American Constitution Society

2011-12 Student Organization Information

1. Purpose of Organization:

To revitalize and transform the legal debate from our classrooms to our courtrooms. We seek to counter the dominant vision of American law today, a narrow conservative vision that lacks appropriate regard for the ways in which the law affects people's lives. We seek to restore the fundamental principles of human dignity, individual rights and liberties, genuine equality, and access to justice to their rightful - and traditionally central - place in American law.

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BYLAWS

Bylaws of the American Constitution Society
Date: September 10, 2003
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Article I: Name of Organization
The common name of the organization is The American Constitution Society. The full name of the organization is The American Constitution Society for Law and Policy. The organization’s commonly used acronym is ACS.

Article II: Purpose
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today, a narrow conservative vision that lacks appropriate regard for the ways in which the
drug affects people's lives. We seek to restore the fundamental principles of human
dignity, individual rights and liberties, genuine equality, and access to justice to their
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Article III: Membership
Any full-time student at Hastings may become a member of the organization
upon payment of the national new membership fee ($10 as of 8/1/11; payable online at
https://www.acslaw.org/join). Upon payment of the prescribed new membership fee, that new
member shall be classified as an active member. The membership fee, if any, shall be
determined by the officers of the organization. There shall be no dues for fees for
membership in the organization, other than the new membership fee prescribed in Article III,
Section 1, of these bylaws.

Article IV Officers
Hastings ACS strives to challenge traditional power structures and as such, shall delineate
specific board positions and responsibilities only as necessary for external communications
and organizational operation. All members shall take cooperative responsibility for the duties
traditionally assigned to individual officers in the interest of promulgating a non-hierarchical
system of internal representation. Board members may be elected for the purposes of
maintaining records, communicating with Hastings administration and ACS National and
other administrative duties. Most of the organization’s activities, however, including
planning events and making decisions on the structure and role of the group, shall be carried
out by the general member base. Board positions shall be open to the entire general body and
may be created and receive nominations and elections as determined to be necessary by
general consensus.

Article V: Meetings
Hastings ACS’s regular meetings shall be held at a time to be determined at the beginning of
the semester by a consensus of the members reached via group email communications. The
presiding member will rotate as per available volunteer members, as per our non-hierarchical
structure of internal representation.

Article IV: Parliamentary Authority
The rules contained in the current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised shall
govern the organization in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not
inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the organization may adopt.

Article VII Amendment of Bylaws
These bylaws can be amended at any regular meeting of the organization by a two-
thirds (2/3) vote, provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing at the
previous meeting.