

CONSTITUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION OF LAW STUDENTS OF THE PHILIPPINES

PREAMBLE

We, the members of the Association of the Law Students of the Philippines (ALSP), imploring the aid of Almighty God, committing ourselves to the ideals of legal scholarship and social responsibility, recognizing our duty to promote the development of a popular, accessible and mass-oriented Philippine legal system, and desiring to bring ourselves together for the achievement of these goals, do ordain and promulgate this Constitution.

ARTICLE I - Name

Section 1: This organization shall be known as the ASSOCIATION OF LAW STUDENTS OF THE PHILIPPINES (ALSP). For purposes, however, of international representations, ALSP shall be known as the Asian Law Students 'Association – Philippines (ALSA - Philippines).

ARTICLE II - Objectives

Section 1: The Association shall contribute to the improvement of legal education in the Philippines by providing venues for academic cooperation and coordination among law students in the country. It shall also promote a continuing program of legal research in substantive and adjective law.

Section 2: The Association shall instill a sense of awareness and public responsibility among its members particularly in advocacy of social justice and human rights.

Section 3: The Association shall cultivate a spirit of cordiality and camaraderie among its members and contribute to their intellectual, social, physical and moral development.

Section 4: The Association shall promote better understanding, goodwill and cooperation with law students from other countries on matters of mutual concern and benefit.

ARTICLE III - Membership

Section 1: Membership in the Association shall be composed of the official law student councils of recognized law schools in the Philippines, which have complied with the requirements of the Association.

Section 2: The House of Delegates has the sole power to admit members. No new member shall be admitted without paying the annual dues and sending at least two (2) delegates to the National Convention.

Section 3: A member in good standing shall have the right to participate in all meetings and activities of the Association, and vote during the deliberation. A member to be in good standing must not be under any disciplinary action in the form of suspension or expulsion.

Section 4: The right of the member to choose its delegates to the standing committees shall not be impaired.

Section 5: It shall be the duty of every member to help promote and attain the goals of the organization. Every member is expected to attend regularly meetings of the Association and to participate in all of its activities.

Section 6: Where the annual membership fee and other fees determined by the Association is not paid by any member school, the membership of that school shall be deemed suspended. Such school will be deprived of all its benefits and privileges of membership for that year. However, if the suspended member school settles its unpaid fees within sixty (60) days for after having been given due notice, the suspension shall be lifted automatically.

Section 7: Where the member school fails to send a delegate to the National Convention for four (4) consecutive years, the member so in default shall be automatically expelled from the Association.

Where any member shall by its acts willfully and consistently prejudice, negate, or defeat any of the provisions in the Constitution, the Regional Board of the region to which such member belongs may recommend the suspension of such errant member. The National Board after proper notice and hearing shall by two-thirds vote of the members present, expel an errant member only after due and formal notice has been made to all members as regards the proposed expulsion.

Section 8: In cases of readmission, and lifting of the suspension thereof as provided under Section 6, and Section 7 hereof, the rules of procedure and/or guidelines to be promulgated by a committee created by the

House of Delegates shall apply.

ARTICLE IV - The House of Delegates and National Convention

Section 1: The House of Delegates shall be the highest policy-making body of the Association. It shall determine the national policy of the Association. It shall have the sole power to amend or revise the Constitution.

Section 2: The House of Delegates is composed of all members of the Association present during the National Convention. Each member school shall have one official delegate in the national House, duly certified by their respective Dean or any official authorized by the school.

Section 3: The principle of one member - one vote shall be followed in all deliberations of the House of Delegates.

Section 4: The House of Delegates shall be convened every last week of May or as may be determined by the National Board. It shall be presided over by the National President who shall set the agenda of the national House in the consultation with the National Board.

Section 5: Decisions of the national House shall be made by a majority vote of all members present. A majority of the members present during the House of Delegates shall constitute a quorum in order to conduct official business.

Section 6: The national House may establish standing committees as it may deem necessary for the performance of its function.

Section 7: The venue for the national convention shall be on a rotational basis in the following order: Mindanao, National Capital Region (NCR), Northern Luzon, Southern Luzon, and Visayas.

ARTICLE V - National Board and Board of Trustees

Section 1: The Board of Trustees shall be primarily responsible for the operationalization and implementation of the policies set in the House of Delegates. The National Board, meanwhile, shall serve as the executive arm of the Board of Trustees. The National Board shall coordinate the activities of the Association in the National level.

