HASTINGS HEALTH LAW ORGANIZATION BYLAWS

Heading: Bylaws of the Hastings Health Law Organization
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Article I - Name of Organization

The name of the organization shall be the Hastings Health Law Organization, hereinafter referred to as “HHLO”.

Article II - Purpose

The objectives of “HHLO” shall be to inform interested students of current trends in the field of Health Law & Policy; to provide information regarding careers in the health law and health policy areas; to sponsor forums for the discussion of vital issues regarding Health Care Law and Policies. The HHLO will comply with the Policies and Regulations Applying to College Activities, Organizations, and Students.

Article III - Membership

Membership is restricted to any and all Hastings College of the Law students. HHLO shall not discriminate unlawfully on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, disability, age, sex, or sexual orientation. There shall be no dues or fees for membership in the organization.

Alumni of Hastings, practicing attorneys, medical professionals, and UCSF – UC Hastings Consortium students are invited to participate in HHLO activities.

Article IV – Officers

The officers of this organization shall consist of:

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer
5. Marketing/Student Relations Director
6. Social Director

Only second and third year students are eligible to hold office or to head special committees. If vacancies exist, there are no second or third year students who would like to hold office, and there is a consensus amongst the HHLO member body to allow first year students to hold office for a given year, first year students may go through the process of holding office for that specified year only.
Any member interested in holding office may nominate themselves for candidacy. Any member may nominate a fellow member for office.

If there is only one student nominated for an office, they shall be appointed to the office position. If there are two or more students nominated for a position, they shall be selected by secret ballot by HHLO members. Elections shall be held in the spring semester in April for the following year’s appointments and all officers shall take office the following meeting after their election and shall remain in office until their successors are elected.

If the office of the president should become vacant for any reason, the vice president shall fill that vacancy for the remainder of the term. If any office other than the president shall become vacant, that vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the president for the remainder of the term.

No member shall hold more than one office at a time and no member shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office.

The officers shall perform duties prescribed by these bylaws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the organization.

Article V – Meetings

The regular meetings of the organization shall be held on the first Wednesday of each month from September to April unless otherwise ordered by the organization.

The regular meeting on the first Wednesday in April shall be known as the annual meeting and shall be for the purpose of electing officers and receiving reports of officers and committees.

Special meetings can be called by the president or by the request of five active members of the organization. At least two days notice shall be given to all members.

Sixty (60) percent of the entire active membership shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but less than a quorum may adjourn any meeting.

The president of the organization shall preside at all meetings of the organization.

Article VI – 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 regular meeting.