of Directors will take steps to ensure the Chapter remains in continual compliance with all policies and performance objectives established by the Association from time to time.

# MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

## **Annual Meeting.** An annual business meeting of the Chapter’s members shall be held at such time and place as shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

## **Special Meetings.** Special meetings of the Chapter’s members may be called (i) at the request of the President; (ii) by resolution of the Board of Directors; or (iii) at the written request of **[10%] [two-thirds (2/3)][other desired number/percentage]** of the Chapter’s members; or (ii) The time and place for holding special meetings shall be determined by the Board.

**[NOTE: Chapters are provided some flexibility here to determine the required threshold for voting members to call for a special meeting. As there is an expense associated with holding a special meeting, the threshold is typically high. However, the Chapter must check with the Applicable Law in order to determine if this threshold is controlled by state law.]**

## **Notice.** Notice of any annual or special meeting of the members shall state the time, date, place, and purpose of the meeting, and shall be delivered not more than sixty (60) and not less than five (5) days prior to the date of such meeting, unless otherwise required by applicable law.

**[NOTE: The Chapter must review Applicable Law to determine the notice required and make any necessary changes to this provision.]**

## **Quorum.** The lesser of (i) **[(i) \_\_ percent (\_\_%) [NOTE: 10% is often used]; or (ii) [insert desired number]** of the Chapter’s eligible voting members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any duly called meeting of the members, provided that if less than a quorum is present, a majority of the members present may adjourn the meeting to another time without further notice.

**[NOTE: The Chapter must review Applicable Law to determine any quorum requirements and make any necessary changes to this provision.]**

## **Manner of Acting.** The act of a majority or more of the members present (in person or by proxy) at a duly called meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the members, unless the act of a greater number is required by law, the Articles of Incorporation, or these bylaws.

## **Mail/Electronic Voting.** Voting by ballot, proxy, mail, email or other electronic means shall be permitted for any item of business before the members to the full extent permitted by law (e.g., the not-for-profit corporation act or similar law governing the operation of not-for-profit corporations in the Chapter’s state of incorporation) (the “Law”). A ballot, mail, e-mail or electronic vote may only be called by the Board of Directors. In order for a mail, e-mail or electronic vote to be valid (i) the action must be approved by a majority of members casting votes; (ii) the number of members casting votes must be sufficient to constitute a quorum had such action been taken at a meeting; and/or (iii) such other requirements as may be required by Law must be satisfied.

**[NOTE: The Chapter must review Applicable Law to confirm electronic voting is permitted and to discern any state-specific requirements.]**

## **Electronic Communications.** Member meetings may be held via telephone conference call, similar form of telecommunications, or any technology available which would permit all participants to simultaneously communicate and effectively participate.

**[NOTE: The Chapter must review Applicable Law to confirm electronic member meetings are permitted.]**

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## **Authority and Responsibility.** The Chapter’s affairs shall be managed by the Board of Directors (which shall be referred to in these bylaws as the “Board” or the “Board of Directors”), which shall have supervision, control, and direction of the Chapter, shall determine its policies or changes therein within the limits of these bylaws, shall actively promote its purposes, and shall have discretion in the disbursement of its funds. The Board may adopt such rules and regulations for the conduct of its business as shall be deemed advisable and may, in the execution of the powers granted, appoint such agents as it may consider necessary. All of the Chapter’s committees report to and are subject to the ultimate direction and control of the Board, unless specifically provided otherwise in these bylaws.

## **Composition of the Board.** The Board shall be comprised of the **[President, President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, Immediate Past President** **and \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_) Members-at-Large] (each a “Director”).**

**[NOTE: The Chapters have a great deal of flexibility here to have such officer positions as makes sense for the Chapter based on its circumstances, size, member engagement, etc. Chapters must typically, as a matter of Applicable Law, have a President, Secretary and Treasurer – however, the offices of Secretary and Treasurer often may be held by the same individual. In addition, the Chapter may elect not to have a President-Elect or Immediate Past President. In addition, while Applicable Law typically requires a minimum of three directors, it is recommended, when feasible, that Chapter Boards include a minimum of five - seven directors, including 1 - 4 Members-at-Large in addition to the officers. A Board of Directors consisting of greater than 12 directors is discouraged.]**

## **Qualifications.** Only members shall be eligible to serve on the Board of Directors.

## **Term.**

### Directors shall serve a \_\_\_ (\_\_\_) year term in office, or until such time as their successors are duly appointed, qualified, and take office and may not serve a consecutive term in office. Directors serving more than half of a full term shall be deemed to have served a full term in office for purposes of term limits.

