Hastings West-Northwest Journal of Environmental Law and Policy
2010 – 2011 Bylaws

Article I: Name of Organization

The official name of this organization is Hastings West-Northwest Journal of Environmental Law and Policy.

This journal shall be cited as _West-Northwest _ ( ).

Article II: Purpose

West-Northwest has been conceived as a regionally specific environmental law and policy journal focusing on California and the Pacific Northwest, but including materials relevant to law and policy in the West and Pacific Northwest. The journal will be published two times a year. Each edition will include law and policy articles, student notes and comments, personal essays, photography, and literary excerpts. In pursuing these goals, West-Northwest will comply with the policies and regulations applying to Hastings College of the Law activities, organizations and students.

Article III: Membership

Section 1: Any full-time second or third-year student at Hastings College of the Law may become a member by meeting selection process requirements, by “working-on” with the Journal for 25 hours over a summer, or by volunteering with the Journal during the academic year and completing assignments to the Editorial Board’s satisfaction (this option would also be open to first-year students). In addition, all joining members would have to commit to completing 2 hours per week of office hours during the school year and to satisfactorily completing assignments assigned by the members of the Editorial Board or authorized editorial staff in furtherance of the Journal’s goals.

Section 2: To meet the selection process requirements, interested students are required to participate in the interjournal writing competition and submit a personal statement. The Editorial Board will select members from submitted applications and will review the writing competition papers and personal essays. Criteria for selection will be based on the writing competition and personal statement.

Section 3: Any active member who repeatedly fails to complete assignments or repeatedly fails to submit completed assignments by the prescribed deadlines without reasonable notification of the Executive Editor or Editor-in-Chief risks forfeiture of member status pursuant to West-Northwest Disciplinary Policy and Academic Regulations.
Section 4: West-Northwest follows Hastings College of the Law’s nondiscrimination compliance code.

Article IV: Officers

Section 1: The officers of this organization shall consist of the following positions: Editor-in-Chief, Executive Editor, Articles Editor, Notes and Comments Editor, Research and Development Editor, Publication Editor, Managing Editor, and Associate Editors. Depending on the demands of the particular year and the discretion of the Editor-in-Chief, there may be more than one editor in each position. A Symposium Editor position may be created if a Symposium is planned.

Section 2: The duties of the officers shall be as prescribed by these by-laws and the parliamentary authority of this organization. These duties shall include those outlined in the West-Northwest Member Handbook.

Section 3: The Editor-in-Chief shall be chosen by a majority vote of the previous year’s Editorial Board and of the second-year members. The incoming Editor-in-Chief shall choose the incoming Editorial Board in the spring semester of the preceding academic year. Candidates for Editorial Board positions shall be self-nominated second-year students. Elected Editorial Board members shall serve for a one-year term, beginning in April of their second year.

Article V: Meetings

Section 1: Regular Editorial Board meetings shall be held at least every month during the academic year. Minutes, if taken at these meetings, will be the official record of West-Northwest, subject to correction.

Section 2: General meetings for all members will be held as called by the Editor-in-Chief. Timely notifications of the time and location will be distributed via email.

Section 3: Special meetings may be called by the Editorial Board with sufficient notice given to all necessary members.

Article VI: Parliamentary Authority

The rules and duties outlined in these by-laws and in the West-Northwest Member Handbook shall govern this organization to the extent that they are not inconsistent with any special rules or policies that the Editorial Board may adopt. New rules and policies
shall be adopted if passed by unanimous vote of the Editorial Board and shall be incorporated into future editions of the *Member Handbook*.

**Article VII: Amendment of By-Laws**

These by-laws may be amended by concurrence of the Editorial Board.