Section 2: The National Board shall be composed of the National President, Secretary General, Governor for Mindanao, Governor for NCR, Governor for Northern Luzon, Governor for Southern Luzon Governor for Visayas,, three (3) Vice-Presidents, one (1) each for International Affairs, Academic Affairs, and Marketing, National Treasurer and Auditor General. There shall be an Executive Vice President which shall be chosen by the National Board from among the five (5) Governors and three (3) Vice Presidents.

Section 3: The Board of Trustees shall be composed of the members of the National Board, and three (3) Alumni Trustees who shall be chosen by the outgoing National Board from among all persons who have served as officers of the Association. The Alumni Trustees do not need to be current law students at the time of appointment.

Section 4. When sitting as the Board of Trustees, the members shall act as a collegial body who have equal votes and shall be presided by the National President as Chairperson of the Board, on the concept of *primus inter pares*. The Board of Trustees shall exercise all the powers that may be exercised by the House of Delegates, except the power to amend and revise the Constitution.

Section 5. When sitting as the National Board, the members shall act as the cabinet who shall follow a hierarchical order and shall be under the control and supervision of the National President as the Chief Executive Officer.

Section 6. It shall be the duty of the National President of the Association:

1. To serve as the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees and Chief Executive Officer of the National Board, and preside over their meetings;
2. To convene and preside over the House of Delegates as mandated by this Constitution, or call for special House of Delegates as the need for them arises;
3. To represent the Association and its interests which necessitate the participation of the Association as an organization, and exercise the general powers of agency for and in behalf of the Association for the latter’s benefit;
4. To authorize the disbursement of funds upon the approval of the majority of the members of the Board

- of Trustees; and,
5. To exercise such other powers and fulfill such other duties incident to his office.

Section 7: It shall be the duty of the Executive Vice President:

1. To assume the powers and duties of the National President in the absence or disability of the latter; and,
2. To perform such other functions as may be assigned to them by the National President, the Board of Trustees or by the House of Delegates, in addition to the responsibilities of the position they concurrently have.

In case of absence or disability of the Executive Vice President, the remaining members of the National Board shall choose who among those listed under Section 2, Article V of this Constitution will assume the office.

Section 8: It shall be the duty of the Secretary General:

1. To act as the Corporate Secretary of the Association, who shall ensure compliance with all the statutory obligations of the Association as required by law, and safeguard all corporate and legal documents and records of the Association;
2. To organize the National Secretariat Committee which shall serve as the primary organizer of the membership of the Association, and deal with its management, expansion, recruitment and strengthening;
3. To manage all communications of the Association, whether external, or internal to all its members, the National Board and Board of Trustees, except those that are covered by the marketing operations of the Association; and,
4. To perform such other functions as may be assigned to them by the National President, the Board of Trustees or by the House of Delegates.

Section 9. It shall be the duty of the Governors:

1. To represent the Association in their respective regions and serve as the Chief Operating Officer for the regional operations of the Association;
2. To preside over the meetings of the Regional Board, and the Regional House of Delegates;
3. Acting on authority of the National President, to convene the Regional House of Delegates, or call for special Regional House of Delegates as the need for them arises;
4. Subject to the approval of the National Treasurer, to authorize the disbursement of regional funds; and,
5. To perform such other functions as may be assigned to them by the National President, the Board of Trustees or by the House of Delegates.

Section 10. It shall be the duty of the Vice President of International Affairs:

1. Acting as the alter-ego of the National President, to represent, protect and promote the interest of ALSP as legation in international relations and concerns;
2. To organize the International Committee and act as the President of Asian Law Students Associations - Philippines (ALSA – PH), whereby the members of the international committee shall serve as officers of ALSA - PH;
3. To submit semestral reports to the Board of Trustees on the international activities of the Association; and,
4. To perform such other functions as may be assigned to them by the National President, the Board of Trustees or by the House of Delegates.

Section 11. It shall be the duty of the Vice President for Academic Affairs:

1. Acting as the alter-ego of the National President, to represent the interest of ALSP in the Legal Education Board (LEB);
2. To organize the Academic Committee which shall manage academic research and scholarship in the Association, as well as spearhead programs to fulfill the educational goals of the Association, including the formulation of academic policies to be proposed to the LEB;
3. To implement the National Bar Operations Project and explore ways to help the province-based law schools with regard to access to educational materials; and,
4. To perform such other functions as may be assigned to them by the National President, the Board of Trustees or by the House of Delegates.

