

BYLAWS
of the
INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OF TRIAL LAWYERS
(as amended in July 2018)

ARTICLE I

Fellows

SECTION I The Academy and its Purpose:

Elite Trial Lawyers. The Academy is a group of truly elite trial lawyers representing all sides of the trial bar: prosecutors and defense lawyers in criminal cases; plaintiff and defense counsel in civil litigation (including business and personal injury cases). While the majority of Fellows come from the United States, the Academy includes lawyers from more than thirty countries. Fellowship is by invitation only, and trial lawyers are invited to become Fellows only after an extremely careful vetting process.

IATL – Its Purposes:

- To promote reforms in the law
- To facilitate the administration of justice
- To promote the rule of law internationally
- To elevate the standards of integrity, honor, and courtesy in the legal profession

SECTION II Membership: The number of Fellows in the Academy from the United States shall not exceed five hundred (500) active Fellows who are under the age of seventy (70) years.

Fellows who are seventy (70) years of age or more shall not be counted for purposes of the restriction in number set forth in this Section but shall have all of the rights, privileges and responsibilities of the Fellows of the Academy.

Fellows shall be selected for membership from countries other than the United States without restriction in number.

SECTION III Qualifications for Fellowship: Any Fellow of the Academy in good standing may propose for Fellowship a candidate believed to be well-qualified. The candidate may reside outside the state or country of the sponsoring Fellow.

Fellows of the Academy must be attorneys duly licensed to practice in the state and federal courts, at the trial and appellate levels, or in accordance with the rules and requirements of the licensing sovereignty in which they reside. They must have been admitted to the practice of law

for a minimum of twelve (12) years, and shall at the time of admission to the Academy be principally engaged in trial and appellate practice. To be admitted to Fellowship in the Academy, the candidate must possess and demonstrate to an exceptional degree the following qualifications: (1) superior skill and recognized ability in trial and appellate practice; (2) a history of providing services which promote the best interests of the legal profession, and the highest standards and techniques of advocacy; and (3) excellent character and absolute integrity.

In addition to the classification known as Fellows, the Fellowship shall also include Emeritus Fellows, Judicial Fellows, and Honorary Fellows.

SECTION IV Censure, Suspension or Expulsion:

(a) Action by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may censure, suspend, expel or request the voluntary resignation of, or otherwise discipline a Fellow for conduct which it finds to be inconsistent with the Rules of Professional Conduct applicable to the Fellow, for conduct which injures or brings discredit to the Academy or to the profession or for conduct inconsistent with the purposes of the Academy as set forth in its Bylaws.

The Board of Directors, in its discretion, and by a vote of three-quarters of those present and voting, with a quorum present at the time it is considered, may suspend a Fellow for good cause, pending final disposition of charges regarding such conduct. During the period of suspension, a Fellow shall have none of the rights and privileges of a Fellow.

(b) Obligations of Self-Reporting. In each instance where a Fellow has been disbarred or suspended from practice before any court, the Fellow shall, within thirty (30) days of such action, provide to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Academy a detailed statement in writing of the nature of the alleged misconduct that formed the basis for the disbarment or suspension, along with a copy of any findings of misconduct issued by the disciplinary authority or court.

(c) Automatic Action Upon Notice of Disbarment. A Fellow who is disbarred from the practice of law shall automatically cease to be a Fellow. Upon receipt of an authenticated copy of a final order of such disbarment, the Secretary-Treasurer of the Academy shall remove the Fellow's name from the roll of Fellows, and shall immediately request the return of the plaque presented to the Fellow at the time of admission. The Fellow shall be advised that he or she should discontinue representing himself/herself as a Fellow of the Academy.

(d) Action Based Upon the Determination of a Disciplinary Authority or a Court. When charges of misconduct against a Fellow have been the subject of a final, not-further-appealable finding or determination by any disciplinary authority or a court, but such charges have resulted in disciplinary action less than disbarment, the Board of Directors may, in its discretion: (1) act upon such final findings or determination without need for further evidence or hearing; (2) conduct a hearing; or (3) refer the matter to a

Committee of the Board with instructions that it conduct such further investigation and/or hearing(s) as it deems appropriate, and thereafter recommend to the Board such final action as it deems appropriate.

