

## CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS

### OREGON CHAPTER

#### THE FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION

##### ARTICLE I - NAME AND CONSTITUTION

This organization shall be known as the Oregon Chapter of The Federal Bar Association. The Constitution of the Federal Bar Association is hereby adopted and incorporated herein by reference in so far as it may be applicable to the business of this Chapter and shall prevail over these by-laws in event of a conflict therewith.

##### ARTICLE II - SEAL AND INSIGNIA

The official seal and insignia of the Chapter shall be the seal and insignia of the Association to which shall be added the words, "Oregon Chapter".

##### ARTICLE III - OBJECTS

The objects of the Chapter shall be to further the objects of The Federal Bar Association as set forth in Article III of the Constitution; to advance the science of jurisprudence; to promote the administration of justice; to uphold a high standard for the Federal judiciary, attorneys representing the Government of the United States, and attorneys appearing before courts, departments, and agencies of the United States, and to encourage cordial and friendly relations among the members of the legal profession; and to promote the welfare of attorneys employed by the Government of the United States.

##### ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Any person who possesses the qualifications for active membership in the Federal Bar Association as provided for in Section 1, Article IV of the Constitution of the Association and who resides or has his place of employment or office in Oregon, shall be eligible for active membership in the Oregon Chapter.

Section 2. Any person eligible for honorary membership as provided for in Section 2 of Article IV of the constitution of the Association may be elected to honorary membership in the Chapter by two-thirds vote of the Chapter members present at any regularly called meetings. Honorary members shall be exempt from payment of the admission fees and annual Chapter dues.

Section 3. Application for membership in this Chapter shall be made on a form approved by the National Council of the Association. Each application must be accompanied by the dues and admission fees required by the Constitution and By-Laws of the Association and by the By-Laws of the Chapter.

## ARTICLE V - FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the Chapter shall begin October 1 and end September 30 of the following year.

## ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS

Section 1. The elective officers of this Chapter shall be as follows and in the order named:

1. President
2. President-Elect
3. Vice-President
4. Secretary
5. Treasurer

Each officer elected shall assume the duties of his or her office September 1 and shall hold office for one year or until his or her successor shall be duly elected and qualified. No member serving in the capacity of President or President-Elect shall be eligible to succeed himself or herself in the respective offices. The President-Elect shall, after the expiration of his or her term automatically succeed to the office of President. The outgoing President shall remain a member of the Executive Committee for a period of one year following the expiration of his or her term of office as President. The Executive Committee shall consist of the said elective officers and the immediate past President of the Chapter, and shall meet on call of the President or any two members of the Committee. A quorum shall consist of any three Committee members. (as amended June 20, 1985).

Section 2. The President shall, if he deems it necessary, appoint an Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer.

Section 3. Nominations: The Nominations and Elections Committee shall place innomination at least one member in good standing for each of the elective officers. Other nominations may be made from the floor.

Section 4. Elections: The election of officers shall be by secret ballot at the least regular meeting for the fiscal year or at any special meeting thereafter called for that purpose.

Section 5. In the case of resignation of any officer other than President, or his inability to serve for any permanent or temporary reason, the vacancy shall be filled by the Executive Committee. A vacancy in the office of President shall be filled by vote of the Chapter at the next regular meeting following such vacancy.

Section 6. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Chapter and shall have authority to designate members or committees to carry out particular duties which may be necessary to the Chapter business. The following committees shall be appointed, and such others as may be deemed necessary:

- (a) Admissions Committee, which shall sign and approve each application for Chapter membership.
- (b) Nominations and Elections Committee, consisting of at least three members, which shall conduct elections and advise members as to candidates as provided in Article VI, Section 3.

Section 7. In the absence of the President or his or her inability to discharge the duties pertaining to the office, the President-Elect shall assume the duties of the President. In addition the President-Elect shall assume such duties as the President may direct. The President, or his designee shall be the National Delegate to represent the Chapter on the National Council of the Federal Bar Association as provided in Article IX of the National Constitution. (as amended June 20, 1985).

Section 8. The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of the meetings of the Chapter and shall conduct the general correspondence of the Chapter; keep a roster of the membership; give notice of all meetings as may be required; and maintain and preserve the records of the chapter.

Section 9. The Treasurer shall collect and receive all money due the Chapter, and may, if necessary, deposit the same to the credit of the Chapter in such bank as may be designated by the Executive Committee. He shall make disbursements therefrom as directed by the President or Executive Committee; collect the due of the Chapter and report when requested to the Chapter or the Executive Committee with respect to the financial status of the Chapter. The Treasurer shall keep an itemized record of all moneys received and all disbursements and shall assume such other duties as properly pertain to the office or as may be required by these By-Laws of the Chapter.

#### ARTICLE VII - MEETINGS

Section 1. There shall be ten regular meetings of the Chapter annually, which will be held on the first Tuesday of each month, exclusive of July and August, unless another date is selected for such meeting by the Executive Committee. Each of these meetings will be held in conjunction with a dinner unless otherwise provided by said Committee. Such additional meetings of the Chapter also may be held as are necessary provided due notice thereof is given to the members. Notice of the change of the date of regular meetings shall be given to the members by the Secretary.

Section 2. Quorum. Membrs in attendance at a regular meeting of the Chapter or at a special meeting of which notice shall have been given to themembers shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of Chapter business. A majority vote of the membership present shall be required to adopt any amendment to these By-Laws, after not less than two weeks written notice thereof.

#### ARTICLE VIII - DUES

The due of the local Chapter will be two dollars (\$2.00) per year. Additional assessments not to exceed \$1.00 each may be levied when deemed necessary by the Executive Committee.

## ARTICLE IX - CHAPTER ORGANIZATION

Upon formation of the Chapter and adoption of these By-Laws, members of the association eligible for Chapter membership shall be covered into membership of this Chapter. Officers shall be elected at the initial or organization meeting of this Chapter and shall hold office thereafter until the expiration of the first fiscal year as provided in these By-Laws.