Section 12: It shall be the duty of the Vice President for Marketing:

1. To represent the interests of ALSP to its corporate partners;
2. To organize the Marketing Committee which shall plan and implement the marketing operations of the Association in order to promote the activities of the Association, mobilize resources necessary for the achievement of its goals, and build and create support from a public audience, including management of the Association's fund raising activities;
3. To lead the marketing committee which shall design the corporate brand of the Association, manage its public relation platforms and its corporate relations, and be the clearing house for all design and content of all the Association's products, promotions and publications; and,
4. To perform such other functions as may be assigned to them by the National President, the Board of Trustees or by the House of Delegates.

Section 13. It shall be the duty of the National Treasurer:

1. To exercise juridical possession over the funds, moneys, properties and assets of the Association on its behalf, and share the responsibility for its lawful and judicious management and use with the National President, and for this purpose open and maintain an account bearing the Association's name in a reputable banking institution, and be its main signatory together with the National President;
2. Following generally accepted accounting principles and other standards that the Board of Trustees may set in the code of financial policies, to record all financial transactions of the Association as well as all actions involving the resources of the Association, including the debts incurred by the Association and the deliverables owed to it, and to maintain these records and safeguard them for examination when needed;
3. To exercise control and supervision over the Regional Treasurers, and ensure that the latter maintain their accounting records as part of the national financial records of the Association;
4. To coordinate with the Vice President for Marketing in the mobilization of resources for the Association's projects and programs through sponsorships, partnerships, sale, endowment and other modes which shall be governed by the code of financial policies as established by the Board of Trustees, and,
5. To perform such other functions as may be assigned to them by the National President, the Board of Trustees or by the House of Delegates.

Section 14. It shall be the duty of the Auditor General;

1. To maintain the code of financial policies as approved by the Board of Trustees which shall govern the responsible inventory, maintenance, use, reporting and disposition of all the funds, moneys, properties and assets of the Association, and apply these policies in the auditing of all the financial records as prepared by the National and Regional Treasurers;
2. To certify that the financial statements and records of the Association are kept following the generally accepted accounting principles and other standards that the Board of Trustees may set in the code of financial policies, and for this purpose issue a clearance, when needed, for all accountable officers of the Association that all resources have been accounted for;
3. To oversee the evaluation, through surveys, focus group discussions and similar tools, of all projects and programs of the Association to measure its impact and achievement of goals, and in coordination with the Secretary General, prepare proposals to improve the operational efficiency and the effectiveness of the Association;
4. To institute an investigation, whether by directive, complaint or motu proprio, to determine whether there has been unlawful, wasteful or irresponsible use and disposition of any of the resources of the Association, and to report findings and recommend actions in relation to such investigation to the Board of Trustees for its review, and for such purpose, all records of the Association of whatever nature and regardless of the custodian shall be open for examination by the Auditor General; and,
5. To perform such other functions as may be assigned to them by the National President, the Board of Trustees or by the House of Delegates.

Section 15. It shall be the duty of the Alumni Trustees:

1. To actively participate as members of the Board of Trustees and provide guidance and support to the National Board and its officers to maintain stability and orderly transition in between administrations so that the Association fulfills its goals;
2. To act as the main liaisons of the Association to the ALSP alumni community including previous officers, members who have graduated from law school, and lawyers, in order to provide the necessary assistance, mobilization of resources and opening of networks that the Association may require; and,
3. To perform such other functions as may be assigned to them by the Board of Trustees or by the House of Delegates.

ARTICLE VI - Regional House of Delegates

Section 1: Each regional chapter of the Association shall have the Regional House of Delegates. Its fundamental function shall be to enact programs within its jurisdiction in consonance with the Constitution of the Association.