(e) Procedure for Investigation and Hearings. In the event that the Board of Directors or a Committee duly appointed by it under this Section determines that a hearing shall be conducted, the Secretary-Treasurer shall, at least thirty (30) days before any scheduled hearing date, notify the Fellow in writing of the time and place of the hearing and the charges to be considered at that time. Written notice shall be sent by registered or certified mail to the office address of the Fellow, marked "personal and confidential," or, if the Fellow does not then have an office address, to the last known address of the Fellow.

The Fellow so charged shall be given full opportunity to present his or her position personally or through a representative at the time and place of the hearing of the Board and/or its Committee.

(f) Action by the Board. If the Board has appointed a Committee, then, after due consideration of such information, the Committee shall recommend appropriate disposition with regard to such charges. The power to take final disciplinary action, censure, suspension or expulsion, is expressly reserved to the Board of Directors. Such action shall require a quorum and a vote of three-quarters of those present and voting on the subject.

(g) Reinstatement. A former Fellow who has been suspended or expelled, or who has resigned pursuant to a request of the Board, may petition the Board for reinstatement. The Board of Directors, providing a quorum is present, may reinstate such Fellow by a three-quarters vote of those present and voting on the subject.

Any petition for such reinstatement shall not be made earlier than two years from the date of a suspension or expulsion action by the Board of Directors.

SECTION V Resignation: A Fellow may resign by sending written notice thereof to the Academy's office.

SECTION VI Emeritus Fellows and Judicial and Honorary Fellows:

(a) Pre-requisite for becoming an Emeritus Fellow shall be good standing as a Fellow for at least ten years; such Fellow must have terminated active trial and appellate practice by reason of retirement, physical disability (in which event the 10-year Fellowship requirement is waived) or other reason deemed sufficient, and gains or receives no income from the practice of law, legal consultation, and/or alternative dispute

resolution service. Election of an Emeritus Fellow is by approval of the Executive Committee.

(b) Pre-requisite for becoming a Judicial Fellow shall be good standing as a Fellow; such Fellow must have terminated active trial and appellate practice by reason of having become a member of the judiciary or for other cause deemed sufficient by approval of the Executive Committee.

(c) The Board of Directors may also elect as Honorary Fellows individuals who are not Fellows and who may not be eligible for election as Fellows but who, by reason of contributions to and accomplishments in the profession have attained a high degree of respect and eminence in judicial or other roles in the profession or in public service. Election of an Honorary Fellow is by majority approval of the Board. A nomination for Honorary Fellowship may be made by any Fellow.

(d) Emeritus Fellows and Judicial or Honorary Fellows shall be governed by the Bylaws of the Academy and shall be entitled to all privileges of the Academy except election as an officer or member of the Board of Directors. They shall have the right to vote on all questions submitted to the Fellowship including election of members of the Board of Directors, and on other matters for consideration at any annual, mid-year or special meeting, but they shall not be required to pay dues. This provision does not apply to Past Presidents.

ARTICLE II

Directors

SECTION I Number: The elected Board of Directors shall consist of no fewer than twenty (20) nor more than fifty-five (55) Directors, not including Officers and Past Presidents. At least five (5) members of the Board shall be elected from countries other than the United States. The members of said Board shall, upon election, immediately enter upon the performance of their duties and shall continue in office until their respective successors shall be duly elected. The administration of the property and the conduct of the business of the Academy shall be vested in the Board of Directors. Officers and Past Presidents shall also serve as voting members of the Board of Directors.

SECTION II Election of Directors and Term: At the general assembly of the annual meeting, the Fellows shall elect Directors equal to that number of Directors whose terms have expired, for a term of three (3) years staggered so that an approximately equal number of Directors' terms expire each year. The Nominating Committee shall present candidates for consideration for election to the Board. Further candidates may be nominated by any Fellow at

the annual meeting. No incumbent Director from the United States who has already served two consecutive three (3) year terms shall be eligible for re-election for a period of one (1) year.

The absence of a Director from four (4) consecutive meetings of the Board, without justification acceptable to the Board, may be deemed a resignation by that member from the Board and permit the Board to declare a vacancy. Whenever any vacancy shall occur, the same will be filled by appointment by the President until the next annual meeting at which time a Fellow shall be elected to fill the unexpired term, if any.

SECTION III Duties of Directors: In addition to the other powers and duties herein prescribed, the Board is authorized to make rules for the conduct of Fellows and the use of Academy property; to audit bills and disburse funds of the Academy; to print and circulate documents and publish articles; to carry on correspondence and to communicate with other bar associations; to provide for the custody and keeping of the Academy's records; to designate the place where the business and affairs of the Academy shall be conducted; to create standing committees; and to do any and all other things proper and necessary to promote the affairs of the Academy and protect the interests and welfare of its members.

