Arkansas Bar Association
Excerpt from By-Laws

Article VIII. Committees and Task Forces

Section 1. Committees

A. The Board of Governors, at the request of the Association's President, President-Elect, or upon its own motion, is empowered to create other Committees of the Association to assist in the association's governance, its programs, or otherwise.

B. The Board of Governors shall specify the terms of committee members, any qualifications for committee membership, including, when appropriate, a requirement that committee members be members of the Board of Governors.

C. Unless the Board of Governors provides otherwise, vacancies on committees shall be filled by the President. The President-elect shall appoint a chairperson of each committee who will serve as such during the succeeding Association year.

D. When contemplating appointments to committees and task forces, consideration should be given to the Association's goal of seeking participation which is broadly representative of its membership, geographic and otherwise.

E. The Legislation Committee shall consist of the following eleven voting members[1]:

1. The President, the President-Elect, and the President-Elect Designee of the Association,
2. The chair of the Jurisprudence and Law Reform Committee, and
3. The chair of the Legislation Committee, all of whom shall serve for the term of the office held;
4. Three individuals appointed jointly by the President-Elect and President-Elect Designee for three year, staggered terms commencing at the close of Annual Meetings provided that of the two initial appointments in the spring of 2014, one shall be appointed by the President-Elect Designee for one year and the remaining shall be appointed by the President-Elect for three years; and
5. One representative from each of the state Bar Districts who shall be elected by majority vote of all members of the House of Delegates from that District and who shall serve as District Vice-Chair of the legislative action network for the District from which that member is elected. Such elected representatives from state Bar Districts may, but need not be members of the House of Delegates, and in even numbered years such representatives shall be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Association for a term of two years.
6. The chair of the Legislation Committee shall be appointed by the President-Elect, prior to assuming the office of President at the close of each annual meeting, and shall serve from the adjournment of that

[1] Composition of Legislation Committee increased from 9 to 11. Approved by House of Delegates June 13, 2014.

meeting until the adjournment of the next annual meeting following appointment The Committee may meet in person, electronically or by telephone conference call. The vote, in person, electronically or telephonically, of a majority of the full Committee shall be necessary in order for the Committee to act upon any proposition. The Chair shall be eligible to vote. The Committee may otherwise make such rules and regulations as it deems appropriate for its own governance.

7. In the event of a vacancy the President shall make an appointment to serve for the remainder of the term. If the vacancy is one of the three seats elected by the delegate districts the President's appointment will serve until the next House of Delegates meeting when the vacancy will be filled by the applicable bar district to serve the remainder of the term.
8. A non participating member may be removed by a 2/3 vote of the entire committee.

F. The Legislation Committee's responsibilities are to:

1. support the Association's Lobbyist in promoting the enactment of bills included in the Legislative Package approved under Article X of these By-Laws;
2. support the position of the Association on legislation pending before the Arkansas General Assembly; and
3. consider and decide the position of the Association on rules and regulations proposed and under consideration by the regulatory agencies of the State of Arkansas and legislation which the House of Delegates has not taken official position on and is under consideration or expected to be considered by Agencies of the State of Arkansas or by the Arkansas Legislature or its interim committees, or on proposed initiated acts. In fulfilling these responsibilities, the Legislation Committee shall:
   i. establish and maintain a statewide legislative action network of lawyers who will serve as legislative contacts to advocate the Association's position to legislators, and recruit lawyers to be legislative witnesses in support of the Association's position on State agency rules and regulations and legislative proposals; attend committee meetings and legislative sessions when the Lobbyist cannot be present, and perform such other tasks as are reasonably calculated to achieve the Association's Legislative goals.
   ii. not support any legislation or Agency rules or regulations which the House of Delegates has rejected within the immediate past 12 months nor oppose any legislation or Agency rules or regulations which the House of Delegates has approved within the past 12 months. It shall have authority to make changes in proposed legislation of the Association which do not materially change the intent or the purpose of such legislation and may take a position for the Association on other Agency rules or regulations and legislation and proposed legislation under consideration or expected to be

considered by the Arkansas Legislature or its interim committees or rules or regulations under consideration by State agencies. During special sessions, the Committee may sponsor technical corrections to existing law and poll the House of Delegates on substantive matters which have not previously been voted on by the House.

iii. not take a position on any legislation or any Agency rules or regulations unless it would have a direct effect on the practice of law or a significant impact on the administration of justice.

4. The President of the Arkansas Bar Association, at his or her discretion or upon the request of the Chair of the Legislation Committee, may appoint one or more subject matter experts to assist the Legislation Committee.

5. Notwithstanding the voting requirements in Article VIII, Section1, E,(6), the Chair of the Legislation Committee may exercise the authority of the Legislation Committee granted in Article VIII, Section 1, F, (3),when the need for prompt action does not allow the convening of the Legislation Committee or polling it by telephone, e-mail, FAX, or other means of communication.

