

# BYLAWS OF THE SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT LAW SOCIETY

NASHVILLE SCHOOL OF LAW

## ARTICLE I – NAME AND PURPOSE

In order to promote and support interest in the current issues affecting sports and entertainment law, and to establish and cultivate networks within this specialized legal community for the purpose of providing interested NSL students with access to information regarding the availability of professional opportunities, the Sports and Entertainment Law Society (“SELS”) is hereby established.

## ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP

- (A) **Membership:** An active SELS member shall be any presently enrolled NSL student who shows an honest and sincere interest in, and endeavors to uphold further, SELS’s goals and objectives, and is willing to show commitment by regularly attending, participating and contributing in meetings and events.
- (B) **Voting:** Each member shall be given an inalienable right to vote in an election of officers provided such member has attended fifty percent (50%) of the meetings in the term immediately preceding an election.
- (C) **Eligibility:** Upon completion of one (1) full semester as an active SELS member, each member is eligible to compete for any elected office in the Executive Branch.
- (D) **Resolutions:** Each member has the right to propose resolutions and vote on resolutions proposed by other SELS members.
- (E) **Non-discrimination statement:** No student may be denied membership on the basis of race, creed, religion, gender, age, sexual orientation, national origin, marital status, parental status, disability, or the inability to pay dues.
- (G) **Conditions:** No hazing or discrimination will be used as a condition of membership in this organization.

### (H) REVOCATION OF MEMBERSHIP

Membership may be revoked without mutual agreement for non- participation, misconduct, or violations of any provisions of the Bylaws. The member will be notified in writing of the possible revocation at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to the vote and will be allowed to address the organization in order to relate to members any relevant defense prior to the voting for removal. Membership can only be revoked upon a two-thirds majority vote of eligible members. Revocation of membership will be valid for two (2) semesters.

**(I) APPEAL OF REVOCATION**

Any student whose membership is revoked will have seven (7) calendar days to appeal the revocation. The appeal must be submitted in writing to the President and Secretary, and must include any relevant information that has not already been presented. The President will then submit the appeal to the Appeals Committee. This committee consists of three Executive Board members and four general members. This committee will then render a decision at the next general body meeting or in seven calendar days, whichever occurs first.

**ARTICLE III – EXECUTIVE BOARD**

(A) ~~Executive Board~~ This organization’s policies and executive functions shall be carried out by four elected officers who comprise the Executive Board.

(B) **Eligibility:** All officers of the, Sports and Entertainment Law Society shall be enrolled at least part-time at the Nashville School of Law.

(C) **Board Roles:** The Executive Board is divided as follows:

- (1) The direction and oversight of the organization is the primary function of the President. This function includes, but is not limited to, the following:
  - (a) presenting the agenda for the upcoming year in accordance with current issues and concerns, and the overall goals of the organization;
  - (b) presiding over all meetings which shall be called at least once a month;
  - (c) establishing ad hoc committees;
  - (d) representing SELS at meetings with the Dean, or, in the case of emergency which precludes the President from such attendance, appointing another member of the Board for the purpose of such representation;
  - (e) setting annual membership dues;
  - (f) supervising the recruitment of new SELS members; and
  - (g) supervising the planning for the annual SELS Spring Conference.
- (2) The Vice President primarily assists the President and shall:
  - (a) be vested with the responsibility and duties of the President, in the absence of the President;
  - (b) oversee the planning and organizing of activities;
  - (c) be a liaison with other student organizations;
  - (d) coordinate recruitment of new members for SELS;
  - (e) share in the responsibility of keeping the communities abreast of all SELS activities and events; and
  - (f) assist in the planning and organizing of the annual SELS Spring Conference.
- (3) The Secretary is charged with:
  - (a) keeping a current roster of the membership;
  - (b) recording attendance at the SELS meetings;
  - (c) preparing minutes of all SELS meetings;
  - (d) communicating to the membership about any scheduled meetings, activities, and/or events; and
  - (e) responding and preparing all incoming and outgoing correspondence.