SECTION IV Meetings of the Board of Directors:

A. Annual Meeting. The annual meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held at the site of the Academy's annual meeting at an hour designated by the President.

B. Mid-year and Special Meetings. Mid-year and special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at such times and places as the President may designate or at such other time and place as may be designated, in writing, by not less than twenty-five (25) members of the Board of Directors.

C. Notice of Meetings. Notice of meetings of the Board of Directors shall be communicated in writing to each member of the Board at least ten (10) days in advance of said meeting. Notice of special meetings shall also include the general purpose of such meeting.

SECTION V Quorum: Twenty-five (25) members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

SECTION VI Honorary Members: All Past Presidents shall be honorary members of the Board of Directors. They shall be given notice of all meetings of the Board and may attend. Past Presidents attending a meeting of the Board of Directors shall have the right to participate in all deliberations and to vote.

ARTICLE III

Officers and Executive Committee

SECTION I Officers: The Officers of the Academy are President, President-Elect, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, Dean, and Secretary of International Relations.

SECTION II Method of Election: At the annual meeting, the Board of Directors shall elect all Officers for a term of one (1) year. The Nominating Committee shall present candidates who are members or former Board members to the Board for consideration for election as Officers. Further candidates may be nominated by any Board member. A majority vote at a meeting at which a quorum for the transaction of business is present shall be necessary to constitute an election.

The election of new Officers shall be held at the Board meeting preceding the annual meeting of the general membership.

SECTION III Duties of Officers: The duties and powers of the Officers of the Academy shall be as follows:

President: The President shall preside as Chair of the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee, and at all meetings of the Academy. The President shall appoint committee members. The President shall be an ex officio member of all committees with the right to vote. At the annual meeting of the Academy and at such other times he or she deems appropriate, the President shall communicate to the Academy and to the Board of Directors such matters and make such suggestions as tend to promote the welfare and usefulness of the Academy, and shall perform such other duties as are incident to the office of the President of the Academy.

President-Elect: In the absence of the President, or if that office shall become vacant, the President-Elect shall assume all responsibilities of the President and shall preside at all meetings of the Academy, of the Board of Directors and of the Executive Committee.

Vice-President: In the absence of the President-Elect, the Vice-President shall assume all duties and responsibilities of the President-Elect. If the office of President-Elect becomes vacant, the Vice-President shall succeed and become the President-Elect.

Secretary-Treasurer: The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep or cause to be kept a record of proceedings of all meetings of the Board of Directors and a roll of the Board Members and Officers in attendance. The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep a current roster of all Officers, Board of Directors and Committee Members. Under the direction of the Board, the Secretary-Treasurer shall oversee the collection and disbursement of funds of the Academy and shall cause to be kept regular accounts in books belonging to the Academy, which shall be open for inspection by any member of the Board. At each meeting of the Board of Directors, the Secretary-Treasurer shall report in writing the balance of money on hand and any existing appropriation which may affect

the same. At the annual meeting the Secretary-Treasurer shall report the financial transactions of the Academy for the past year and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to the Secretary-Treasurer by the Board of Directors.

Dean of the Academy: The Dean of the Academy shall address the annual meeting on a subject of his or her choosing relevant to advancing the rule of law and trial advocacy.

Secretary of International Relations:

The Secretary of International Relations shall promote the expansion of the international component of the Academy, including seeking out those trial lawyers from countries other than the United States, whose ability, skill, character, and integrity qualify them for membership, and shall recommend and sponsor for admission to the Academy, those trial lawyers deemed exceptionally well qualified, in accord with criteria developed by the International Relations Committee, and shall present to the Admissions Committee, the names of such candidates and the information necessary to determine eligibility of any such candidate for Fellowship in the Academy.

Admissions Committee members will use this International Relations Committee criteria to ensure proper and careful vetting of the international candidates.

The Secretary of International Relations and the International Relations Committee shall also be responsible for that portion of the professional program at annual meetings devoted to international law subject matters, and shall seek to include as speakers, Fellows of the Academy or other distinguished persons from countries other than the United States.

The Secretary of International Relations, with the advice and consent of an ad hoc committee appointed for the purpose of making an award of the International Lawyer of the Year, may, from time to time, recommend to the Board of Directors that a worthy lawyer or judge be named an International Lawyer of the Year.