### The President, President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and Immediate Past President shall remain on the Board for the duration of their term in office.

### In order to provide for staggered terms, at least \_\_\_ (\_\_) Directors shall be elected each year.

### The term of all Directors shall begin the day after the conclusion of the annual meeting immediately following their election and shall run until the close of the first annual meeting following their appointment or until such time as successors are duly appointed, qualified, and assume their position. Directors completing a full term in office shall not be eligible for re-appointment to the Board until at least \_\_\_ (\_\_) years shall have elapsed.

**[NOTE: OPTIONAL TERM LIMIT LANGUAGE] [Members-at-Large may serve no more than \_\_ consecutive terms in office.] [Members-at-Large may not serve consecutive terms in office.]**

**[NOTE: The Chapter has flexibility in establishing the terms of directors as well as the appropriate election cycle.]**

## **Elections.**

**[NOTE: The Chapter has flexibility in establishing its election procedures. Set forth below are two options.]**

### **[The members shall elect the Chapter’s Directors and Officers during or prior to the Annual Meeting in accordance with such procedures as shall be established by the Board.]** ***OR***

**[No later than December 31 of each year, the Nominating Committee shall recommend a slate of qualified candidates to the Board of Directors to fill each Director and Officer position that is either vacant or set to expire. Upon final review and approval of the Nominating Committee’s recommended slate, the Board shall present the approved slate of candidates to the members for election. Elections will be held at or prior to the Annual Meeting in accordance with such procedures as may be established by the Board. The results of such election will be announced to the members during the Annual Meeting immediately following their election.]**

**[NOTE: The timing and conduct of the elections is up to the Chapter. Given the great deal of flexibility in this area, further policy and procedures governing elections can be addressed in policy or procedures adopted by the Board outside of the Bylaws. In addition, if permitted by Applicable Law, the elections may be conducted electronically prior to the Annual Meeting and the results can be announced during the Annual Meeting.]**

## **Regular Meetings.** The Board of Directors may take action to set the time, date, and place for the holding of a regular annual meeting of the Board of Directors and additional regular meetings of the Board of Directors without other notice than such action.

## **Special Meetings.** Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by, or at the request of, the Chapter’s President or upon a written request to the Chapter’s President of [four (4) members] of the Board of Directors. Notice of any special meeting of the Board of Directors shall state the time, date, and place of the meeting and shall be delivered at least [five (5) days prior to the date of such meeting.] Attendance of a Director at any meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting except where a Director attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business because the meeting is not lawfully called and convened.

**[NOTE: The Chapter must review Applicable Law to determine the notice required and make any necessary changes to this provision.]**

## **Meeting by Conference Call.** Any action to be taken at a meeting of the Board of Directors, or any committee thereof, may be taken through the use of a conference telephone or other communications equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can communicate with each other. Participation in such a meeting shall constitute presence in person at the meeting of the persons so participating. Notwithstanding anything set forth to the contrary in these bylaws, any meeting to be held by conference call (whether regular or special) may be held upon [a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours prior notice.]

**[NOTE: The Chapter must review Applicable Law to determine the notice required and make any necessary changes to this provision.]**

## **Quorum.** A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any duly called meeting of the Board of Directors; provided that when less than a quorum is present at said meeting, a majority of the Board of Directors members present may adjourn the meeting to another time without further notice.

## **Manner of Acting.** The act of a majority of Directors present at a duly called meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Directors, unless the act of a greater number is required by Law, the Articles of Incorporation, or these bylaws.

## **Action Without a Meeting.** Any action requiring a vote of the Board of Directors may be taken without a meeting if a written consent, setting forth the action taken, is approved by all of the members of the Board of Directors entitled to vote with respect to the subject matter thereof.

