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CONSTITUTION

Southeastern Chapter, American Association of Law Libraries

Article I. Name.

The name of this regional group shall be Southeastern Chapter, American Association of Law Libraries.

Article II. Object.

The purpose of the chapter is to stimulate a spirit of mutual helpfulness among law librarians of the Southeastern region, to promote professional growth and to further the development and usefulness of law libraries in the Southeastern region.

Article III. Membership.

Any person or institution residing in the Southeastern region interested in law libraries may become a member of the chapter by complying with the provisions of the by-laws. This Southeastern region includes the following states: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia and such other states as may be added.

Article IV. Meetings.

Meetings shall be held as provided in the by-laws.

Article V. Officers and Committees.

Section 1. Officers. The officers shall consist of a president, a president-elect, and a secretary-treasurer. The officers shall be elected biennially. The President-Elect shall serve as Vice-President and shall automatically become president after two years and shall so serve during the third and fourth years following his or her election. The officers shall serve without compensation.

Section 2. Duties of Officers. The officers shall perform the duties usually pertaining to their respective offices.

Section 3. Executive Committee. The officers shall together act as Executive Committee and as such direct the activities of the chapter subject to the provisions of this Constitution and the By-Laws and in accordance with the policies agreed upon by the members. The immediate past president shall serve on the Executive Committee.

Section 4. Committees. There shall be such committees as the Executive Committee shall from time to time create.

Section 5. Appointments. The president shall appoint all Committee members unless the Chapter shall otherwise direct.

Section 6. Terms of Office. All officers and members of committees shall serve until their successors are elected or appointed, and qualified.

Article VI. Amendments to Constitution.

Amendments to the Constitution may be proposed by the Executive Committee or by a petition signed by ten per cent of the members. Proposed amendments shall become effective after they have been submitted to all members and when approved by two-thirds of those voting in a ballot conducted by mail in the manner provided in the by-laws. (This is to protect those members who cannot attend any meetings.)

Article VII. By-Laws.

Any By-Law may be adopted, repealed, amended or suspended by a two-thirds vote of the members voting in a ballot conducted by mail in the manner provided in the By-Laws or at a meeting of the Chapter by a three-fourths vote of members voting in the ballot.

Article VIII. Effective Date.

This constitution shall become effective after approval by three-fourths of the members.

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