SECTION IV Re-election: All Past Presidents shall be ineligible to serve as President, President-Elect, Vice-President or Secretary-Treasurer of the Academy.

SECTION V The Executive Committee: The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, President-Elect, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, Dean, the last two Past Presidents, Secretary of International Relations, the Chair of the Admissions Committee, and the Chair of the State, Province and Country Chairs Committee. All members of the Executive Committee shall have an equal vote. The Executive Committee may be called into session from time to time by the President, as the needs of the Academy may require. Between meetings of the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee shall transact the business and affairs of the Academy, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV

Dues

SECTION I **Admission Fee:** The Board of Directors shall determine the admission fee to be paid by newly elected Fellows.

SECTION II **Annual Dues:** The Board of Directors shall determine the amount of annual dues to be paid by Fellows. Emeritus Fellows and Judicial and Honorary Fellows need not pay annual dues but shall pay registration fees and costs incident to Academy meetings attended unless the Board shall decide otherwise. Dues for newly admitted Fellows shall be pro-rated in accordance with the date of induction into the Academy.

SECTION III **Arrears:** Fellows who fail to pay their dues within ninety (90) days from the date payment becomes due shall be given written notice of such delinquency. If payment is not received within thirty (30) days thereafter, a second written notice of delinquency shall be sent. If payment is not received within thirty (30) days after the second written notice, the matter may be referred to the Board of Directors for such action as it deems appropriate under the circumstances. A Fellow asked to resign for non-payment of dues or other reason shall return his/her plaque to the home office and shall discontinue representing himself/herself as a Fellow of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers.

ARTICLE V

Meetings

SECTION I **Annual Meetings:** An annual meeting of the Fellows of the Academy for the transaction of all business shall be held at such time and place as may be decided upon by the Board of Directors. Notice of such meeting shall be communicated in writing to each Fellow not less than thirty (30) days prior to the date appointed for said meeting. The notice shall set forth the place, date, time and general purpose of the meeting.

SECTION II **Mid-Year and Special Meetings:** A Mid-Year or special meeting of the Academy may be called by the President or by twenty-five (25) members of the Board of Directors. Notice of such a meeting shall be given in the same manner as for the annual meeting.

SECTION III **Quorum:** The presence in person of fifty (50) Fellows of the Academy shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any annual or special meeting.

SECTION IV Voting: Each Fellow of the Academy who is present and in good standing shall be entitled to vote for the election of members of the Board of Directors at the annual meeting, and on all other matters at annual, mid-year or special meetings.

SECTION V Order of Business: The order of business at all meetings of the Board of Directors shall be as follows:

1. Calling of the roll
2. Reading of minutes
3. Reports of Officers
4. Reports of committees
5. Election of Officers at Board of Directors Meeting (Annual Meeting)
6. Election of Board of Directors at General Assembly (Annual Meeting)
7. Unfinished business
8. New business

Any questions as to the propriety or order of business shall be decided by the Chair without debate. This order may be changed or altered by vote of a majority of the Fellows present.

SECTION VI Procedure: Robert's Rules of Order (Revised) shall govern all meetings of the Academy, except as otherwise herein provided.

SECTION VII Resolutions: Any Fellow may present any resolution pertinent to the Academy or to the legal profession by submitting the resolution in writing to the Academy office at least fifteen (15) days before an annual, mid-year or special meeting. The President may refer the resolution to such committee(s) as the President may designate for consideration. The committees to which the resolution has been referred may recommend to the Board of Directors whatever action is deemed appropriate. The Board of Directors may consider and take whatever action on the resolution that it deems appropriate.

ARTICLE VI

Committees

SECTION I Admissions Committee: (a) Composition: The Committee shall consist of the Secretary of International Relations, a Chair, and twelve (12) Fellows. The twelve (12) Fellows appointed to the Committee shall be divided into three classes with four (4) Fellows in each class. The term of each class will be three (3) years, staggered so that the President each year shall appoint one class, with the term beginning after the annual meeting. The President shall appoint as Chair for a three (3) year term a Fellow who has at any time served for at least one year as a member of the Committee.

In addition, the President shall have the authority to appoint two (2) Fellows to the Committee from countries other than the United States to serve as at-large members of the Committee for a three (3) year term. The President may appoint the immediate past-Chair as an ex officio nonvoting member of the Admissions Committee for a one (1) year term. Members of the Committee, except for the two (2) at large members, shall not be eligible to serve consecutive terms.

A quorum of the Committee shall consist of eight (8) members.