## **Waiver of Notice.** Notice of any meeting need not be given to any member of the Board of Directors who submits a signed waiver of notice whether before or after the meeting, or who attends the meeting without protesting, prior thereto or at its commencement, the lack of notice to him or her. Attendance of a Director at any meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting except where a Director attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business because the meeting is not lawfully called and convened.

## **Resignation and Removal.** Any member of the Board of Directors may resign at any time by giving written notice to the President. In addition, any member of the Board of Directors may be removed by the persons entitled to appoint such Director, whenever, in their judgment, the best interests of the Chapter would be served by such removal and in accordance with the Law. A Director who no longer meets the qualifications for office shall be automatically removed and such vacancy shall be filled by the Board of Directors.

[**NOTE: The Chapter must review Applicable Law to determine if there are restrictions or a mandated process that controls removal of Directors that would require changes to this provision.]**

## **Vacancies.** Vacancies in any Director position shall be filled by **[the Board of Directors][the President].** A Director appointed pursuant to this Section shall hold their position for the remainder of the original term for which he or she was appointed to fill.

**[NOTE: The Chapter may determine how vacancies are filled.]**

## **Compensation.** Directors shall not receive any remuneration for their services as Directors. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to preclude any Director from serving the Chapter in any other capacity and receiving reasonable compensation therefor.

# OFFICERS

## **Officers.** The Officers of the Chapter shall be a [President, President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer and Immediate Past President] (collectively, the “Officers”). [No two (2) offices may be held simultaneously by the same person.] [With the exception of the offices of Secretary and Treasurer, no two (2) offices may be held simultaneously by the same person.]

**[NOTE: As noted previously, the offices of President-Elect and Immediate Past President are optional and that is why they appear in bold and highlights. However, every Chapter must have a President, Secretary and Treasurer.**

**Chapters have a great deal of flexibility here to have such officer positions as makes sense for the Chapter based on its circumstances, size, member engagement, etc. Chapters must typically, as a matter of Applicable Law, have a President, Secretary and Treasurer – however, the offices of Secretary and Treasurer often may be held by the same individual. However, some organizations prefer not to permit an individual to hold multiple positions. In addition, the Chapter may elect not to have a President-Elect or Immediate Past President. Check Applicable Law to determine if there is a minimum number of officers (or officer positions) required by law.]**

## **Qualifications.** Officers must be members in good standing in both the Chapter and the Association. [Insert any additional desired qualifications.]

**[NOTE: The Chapter may add additional qualifications for office as it sees fit so long as they do not run contrary to the Association’s bylaws or policies. The Association, for example, requires all officers to have served on the Association Board for at least one full year before they are eligible to serve as an Officer.]**

## **Term.**

### **[NOTE - AUTOMATIC SUCCESSION OPTIONS:] [At the end of the President’s term, the President-Elect automatically will succeed to the office of President.] [At the end of the President’s term, the President automatically will succeed to the office of Immediate Past President.]**

### Officers shall serve a one (1) year term in office, or until such time as their successors are duly appointed, qualified, and take office. The term of all officers shall begin the day after the conclusion of the annual meeting immediately following their election and shall run until the close of the next annual meeting following their appointment or until such time as successors are duly appointed, qualified, and assume their position. Officers serving more than half of a full term shall be deemed to have served a full term in office.

## **[OPTIONAL TERM LIMITS: Officers may not serve more than \_\_\_ (\_\_) consecutive terms in any office. Individuals that have served the maximum term in any office may not stand for reelection for a period of two (2) years following the completion of their term in office.]**

## **Elections.** The Officers shall be elected in accordance with Article VI, Section 5 above.

## **Resignation and Removal of Officers.** Any Officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to the President or Secretary. In addition, any Officer may be removed by the Board, whenever, in its judgment, the best interests of the Chapter would be served by such removal. Such removal shall be without prejudice to the contract rights, if any, of the person so removed. Appointment of an Officer or agent shall not of itself create any contract rights.