Section 2: It shall be composed of members within the territorial jurisdiction of the regional chapter. For that purpose, the Philippines shall be divided into five (5) regional chapters of the ALSP, to wit;

1. Mindanao chapter, consisting of all administrative regions, provinces, municipalities and cities within Mindanao;
2. National Capital Regional chapter, consisting of all cities and municipalities within the National Capital Region;
3. Northern Luzon chapter, consisting of all provinces, municipalities and cities within Administrative Regions 1, 2, 3 and the Cordillera Administrative Region;
4. Southern Luzon chapter, consisting of all provinces, municipalities and cities within Administrative Regions 4A, 4B and 5; and,
5. Visayas chapter, consisting of all administrative regions, provinces, municipalities and cities within the Visayas.

Section 3: Each member within their respective regional chapter shall have a delegate to the Regional House of Delegates.

Section 4: Decisions of the Regional House shall be made by a majority vote of all present.

Section 5: It shall be convened once a year and shall be presided by their respective Governor who shall set its agenda in consultation with the Regional Board.

Section 6: Each Regional House of Delegates may adopt its own by-laws subject to the provisions of this Constitution.

ARTICLE VII - Regional Board

Section 1: The Regional Board shall be responsible for the implementation of the programs set in the Regional House of Delegates and shall coordinate the activities of the Association at the regional level. It shall also be responsible for submitting semestral reports to the Board of Trustees on the activities of the Association in its region.

Section 2: It shall be composed of the Governor, Vice Governor, Regional Secretary, Regional Treasurer, Regional Auditor and Regional Public Relations Officer consisting of the elected Law Student Government President of member law schools or any member authorized by the LSG President or their respective Dean thereof.

Section 3. The Regional Treasurers, however, shall be under the direct supervision of the National Treasurer.

ARTICLE VIII - Elections

Section 1: The elections of the members of the National Board shall be held during the National Convention as governed by the provisions of this Constitution and the electoral code as approved by the Board of Trustees. It shall be presided over by the outgoing National President or by any member of the Board of Trustees appointed among themselves in case the outgoing National President is a candidate or is unable to do so.

Section 2: Any delegate present during the National Convention may run for office; however, only the authorized delegate per school is allowed to vote.

Section 3: A mere plurality of those present voting delegates is sufficient to elect a candidate for a given position.

Section 4: In case of a tie, a run-off election shall be held. Should the tie subsist, the winner shall be determined by lot.

Section 5: The ALSP National and Regional Officers, except the Alumni Trustees, shall have a term of one year without re-election for the same position. In case of vacancies, the person filing the vacancies shall serve only for the unexpired portion of the term.

Section 6: Except for the Alumni Trustees, candidates for any national or regional position must be *bona fide*

law students both at the time of election and assumption into office. No student who has already graduated from law school can be validly elected nor can they validly assume into office

Section 7: No delegate shall hold more than one position in the National and Regional Boards.

Section 8: Voting shall be made by secret ballot.

Section 9: The election of the three (3) Alumni Trustees shall be governed by the electoral code as approved by the Board of Trustees, which shall provide, among other things, that an Alumni Trustee shall be chosen by the outgoing National Board from among all persons who have served as officers of the Association, whether these officers are still bona fide law students or not. The Alumni Trustees shall serve a term of one year with no limit to reelection, and in case of vacancy, the current National Board shall appoint a new Alumni Trustee.

ARTICLE IX- Impeachment

Section 1: A member of the Board of Trustees shall be removed from office through impeachment on the following grounds:

- 1. culpable violation of this Constitution;
- 2. dereliction of duties mandated by the Constitution, or repeated failure to comply with the resolutions of the members and/or officers of the Association;
- 3. loss of trust and confidence;
- 4. commission of acts involving gross immorality, gross misconduct and violation of ethical standards; and,
- 5. any other acts involving moral turpitude.

Section 2: Impeachment procedures may be initiated by a petition signed by at least one-third of the entire membership of the Association. The official subject of the impeachment proceedings shall automatically be suspended from office upon its filing.

Section 3: A Special House of Delegates composed of one delegate from each member school shall be convened thirty (30) days from the filing of the petition for the purpose of deciding on said petition. The President shall preside over the said meeting unless he is the person sought to be impeached. In the latter case, the Executive Vice President shall act as a presiding officer. In case the President and Executive Vice President are both the subject of impeachment proceedings, the meeting shall be presided over by a delegate chosen by the Special House of Delegates.

Section 4: In case the proceeding prospers, the guilty officer shall be removed from both the Board of Trustees and the National Board, and the Special House of Delegates shall elect a replacement for the impeached official except when the latter is the President of the Association, in which case the Executive Vice President assumes the presidency for the duration of the unexpired term.