G. The Jurisprudence and Law Reform Committee shall consist of seventeen to eighteen members. The President-Elect, prior to assuming the office of President at the close of each annual meeting, shall appoint one voting member from each State Bar District, who shall serve from the adjournment of that meeting until the adjournment of the third annual meeting following appointment. The President-Elect shall also appoint two additional members for three year terms, regardless of the State Bar District in which said members reside, and appoint a chair of the committee who may or may not be one of the other members of the committee. The Chair of the Legislation Committee and the Association's Lobbyist shall be non-voting, ex-officio members of the committee.

H. The Jurisprudence and Law Reform Committee's responsibilities are to consider and report concerning all matters of jurisprudence and procedure including reforms of the substantive law and improvement in practice and in administration of the Courts, and such other related matters as may be referred to it by the House of Delegates.

I. Committees, including those in existence as of the adoption of this bylaw, shall continue to exist, from year to year, until terminated by the Board of Governors, except that any change in the Jurisprudence and Law Reform Committee and the Legislation Committee shall require amendment of these By-Laws.

J. House Advisory Committee to President: The President, with the consent of the House Advisory Committee to the President, shall have full power and authority to consider and decide the position of the Association on legislation or federal regulatory matters on which the House of Delegates has not taken official position and is under consideration or expected to be considered by the Congress of the United States. Further, the President, with the consent of the House Advisory Committee to the President, shall have full power and authority to state the policy position of the Association when it is impractical to convene a

meeting of the House of Delegates in time to consider and decide the position of the Association in a time sensitive matter having a direct effect on the practice of law or a significant impact on the administration of justice.

1. Neither the President nor the House Advisory Committee to the President shall support any legislation or federal regulatory matter which the House of Delegates has rejected within the immediate past 12 months nor oppose any legislation which the House of Delegates has approved within the past 12 months.
2. Neither the President nor the House Advisory Committee to the President shall take a position on any legislation or federal regulatory matter unless it would have a direct effect on the practice of law or a significant impact on the administration of justice.
3. The President and the House Advisory Committee to the President may meet in person, by conference telephone call, email, or other electronic means as is most practicable under the circumstances. The vote of a majority of the full Committee shall be necessary in order for the Committee to act upon any proposition. The President shall be eligible to vote.
4. The House Advisory Committee to the President shall consist of the following ten (10) voting members:
   i. The President, President-Elect and Immediate Past President;
   ii. The Chair of the Board of Governors
   iii. Six members selected by the House of Delegates.
5. The House Advisory Committee to the President shall also consist of four (4) non-voting ex-officio members:
   i. The President-Elect Designee;
   ii. The chair of the Young Lawyers Section;
   iii. The Secretary of the Association; and
   iv. The Executive Director.
6. The House of Delegates shall elect its first six member representatives at the Annual meeting in June 2010.
   i. Each bar district shall elect two members. The term of service, except for the Bar Year 2010-2011 shall be two years.
   ii. At the 2010 Annual meeting, the Bar Districts shall elect two members, one to serve one year and one to serve a two year term. Commencing with the 2011 Annual meeting and annually thereafter the Bar Districts shall elect one member who will serve a two year term.
   iii. To be eligible for election the member must be a sitting or tenured Delegate.
7. The President of the Association shall serve as chair of the House Advisory Committee to the President and decide on each occasion the structure of the meeting, whether by telephone conference, in person, or by any practical electronic means. If feasible the President may give the

House of Delegates advance notice of a meeting and include the current composition of the committee and their email addresses.

8. The President of the Association shall notify the full House of Delegates as soon as possible of the substance of all meetings of the committee, regardless of whether any action was taken. Any action taken by the House Advisory Committee to the President shall be subject to affirmation, repeal, or modification by the House of Delegates unless the passage of time makes repeal or modification inequitable, inappropriate, or impracticable.

Section 2. Task Forces

A. The Board of Governors, at the request of the Association's President, President-Elect or upon its own motion, is also empowered to create one or more task forces to accomplish specific tasks. Unless the Board of Governors provides otherwise, members of task forces and their chairpersons shall likewise be appointed by the President or President-Elect upon the terms and under the conditions set forth by the Board of Governors. A task force shall cease to exist when the Board of Governors determines that the task for which it was formed has been completed or should be abandoned, or otherwise that the task force is no longer needed.

Section 3. Review

No action or recommended action of any committee or task force shall be considered the official act of the Association until such action or recommendation shall first have been presented to and approved by the Board of Governors. The Board of Governors may refer such matters to the House of Delegates for final action. The reports of all committees and task forces shall be made at least annually to the Board of Governors.

Section 4. Committee of Past Presidents

There shall also be a committee of past presidents consisting of those who have served as President of the Association. This Committee shall serve as an advisory committee, and shall make such investigation, studies, recommendations and reports and render such advisory opinions as may be requested of the Committee by the Board of Governors or by the President.