## **Officer Vacancies.** The President-Elect shall automatically succeed to the office of President in the event of the death, resignation, removal, or incapacity of the President and the office of President-Elect shall remain vacant until the next appointment. A President-Elect filling a vacancy in the office of President shall subsequently serve as President for the one-year term of office to which he or she was originally appointed to serve. In the event the President-Elect position is vacant at such time as there becomes a vacancy in the office of President, the Board of Directors immediately shall fill the office of President and such appointee shall hold office until the next appointment. A vacancy in the office of Immediate Past President shall cause that office to remain vacant until such time that the currently seated President succeeds to fill that office. A vacancy in the office of Secretary or Treasurer shall be filled by the Board of Directors from amongst the current members of the Board. An officer appointed pursuant to this Section shall hold such office for the remainder of the original term for which she or he was appointed to fill.

**[NOTE: This section must be modified, as appropriate, to reflect the Chapter’s officer positions.]**

## **Resignation and Removal.** An Officer may resign in writing submitted to the President. In the case of the resignation of the President, the resignation will be submitted to the Secretary who will refer such resignation to Chapter Board of Directors. A resignation will be effective on the acceptance date of the resignation as determined by the Chapter Board of Directors. An Officer who no longer meets the qualifications for office shall automatically be removed and such vacancy shall be filled as set forth above. **[Any Officer may be removed by a majority vote of the member present and voting, in person or by proxy, at any regular or special meeting at which a quorum of the members is present, whenever in their judgment the best interests of the Chapter or the Association would be served by such removal.] OR [Any Officer may be removed by the Board, whenever in its judgment the best interests of the Chapter or the Association would be served by such removal.]** Such removal shall be without prejudice to the contract rights, if any, of the person so removed. Appointment of an Officer or agent shall not of itself create any contract rights.

**[NOTE: The Chapter must review Applicable Law to determine if there are restrictions or a mandated process that controls removal of Officers that must be followed and would mandate one of the options set forth above.]**

## **Duties of Officers.**

### President. The President shall be the Chapter’s chief executive officer and shall, in general, supervise and control the Chapter’s affairs, subject to the direction and control of the Board of Directors. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all of the Chapter’s committees, except as otherwise provided by these bylaws. The President shall (i) chair all Board and member meetings; (ii) serve as the Chair of the Executive and Nominating Committees; (iii) serve as the Chapter’s official representative and spokesperson, except as otherwise provided by the Board; (iv) appoint, subject to the approval of the Board, the members and chairs of the Chapter’s committees; (v) fill, subject to the approval of the Board, vacancies on the Chapter’s committees; and (vi) in general, perform all duties customarily incident to the office of President and such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board. The President shall succeed to the office of Immediate Past President upon expiration of the President’s term of office.

### President-Elect. The President-Elect shall assist the President and shall substitute for the President when required. The President-Elect shall be an ex-officio member of all committees, except as otherwise provided by these bylaws. The President-Elect shall in general, perform all duties customarily incident to the office of President-Elect and such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board. **[The President-Elect shall succeed to the office of President upon expiration of the President’s term of office, and in the event of the death, resignation, removal, or incapacity of the President.]**

### Secretary. The Secretary shall keep or cause to be kept the minutes of the meetings of the Chapter Board of Directors and members; shall see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these bylaws or as required by law; shall be custodian of the corporate records; and shall in general perform all the duties incident to the office of Secretary and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned by the President or by the Board of Directors.

### Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be responsible for all funds and securities of the Chapter; shall receive and give receipts for monies due and payable to the Chapter from any sources whatsoever, and shall deposit all such monies in the name of the Chapter in such banks, trust companies, or other depositories as shall be selected in accordance with the provisions of these bylaws; shall submit financial reports to the Board of Directors at its regular meetings, and to the Chapter membership at its Annual Meeting; and shall in general perform all the duties incident to the office of Treasurer and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned by the President or by the Board of Directors.

### [Immediate Past President. The Immediate Past President shall have such duties as may be assigned by the President or the Board of Directors.]

