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CONSTITUTION

SOUTHEASTERN CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES

ARTICLE I: NAME.

The name of this organization shall be Southeastern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE.

The Chapter is established for education and scientific purposes. It shall be conducted as a non-profit organization to:

a. promote law librarianship.

b. develop and increase the usefulness of law libraries, particularly those in the Southeastern area of the United States.

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 bylaws. This Southeastern region includes Puerto Rico and the following states: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia and such other states as may be added.

ARTICLE IV: MEETINGS.

Meetings shall be held as provided in the bylaws.

ARTICLE V: OFFICERS.

Section 1. The officers shall consist of a president, vice-president, president elect, and a secretary/treasurer. The vice-president - president elect shall serve as vice-president and shall automatically become the president after one year and shall so serve during the second year following his or her election. The secretary-treasurer shall serve for two years. The officers shall serve without compensation. The officers shall perform the duties pertaining to their respective offices.
Section 2. In the event that the president resigns prior to the completion of a regular term, or is otherwise unable to perform the duties of the office in the judgment of the Executive Committee, the vice-president - president elect shall automatically assume the presidency and shall serve therein until his original presidential term would have expired, or for no more than two years, whichever is shorter. A special election would be held to fill the office of vice president - president elect upon the assumption of the office of president by the vice-president - president elect.

Section 3. In the event that the office of vice-president - president elect should become vacant for any other reason than specified in Section 2 above, a special election would be held to fill that office for the remainder of the unexpired term. If the office of secretary/treasurer becomes vacant for any reason, a special election would be held to fill that office for the remainder of the unexpired term.

Section 4. These special elections could be held by mail or at the next Chapter meeting, at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

Section 5. No officer shall hold more than one office in this Chapter at one time, nor shall the president hold office for more than two consecutive terms.

Section 6. Terms of office. All officers shall be installed at the conclusion of the chapter meeting following their election or appointment and serve until their successors are elected or appointed, and qualified.

ARTICLE VI: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The officers shall together act as the Executive Committee and direct the activities of the Chapter subject to the provisions of this Constitution and the bylaws and in accordance with the policies agreed upon by the members.

The immediate past president shall serve on the Executive Committee.
ARTICLE VII: COMMITTEES.

a. There shall be the following committees:
   (1) Program
   (2) Membership
   (3) Nominating
   (4) Placement
   (5) Scholarship

b. The president shall appoint all members of the standing committees. Special committees may be created as necessary. The president shall appoint all members of the Special Committees.

ARTICLE VIII: ANTI-DISCRIMINATION.

Membership in the Chapter or participation in any activity of the Chapter shall not be denied to any individual, or abridged, on account of race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

ARTICLE IX: AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION.

Amendments to the Constitution may be proposed by the Executive Committee or by a petition signed by ten percent 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 the ballot conducted by mail in the manner provided in the bylaws or at a meeting of the Chapter by a two-thirds vote of the members voting in the ballot.

ARTICLE X: BYLAWS.

Any bylaws 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 bylaws or at a meeting of the Chapter by a two-thirds vote of the members voting in the ballot.

ARTICLE XI: EFFECTIVE DATE.
This constitution shall become effective after approval by three-fourths of the members voting at a meeting of the Chapter.

I certify that this copy of the Constitution of the Southeastern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries is true and accurate.

[Signature]
Ed Edmonds
Secretary/Treasurer
December 13, 1982