With the exception of the two (2) at large members, absence from three (3) consecutive meetings of the Admissions Committee may be deemed a resignation. If a vacancy on the Committee occurs for any reason, the President shall appoint a replacement for the remainder of the unexpired term.

The Committee shall meet at least semi-annually, to consider and pass upon qualification of candidates for Fellowship. Members of the Committee who are unable to attend the meeting, shall submit their views of the candidates to the Committee for consideration by other Committee members at the meeting. However, only those members in attendance at the meeting of the Committee shall be entitled to vote.

(b) Procedure: The procedure to be followed for the election of all candidates for admission shall be as follows: To be eligible for induction as a Fellow, a candidate must be approved by the Admissions Committee both in Phase I and Phase II, in accord with the Admissions Committee rules, policies, and procedures. Additionally, his/her Personal Inquiry Questionnaire (PIQ) must be approved by the President, and each candidate must also be approved by an affirmative vote of the Board of Directors.

Upon (1) approval of the PIQ and (2) approval by the Board of Directors, the candidate shall be eligible for induction into the Academy.

The Admissions Chair shall transmit to the members of the Board of Directors, for their consideration, the names of international candidates that the Committee recommends for admission to the Academy.

All proceedings of the Admissions Committee shall be strictly confidential, including all letters, poll responses, reports incident to the nominations, discussions of the nomination, and the vote of the Committee.

(c) Induction to Fellowship: The President shall notify candidates of their approval for Fellowship. Induction into Fellowship of candidates from the United States, shall take place within one year of notification at an annual, mid-year, special or international meeting of the Academy. Candidates from countries other than the United States shall be inducted within three (3) years or as otherwise determined by the Board of Directors. Failure to appear for induction as set forth above, without justification acceptable to the Board of Directors, shall terminate the candidate's eligibility for Fellowship in the Academy.

SECTION II Nominating Committee: The President shall appoint a Nominating Committee of no fewer than five (5) members from the Board of Directors. Anyone serving on the Nominating Committee shall be ineligible for consideration as a candidate. The Nominating Committee will present a slate of candidates for consideration for election as Officers by the Board of Directors. The Nominating Committee shall also present a slate of candidates to be considered for election to the Board of Directors by the general Fellowship at the annual meeting.

SECTION III Site Committee: The Site Committee shall consist of fifteen (15) Fellows, the President-Elect, Vice-President, Secretary of International Relations and a Past President. The fifteen (15) Fellows appointed to the Committee shall be divided into three (3) classes with five (5) Fellows in each class. The term of each class will be three (3) years, staggered so that the term of five (5) Fellows will expire each year. If a vacancy on the Committee occurs for any reason, the President shall appoint a replacement for the remainder of the unexpired term.

The President shall also appoint a Chair and a Vice-Chair

The Site Committee shall meet at least annually and shall recommend to the Board of Directors the dates and locations of the annual, mid-year and international meetings.

Three (3) consecutive absences from meetings of the Site Committee may be treated as a resignation. If a vacancy on the Committee occurs for any reason, the President shall appoint a replacement for the remainder of the unexpired term.

SECTION IV Budget and Finance Committee: The Budget and Finance Committee shall consist of the Secretary-Treasurer and immediate past Secretary-Treasurer and eighteen

(18) Fellows. The eighteen (18) Fellows shall be divided into three classes of six (6) Fellows in each class. The term of each class will be three (3) years, staggered so that the term of six (6) members will expire each year.

At the annual meeting, the President shall appoint six (6) Fellows to the Budget and Finance Committee for a term of three (3) years, replacing the six (6) members whose terms have expired, and shall designate the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee.

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Six (6) members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum.

The absence of a committee member from three (3) consecutive meetings of the Budget and Finance Committee may be deemed a resignation. If a vacancy on the Committee occurs for any reason, the President shall appoint a replacement for the remainder of the unexpired term.

This Committee shall study and supervise the finances of the Academy. It shall study and analyze the sources and adequacy of income and expenditures; and shall prepare and present to the Board at annual meetings a line by line budget of projected income and expenditures for the ensuing year which, when approved, shall govern all of the Officers, Board of Directors and the Fellowship.

After adoption of the budget no changes therein shall be permitted except as follows: if an emergency or hardship arises requiring immediate action involving \$5,000.00 or less, the President may authorize such change. If the amount involves in excess of \$5,000.00, the change may be authorized by the President only with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee. A mail, e-mail or fax vote of the Board or a voice vote of said Board by telephone may be conducted by the President if so requested by the Executive Committee before approving any budgetary changes. Any changes authorized hereunder shall be reported to and considered at the next Board meeting.