# COMMITTEES

## **Standing Committees.**

### **[Executive Committee**

#### **Composition. The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, President-Elect, Immediate Past President and Executive Director. The [Executive Director/Chapter Manager] shall be an ex-officio non-voting member of the Executive Committee. The President shall serve as the chair of the Executive Committee.**

#### **Authority. The Executive Committee shall have the authority to perform the business and functions of the Association between meetings of the Board of Directors, except as otherwise set forth in these bylaws or the not-for-profit corporation act, reporting to the Board of Directors any action taken; but the delegation of authority to the Executive Committee shall not operate to relieve the Board of Directors or any individual Officer or member of the Board of Directors of any responsibility imposed by law.**

#### **Meetings and Voting. The Executive Committee shall meet in person or by conference call upon the request of the Chair or a majority of the Executive Committee. Each member shall have one (1) vote. Two (2) members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any duly called meeting of the Executive Committee; provided when less than a quorum is present at said meeting, a majority of the members present may adjourn the meeting without further notice. The act of a majority of the members present at a duly called meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Executive Committee.**

#### **Action by Written Consent. Any action requiring a vote of the Executive Committee may be taken without a meeting if a consent, setting forth the action taken, is approved by all the members of the Executive Committee entitled to vote with respect to the subject matter thereof.]**

**[NOTE: An Executive Committee is optional. The Chapter must determine whether to maintain an Executive Committee depending on the size of the Board and the Chapter and other factors.]**

### **Other Standing Committees**. Other standing committees may be established by the Board of Directors to support the Chapter’s purposes. Such committees shall include, at a minimum, a **[Nominating Committee and Finance Committee.]** The action establishing standing committees shall set forth the committee’s purpose and composition and required qualifications for membership on the committee. A majority of all members of committees having the authority of the Board of Directors must be members of the Board.

**[NOTE: This provision allows a Chapter to establish additional committees including, for example, an Audit Committee, Executive Committee, Nominating Committee, Finance Committee, etc. The Chapter has the ability to create whatever committees it deems necessary.]**

#### Quorum and Manner of Acting. At all meetings of any standing committee, a majority of the members thereof shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business unless otherwise set forth herein. A majority vote by committee members present and voting at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be required for any action.

#### Committee Vacancies. Except as otherwise provided herein, vacancies in the membership of a standing committee shall be filled by appointments made in the same manner as the original appointments to that committee.

#### Policies and Procedures. The Board shall develop and approve policies and procedures for the operating of all standing committees. All standing committees shall report to the Board.

### **Advisory/Ad Hoc Committees and Task Forces**. The Board of Directors may appoint such advisory or ad hoc committees or task forces as are necessary or appropriate in the exercise of their authority and responsibility as set forth in these bylaws. An ad hoc committee shall terminate three (3) years from the date of its creation, unless renewed by the Board. A task force shall terminate after one (1) year from the date of its creation, unless renewed. Ad hoc committees and task forces may be established for longer periods with the approval of the Board. The action of establishing such a committee or task force shall set forth the committee’s or task force’s purpose and composition.

#### Quorum and Manner of Acting. At all meetings of any advisory or ad hoc committee or task force, a majority of the members thereof shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. A majority vote by committee or task force members present and voting at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be required for any action.

#### Committee/Task Force Vacancies. Except as otherwise provided herein, vacancies in the membership of a committee or task force shall be filled by appointments made in the same manner as the original appointments to that committee/task force.

#### Policies and Procedures. The Board of Directors shall develop and approve general policies and procedures for the operating of all committees and task forces. All committees and task forces shall report to the entity creating the committee/task force.

# FINANCIAL MATTERS, CONTRACTS, CHECKS, DEPOSITS AND BONDING

## **Annual Budget.** A budget showing anticipated revenue and expenses will be adopted annually by the Board of Directors.

## **Contracts.** The Board of Directors may authorize any officer or officers, agent or agents of the Chapter, in addition to the Officers so authorized by these bylaws, to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the Chapter, and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

## **Payment of Indebtedness.** All checks, drafts or other orders for the payment of money, notes or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of the Chapter shall be signed by such Officer or Officers, agent or agents of the Chapter and in such manner as shall from time to time be determined by a resolution of the Board of Directors. In the absence of such determination by the Board of Directors, such instruments shall be signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by the President.

## **Deposits.** All of the Chapter’s funds shall be deposited to the credit of the Chapter in such banks, trust companies, or other depositaries as the Board of Directors may select.