- (4) The Treasurer is charged with the duty of administering all the finance of the organization including to:
  - (a) prepare and submit a budget to the President;
  - (b) maintain proper and accurate records of SELS accounts;
  - (c) distribute SELS funds; and
  - (d) coordinate fund-raising activities for the organization.
  
- (5) **Other Officers:** There shall be officers appointed by the executive board to serve the course of the executive's terms. The officers shall be:
  - (a) Social Media Coordinator  
 There shall be a Social Media Coordinator to manage the SELS Twitter, Facebook and other Social Media sites which they deem appropriate.
  
  - (b) Public Relations Coordinator  
 There shall be a Public Relations Coordinator to help with all press releases, monthly newsletters and any other work which they deem appropriate.
  
  - (c) Career Coordinator  
 There shall be two (2) Career Coordinators to regularly search and post to the SELS website new job postings of legal careers related to the sports and entertainment industries.

**(E) REMOVAL OF OFFICERS**

- (1) **Removal.** Any officer may be removed from office upon a two-thirds majority vote of eligible members. The officer will be notified in writing and will be allowed to address the organization in order to relate to members any relevant defense prior to the voting for removal.
  
- (2) **Resignation.** Officers no longer wishing to serve on the board must submit their resignation to the President at least two (2) weeks in advance. Prior to the officer's final day, he/she shall provide all documents relating to the organization and brief his/her replacement of current projects in his/her care.

**ARTICLE IV – ELECTIONS**

- (A) **Quorum.** A quorum, which consists of forty percent (40%) of the members eligible to vote, shall be required for the election of officers and adoption of any resolutions.
  
- (B) **Eligibility.** Members eligible to vote are those active members described in Art. I cl. A.
  
- (C) **Nominations & Elections.** All officers shall be nominated and elected between October and December of the calendar year immediately preceding the January 1 effective date of such officers' terms.
  
- (D) **Term.** All officers shall hold their offices for a one-year period on good behavior commencing on January 1 of each calendar year.
  
- (E) **Vacancies.** If an officer is vacated during the term of office:

- (1) By the President, Vice President shall assume the role of President for the remainder of the term.
  - (a) The interim President shall nominate an interim Vice President, subject to majority approval by the remaining Executive Board members, who shall assume the role for the remainder of the term.
- (2) By any other officer, the President shall appoint a replacement officer for the remainder of the term.

#### **ARTICLE V – ADVISOR**

- (A) **Nomination and Role.** The advisor shall be selected by the Executive Board of this organization by a majority vote of the Executive Board. The advisor shall serve as a mentor to the organization providing guidance to the officers and members. The advisor has no voting rights. The advisor position has no term limit other than he/she must be a current NSL faculty or staff member.
- (B) **Removal and Replacement of Advisor.** The advisor will be notified in writing of the possible removal at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to the vote and will be allowed to address the organization in order to relate to members any relevant defense prior to the voting for removal. Upon a two-thirds majority vote of eligible members the advisor will be removed from his/her duties. In the event that an advisor is removed or resigns, a new advisor shall be elected within fourteen (14) calendar days.

#### **ARTICLE VI – FINANCES**

For the protection of the organization and its officers it is required that two authorized signatures sign all monetary transactions. Only the President, Treasurer, and NSL faculty/staff advisor can be signers on the organization's account. Organizational funds may be spent on items such as office supplies, events/activities, publicity, travel expenses, conference fees, etc., but will not be used for anything illegal under NSL, local, state, or federal laws.

#### **ARTICLE VII – PUBLICATIONS**

All advertisements of the organization must comply with the NSL Communications Policy. The President must approve all publications, shirts, flyers, etc. prior to duplication and distribution.

#### **ARTICLE VIII – ADOPTION**

SELS hereby incorporates the Constitutions of the United States, the State of Tennessee, and policies of the Nashville School of Law. SELS members shall abide by the Student Honor Code and the rules of the Nashville School of Law in order to remain a member in good standing.