Section 5: In the impeachment proceedings, the member of the Board of Trustees subject to impeachment shall be given due notice and the opportunity to be heard. If the defendant does not use this opportunity, then they forfeits their right to be heard and the impeachment proceedings shall continue until terminated.

Section 6: A vote of two-thirds of all members present shall be required for the impeachment of any member of the Board of Trustees. Voting shall be done by secret ballot.

ARTICLE XII - Vacancies

Section 1: A vacancy shall arise by reason of death, resignation, incapacity, disability, or disqualification. In case of vacancy in the position of the National President, the Executive Vice President shall automatically serve as President for the duration of the unexpired term. In case of other vacancies, the Board of Trustees shall elect or appoint a successor.

ARTICLE XIII - Amendments or Revisions

Section 1: This Constitution may be amended or revised by a vote of two-thirds of the members of the House of Delegates present during the National Convention.

ARTICLE XIV - Effectivity

Section 1: This Constitution shall take effect upon ratification by a majority of the delegates present and voting during 29th National Convention.

Ratified this 8th day of July, in the year 2018, in the Jose Maria College, Davao City, Philippines.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
ASSOCIATION OF LAW STUDENTS OF THE PHILIPPINES, INC.
(Name of Corporation)

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

The undersigned incorporators, all of legal age and a majority of whom are residents of the Philippines, have this day voluntarily agreed to form a non-stock corporation under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines;
AND WE HEREBY CERTIFY:

FIRST: That the name of said corporation shall be "Association of Law Students of the Philippines, Inc.

- SECOND:** That the purpose or purposes for which such corporation is incorporated are:
1. The Association shall contribute to the improvement of legal education in the Philippines by providing venues for academic cooperation and coordination among law students in the country, it shall also promote a continuing program of legal research in substantive and adjective law.
 2. The Association shall instill a sense of awareness and public responsibility among its members particularly in advocacy of social justice and human rights.
 3. The Association shall cultivate a spirit of cordiality and camaraderie among its members and contribute to their intellectual, social, physical and moral development.
 4. The Association shall promote better understanding, goodwill, and cooperation with law students from other countries on matters of mutual concerns and benefit.

THIRD: That the place where the principal office of the association is to be established at The Pontifical and Royal University of Sto. Tomas, Main Building, Mezzanine Floor, Faculty of Civil Law Student Council Office, Espa.

FOURTH: That the term for which said corporation is to exist is fifty (50) years from and after the date of issuance of the certificate of incorporation;

FIFTH: That the names, nationalities and residences of the incorporators of the corporation are as follows:

NAME	NATIONALITY	RESIDENCE
Mark Leo Chang	Filipino	Block 1 Lot 36, La Cittadella Subd., Talamban, Cebu City
Melanie Rose Tan	Filipino	729 Bontoc St., Gagalangin, Tondo, Manila
Rey Pulicay	Filipino	17 th Floor Unit 1717 España Tower Condominium 2203, España Blvd., Sampaloc, Manila
Christer James Ray Gaudiano	Filipino	1121 F. De La Fuente Street., Sampaloc, Manila
Zoilo D. Belano Jr.	Filipino	Blk. 54 Lot 12 Pinagsama Village, Phase 2 Western Bcutan, Taguig City

SIXTH: That the number of directors or trustees of the corporation shall be five (5) and the names, nationalities and residences of the first directors or trustees of the corporation are as follows:

NAME	NATIONALITY	RESIDENCE
Mark Leo Chang	Filipino	Block 1 Lot 36, La Cittadella Subd. Talamban, Cebu City
Melanie Rose Tan	Filipino	729 Bontoc St., Gagalangin, Tondo, Manila
Rey Pulicay	Filipino	17 th Floor Unit 1717 España Tower Condominium 2203, España Blvd., Sampaloc, Manila
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SEVENTH: That the capital of the association was contributed by the incorporators and directors who are members of the association as follows:

Name	TIN	Contribution
Mark Leo M. Chang		204-914-029 Php 500.00
Melanie Rose Tan		242-442-594 Php 500.00
Christer J.R.A. Gaudiano		246-086-835 Php 500.00
Christian Leonard Agodon		219-078-343 Php 500.00
Zoilo D. Belano Jr.		206-442-799 Php 500.00
Sherween Paul V. Saquing		927-537-794 Php 500.00
Patrick Melbert Borbon		110-517-603 Php 500.00
Ethelbert R. Daguit		911-013-409 Php 500.00
Aaron Anonuevo		228-641-301 Php 500.00
Rey B. Pulicay		264-086-777 Php 500.00
TOTAL		Php 5, 000.00

EIGHTH: That no part of the income in which the association may obtain as an incident to its operation shall be distributed as dividends to its members, trustees or officers subject to the provisions of the Corporation Code on dissolution. Any profit obtained by the association as a result of its operation, whenever necessary or proper shall be used for the furtherance of the purpose s enumerated in Article II, subject to the provision of Title XI of the Corporation Code of the Philippines.

NINTH: That Mr. Rey B. Pulicay has been elected by the subscribers as Treasurer of the Corporation to act as such until his successor is duly elected and qualified in accordance with the by-laws, and that as such Treasurer, he has been authorized to receive for and in the name and for the benefit of the corporation, all subscription (or fees) or contributions or donations paid or given by the subscribers or members.

TENTH: That the incorporators undertake to change the name of the corporation immediately upon receipt of notice or directive from the Securities and Exchange Commission that another corporation, partnership or person has acquired a prior right to the use of that name or that name has been declared as misleading, deceptive, confusingly similar to a registered name, or contrary to public morals, good customs or public policy.

ELEVENTH: That the association shall comply with the requirements for non-stock corporations in the course of the operation.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto signed these Articles of Incorporation, this 26th day of October, 2008 in the City/Municipality of Manila, Province of _____, Republic of the Philippines.

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(Names and signatures of the incorporators)
SIGNED IN THE PRESENCE OF:

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BY- LAWS
OF
ASSOCIATION OF LAW STUDENTS OF THE PHILLIPINES
(Name of Corporation)

ARTICLE I - MEETINGS

Section 1. Annual Meetings of the members shall be held at the principal office of the association on the last Friday of May every year or any date specified by the National Board. The National President shall render his annual report to the members regarding the activities of the association. The election of trustees shall also be held during this regular meeting.

Section 2. Special Meetings – Special Meetings of the members shall be called as the need thereof arises,

by the Board of Trustees or the National President or upon petition of 1/3 of the general membership.

Section 3. Notices – Notices of the time and place of annual, and special meetings of the members shall be given either personally or by special delivery mail, at least two (2) weeks before the date set for such meeting. The notice of every of every special meeting shall state briefly the purpose or purposes of the meeting.

Section 4. Quorum – A quorum for any meeting of the members shall consists of a majority of the members and a majority of such quorum may decide any question at the meeting, except those matters where the Corporation Code requires the affirmative vote of a greater proportion.

Section 5. Order of Business – The order of business at the annual meeting of the members shall be as follows:

- a. Proof of service of the required notice of the meeting.
- b. Proof of the presence of quorum.
- c. Reading and approval of the minutes of the previous annual meeting.
- d. Unfinished business.
- e. Report of the National President
- f. Election of the Trustees for the ensuing year.
- g. Other matters.

Section 6. Voting Proxy – Each member shall be entitled to one vote, and he may vote either in person or by proxy which shall be in writing and filed with the Secretary of the association before the scheduled meeting.

ARTICLE II

TRUSTEES

Section 1. Board of Trustees – The corporate powers of the association shall be exercised, its business conducted and its property controlled the Board of Trustees.

Section 2. Qualifications – The trustees to be elected must be of legal age and members of the association, except the Alumni Trustees who may no longer be bona fide law students.

Section 3. Disqualification of Trustees or Officers – No member convicted by final judgment of an offense punishable by imprisonment for a period exceeding six (6) years, or a violation of the Corporation Code of the Philippines committed within five (5) years prior to the date of his election or appointment, shall be qualify as trustee or officer.

Section 4. Term of Office of Trustees – The of trustees shall hold office for one year and until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

ARTICLE III

NATIONAL OFFICERS AND ELECTORAL CODE

Section 1. Officers - The officers of the association shall be the National President, Secretary General, Governor for Mindanao, Governor for the National Capital Region, Governor for Northern Luzon, Governor for Southern Luzon, Governor for Visayas, Vice President for International Affairs, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Vice President for Marketing, National Treasurer and Auditor General. They shall be elected by the House of Delegates from among those present. Additionally, there shall be three (3) Alumni Trustees who shall be chosen by the outgoing National Board during the National Convention from among all those persons who have served as officers of the Association. No officer shall hold two positions concurrently, unless the second position is that of the Executive Vice President.