## **Bonding.** The Board of Directors shall provide for the bonding of such officers and employees of the Chapter as it may from time to time determine.

## **Gifts.** The Board of Directors may accept on behalf of the Chapter any contribution, gift, bequest or devise for the Chapter’s general purposes or for any special purpose.

## **Books and Records.** The Chapter shall keep correct and complete books and records of account and shall also keep minutes of the proceedings of the Board of Directors and members. The Chapter shall provide the Association with copies of all such books and records upon request.

## **Fiscal Year.** The fiscal year of the Chapter shall be April 1 through March 31.

# RELATIONSHIP WITH ASSOCIATION

# The Chapter shall abide by the terms of the Association’s bylaws, rules, regulations, and policies as may be adopted by the Association’s Board of Directors from time to time, which, among other things, set forth the relationship between the Association and the Chapter, the rights, responsibilities and obligations of the Chapter and the Association with respect to one another, the limitations and requirements governing the Chapter’s use of the Association’s name, trademarks, service marks, logos and other intellectual property, and the grounds upon which the Chapter’s affiliation with the Association may be terminated and its charter revoked.

# ELECTRONIC MEETINGS/COMMUNICATION

## **Electronic Meetings.** Any action to be taken at a Board of Directors, **[Executive Committee]**, other committee or task force meeting may be taken through the use of a conference telephone or other communications equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can communicate with each other simultaneously. Participation in such a meeting shall constitute presence in person at the meeting of the persons so participating. Notwithstanding anything set forth to the contrary in these bylaws, notice of an electronic meeting of the Board of Directors **[or Executive Committee]** must be delivered at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting.

## **Electronic Communication.** Unless otherwise prohibited by Law, (i) any action to be taken or notice delivered under these bylaws may be taken or transmitted by electronic mail or other electronic means; and (ii) any action or approval required to be written or in writing may be transmitted or received by electronic mail or other electronic means.

# [NOTE: In the event the Chapter does not have an Executive Committee it must modify the provisions above accordingly.]

# INDEMNIFICATION

The Chapter shall indemnify all past and present officers, directors, employees, and committee, council, and task force members, and all other Chapter volunteers to the full extent permitted by the Law and shall be entitled to purchase insurance for such indemnification to the full extent of the Law as determined by the Board of Directors.

# AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be altered, amended or repealed and new Bylaws may be adopted by **[a majority vote of the members casting ballots, provided that such alteration, amendment or repeal has been approved by the Board of Directors and submitted in writing to the membership not more than sixty (60) and not less than ten (10) days prior to the date by which the same is to be considered.] *OR*** **[a majority vote of the Board of Directors.] *OR*  [a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors.]** Notwithstanding the foregoing, all proposed bylaw amendments must first be submitted to the Association and are subject to the prior written approval of the Association. Amendments not receiving the approval of the Association shall be of no force or effect.

**[NOTE: The Chapter has a great deal of flexibility with respect to the vote required to amend its bylaws. Set forth above are a few options. The Chapter also must review Applicable Law to determine if there is a mandated vote or process that controls amendment of the bylaws.]**

# DISSOLUTION

In the event of the dissolution of the Chapter, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the Chapter, transfer all remaining assets of the Chapter to the Association (except any assets held by the Chapter upon condition requiring return, transfer or other conveyance in the event of dissolution, which assets shall be returned, transferred or conveyed in accordance with such requirements) or, in the event the Association previously has been dissolved, the Chapter shall dispose of all of the remaining assets of the Chapter (except any assets held by the Chapter upon condition requiring return, transfer or other conveyance in the event of dissolution, which assets shall be returned, transferred or conveyed in accordance with such requirements) exclusively for the purposes of the Association in such manner, or to such organization or organizations as shall at the time qualify as a tax-exempt organization or organizations recognized under either Section 501(c)(3) for Section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”) or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue statute, as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the court of general jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the Chapter is then located, exclusively for such purposes in such manner, or to such organization or organizations that are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes, as said court shall determine.

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These Amended and Restated Bylaws were adopted this \_ day of , , at the meeting of the Chapter of the Association of Legal Administrators.

President Secretary