SECTION V State, Province and Country Chairs Committee. The State, Province and Country Chairs Committee shall have primary responsibility to identify qualified prospective Fellows from each State in the United States and from other Countries (and where appropriate Provinces within such other Countries), for consideration as Fellows and International Fellows. The President shall appoint at least one Fellow to serve as State Chair for each State in the United States and shall attempt to appoint Fellows from other Countries to serve on the Committee and, where there are a sufficient number of Fellows to warrant it, shall attempt to appoint Fellows from individual States or Provinces within such other Countries. The Committee shall seek out, recommend and sponsor for admission to the Academy those trial lawyers that

they consider to be exceptionally qualified and shall assist the Admissions Committee in gathering information necessary to pass on their qualifications for Fellowship.

SECTION VI Long Range Planning Committee: The Long Range Planning Committee shall consider and recommend to the Academy areas, both substantive and procedural, in which the Academy should become involved, changes that should be considered in the structure of the Academy and any other matters that may be of value to the Academy or its Fellows. The Long Range Planning Committee shall consist of a) a representative from the IATL's Foundation, said representative to be appointed by the Foundation, b) the Secretary-Treasurer, c) the Chair of the State, Province and Country Chairs Committee, d) the Secretary of International Relations, and e) (12) Fellows of the Academy appointed for three (3) year terms. The President shall appoint four (4) Fellows to replace those members who have completed their terms. No member shall be eligible for reappointment for a period of one year. The President may appoint a Fellow to fill any vacancy.

The President-Elect shall serve as Chair and the Vice-President shall serve as Vice-Chair of the Committee.

The absence of a Committee member from three (3) consecutive meetings of the Long Range Planning Committee may be deemed a resignation. If a vacancy on the Committee occurs for any reason, the President shall appoint a replacement for the remainder of the unexpired term.

SECTION VII International Relations Committee: The International Relations Committee shall be chaired by the Secretary of International Relations and shall consist of twelve (12) Fellows, the President-Elect, Vice-President, annual Program Chair, and the Program Chair for an international meeting. The twelve (12) Fellows appointed to the Committee shall be divided into three (3) classes with four (4) Fellows in each class. The term of each class will be three (3) years, staggered so that the terms of four (4) Fellows will expire each year.

With the exception of the two (2) at large members, absence from three (3) consecutive meetings of the International Relations Committee may be deemed a resignation. If a vacancy on the Committee occurs for any reason, the President shall appoint a replacement for the remainder of the unexpired term.

The Committee shall seek out, recommend and sponsor for admission to the Academy those trial lawyers from countries other than the United States that they consider to be exceptionally qualified and shall assist the Admissions Committee in gathering information necessary to pass on their qualifications for Fellowship.

The Committee shall be responsible for that portion of the professional program at annual meetings devoted to international law subject matters and shall seek to include as speakers Fellows of the Academy or other distinguished persons from countries other than the United States.

SECTION VIII Standing Committees: The Board of Directors shall determine the names and numbers of the Standing Committees. The President shall make appointments as set forth above, but shall reserve the right to appoint New Fellows to a one-year term without regard to the number of committee members as otherwise set forth in the bylaws. This does not apply to the Nominating Committee, Executive Committee or the Admissions Committee.

SECTION IX Special Committees: The President may appoint special committees of the Academy for one (1) year terms.

SECTION X Other Committees: The President may appoint such other Ad Hoc Administrative and Meetings Committees as the Board of Directors may authorize or as the President may deem useful.

ARTICLE VII

Amendments to Bylaws

SECTION I Requirements for Amending Bylaws by the Board of Directors: The Board of Directors may amend the Bylaws by majority approval by a quorum of electronic voters. Notice of special matters subject to an electronic vote shall contain a detailed explanation of the matters to be voted on by the Board of Directors and shall be provided electronically to all members of the Board of Directors. An adequate time period will be offered to submit an electronic vote, and the dates for submitting an electronic vote will be clearly stated. Appropriate measures will be employed to ensure a fair and accurate balloting process.

SECTION II Requirements for Amending By-Laws by Fellows: Fellows of the Academy may amend the Bylaws by majority vote, provided that the proposed amendment(s) is mailed or emailed by the IATL Executive Office to each Fellow of the Academy at least ten (10) days prior to the commencement of the electronic voting.