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Letter to SEAALL President regarding the AALL Model Chapter Bylaws, February 15, 1988

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TO: Chapter Presidents

FROM: Sally Wise, Chair
       Constitution and Bylaws Committee

RE: Model Chapter Bylaws - update

DATE: February 15, 1988

We decided to begin a looseleaf service for the Model Chapter Bylaws!

We noticed that the pagination in the table of contents did not match the actual pages in the document and we wanted to change the language in the antidiscrimination clause - so looseleaf updates!

Good-luck filing.

cc: Albert Brecht, President
    Margaret Leary, Vice-President/President Elect
    Gitelle Seer, Secretary
    Constitution and Bylaws Committee
**FILING INSTRUCTIONS**

*Model Chapter Bylaws*

After publication of the November 1987 version of the Model Chapter Bylaws some mistakes were discovered. These revised pages correct those mistakes:

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statement of permissible language. In addition to sample language for use in a Chapter's documents, the committee has provided comment's for many Sections. These comments appear in bold type just before the Article or Section to which they apply. They are intended to facilitate use of this model. Any questions about the comments or the text of the model, as well as any suggestions should be addressed to the committee, and are welcomed.

It is strongly recommended that a Chapter look to the most recent edition of Robert's, or some other suitable authority in reviewing, revising, or writing anew its fundamental documents. Much valuable information can be found in such a book regarding the purpose and drafting of bylaws, the relation between these documents and other rules of procedure; and, in general, the internal workings of organizations. It is also strongly urged that Chapters adopt, and incorporate by reference, a parliamentary authority. This will have the dual effect of (1) allowing the Chapter to turn to a generally accepted authority on association procedures for the resolution of disputes or questions; and (2) permitting the Chapter's fundamental document to be considerably less detailed without sacrificing substance and hence, shorter than it otherwise would be.

Chapters should be aware that they do not have tax exempt status as a result of their connection with AALL. It is strongly recommended that each Chapter, to avoid tax liability, file for tax exempt status with the Internal Revenue Service. These Model Bylaws provide sample language to accommodate the requirement of the IRS as to a tax exempt organization's purpose and its disposition of assets should the organization disband. Each Chapter should look to the current tax laws as well as to these Model Bylaws when filing for tax exempt status.
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Section 3. (ALTERNATIVE 3 to Section 3) If approved by a majority of the members present and voting at the meeting, the amendment shall be submitted to the entire membership for final decision by mail ballot.

These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the returned mail ballots to the entire membership provided that at least ___ percent shall have voted.

Section 4. Amendments to these Bylaws shall be submitted to the American Association of Law Libraries committee on constitution and bylaws by the president (secretary) upon adoption by the membership of the Association.
ARTICLE 11. **Antidiscrimination**

The categories named here are those in the AALL Bylaws, Article 9, and must be included in the bylaws of any Chapter. Additional categories may be added by any Chapter which so desires.

Neither membership, nor full participation in the activities of this Association, shall be denied to any person on account of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, sexual orientation or disability.