Section 2. Term of Office – All offices of the association shall hold office for one year and until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

ARTICLE IV

FUNCTIONS & POWERS OF OFFICERS

Section 1. President – The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the association. He shall preside in all meetings of the members of the association and the board of trustees.

He shall execute all resolutions of the Board of Trustees. He shall be charged with directing and overseeing the activities of the association. He shall submit to the Board as soon as possible after the close of each fiscal year, and to the members of each annual meeting, a complete report of the activities and operation of the association for the fiscal year under his term.

Section 2. Regional Vice-President – The Vice-President, if qualified, shall exercise all powers and perform all duties of the President during the absence or incapacity of the latter and shall perform duties that maybe assigned by the Board of Trustees.

Section 3. Vice President for Audit and Finance – The Vice President for Audit and Finance shall have charge of the funds, receipts and disbursements of the association. He shall keep all moneys and other valuables of the association in such banks as the Board of Trustees may designate. He shall also perform such other duties and functions as may be assigned to them from time to time by the Board of Trustees. He shall post a bond in such amount as may be fixed by the Board of Trustees.

Section 4. Vice President for Academic Affairs – The Vice President for Academic Affairs shall be the law student representative to the Legal Education Board and shall spearhead the Association’s yearly Centralized Bar Operations.

Section 5. Secretary – The Secretary shall give all notices required by these by-laws and keep the minutes of all meetings of the members and of the Board of Trustees in a book kept for the purpose. He shall keep the seal of the association and affix such seal to any paper or instrument requiring the same. He shall have custody of the members register and the correspondence files of the association. He shall also perform all such other duties and work as the Board of Trustees may from time assign to them.

Section 6. Public Relations Officer – The Public Relations Officer shall serve as the Media Officer of the organization. He shall initiate efforts in forming the organization’s position on issues of national importance and shall promote the activities of the Associations all through out the country.

Article V

MEMBERS

Section 1. Qualification for Membership – The Board of Trustees shall determine the qualification of members of an applicant for membership pursuant to the requirements of the Constitution.

Section 2. Rights of Members – A member shall have the following rights:

- a. To exercise the right to vote on all matters relating to the affairs of the association.
- b. To be eligible to any elective or appointive office of the association.
- c. To participate in all deliberations/meetings of the association.
- d. To avail of the facilities of the association.
- e. To examine all the records or books of the association during the business.

Section 3. Duties and responsibilities of the Members – A member shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

- a. To obey and comply with the by-laws, rules and regulations promulgated by the association from time to time;
- b. To attend all meetings of the association;
- c. To pay membership dues and other assessments of the association.

ARTICLE VI

SUSPENSION, EXPULSION AND TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

Suspension, expulsion and termination of membership shall be in accordance with rules and regulation of

the association.

Any member of the association may file charges against a member by filing a written complaint with the Secretary General of the association. The Board of Trustees shall call a special meeting to consider the charges. The affirmative vote of majority of all the trustees shall be necessary to suspend a member; Provided that where the penalty is expulsion, the affirmative vote of majority of all the members of the association shall be necessary.

ARTICLE VII

FINANCIAL CODE

Section 1. Funds – The funds of the association shall be derived from admission fees, annual dues and special assessments of members, gifts, donations and other non-profit fund raising activities.

Section 2. Disbursements – Withdrawal from funds of the association, whether by check or any other instruments shall be signed by the National Treasurer and countersigned by the President. If necessary, the Board of Trustees may designate other signatories.

Section 3. Fiscal Year – The fiscal year of the association shall be from January 1st to December 31st of each year.

ARTICLE VIII

CORPORATE SEAL

Section 1. Form – The corporate seal of the association shall be in such form and design as may be determined by the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE IX

AMENDMENTS OF THE BY-LAWS

Section 1. Amendments – These by-laws, or any provision thereof, may be amended or repealed by a majority vote of the members and by a majority vote of the Trustees at any regular meeting duly held for the purpose.