

BY-LAWS OF THE
ENVIRONMENTAL LAW SECTION
OF
THE BAR ASSOCIATION OF SAN FRANCISCO

ARTICLE I. Purpose

The purpose of this Section shall be to serve the public interest in the broad field of environmental law. To that end, the Section shall attempt to further the development of the law within that field in all its areas, to encourage the study of that field, to provide Section members opportunities to meet together regularly for discussion of topics of interest and to meet requirements for minimum continuing legal education, to simplify and improve the application of justice in that field, and, when appropriate, to provide Section members opportunities to express their collective opinions on important issues, all in conformity with the By-Laws and Guidelines of the Bar Association of San Francisco (BASF) as at the time in effect.

ARTICLE II. Membership

Any member of the BASF shall be eligible for membership in the Section by filing an appropriate application and paying annual Section dues. Membership in the Section will be encouraged among attorneys with interests in all types of environmental law practice, whether in federal, state or local government, private industry, conservation groups, private law firms or academic institutions.

ARTICLE III. Officers and Executive Committee

Section 1. Any member of the BASF shall be eligible to be a member of the Section. Each Section member shall have the right to one vote and will be eligible for election as an officer of the Section and as an at-large member of the Executive Committee of the Section.

Section 2. The Section officers and at-large members of the Executive Committee shall be elected by majority vote of the members of the Section present and voting at any meeting of the Section which has been noticed to the membership as including, although not necessarily limited to, the election. The elected Section officers shall serve as members of the Section Executive Committee along with the elected at-large members.

Section 3. The officers shall consist of a Chair, a Vice-Chair, a Treasurer, a Secretary, and an Immediate Past Chair. The officers shall have the duties usually pertaining to their offices

and such other duties as may be assigned to them by the Executive Committee. They shall serve for one year and until their successors are elected, and in accordance with the following procedure of advancing terms where possible. At the end of each year, unless voted otherwise by the members as to any one or more or all of the positions, the Secretary shall become the Treasurer for the next year, the Treasurer shall become the Vice-Chair, the Vice-Chair shall become the Chair, the Chair shall become the Immediate Past Chair, and a new person shall be elected as the Secretary. Between meetings of the Executive Committee, the officers shall have authority to act as and for the Executive Committee, when necessary in their judgment.

Section 4. The Executive Committee shall consist of a maximum of twenty (20) persons, being the five officers and, in addition, up to fifteen at-large members elected annually for one year terms by and from the membership at the same time the officers are elected. Fewer than fifteen at-large members may be elected in any year.

ARTICLE IV. Dues

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall have authority to fix dues for membership in the Section in an amount not less than \$35.00 per year.

Section 2. All dues and other funds collected by the Section shall be deposited with the BASF to the credit of the Section and may be drawn upon and expended as may be directed by the Executive Committee, and otherwise in accord with the By-Laws and Guidelines of the Bar Association of San Francisco (BASF) as at the time in effect.

ARTICLE V. General Provisions

Section 1. In November of each year there shall be a meeting of the Section to elect officers and at-large members of the Executive Committee. All other meetings of the Section will be held at the call of either of the Chair or the Executive Committee of the Section. Vacancies may be filled by election at any meeting of the Section with prior notice.

Section 2. These by-laws and all proceedings of the Section shall be subject to all applicable provisions of the BASF's Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws and to directives of its Board of Directors. Section business meetings shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order, Revised.

Section 3. These by-laws may be amended by majority vote of the Section members present and voting at any regular meeting, provided that the text of the proposed amendment shall have been included with the notice of the meeting sent to Section members.

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Amendment 1 11/21/88, Adding Art. III, Section 4.

Amendment 2 11/20/89, Raising annual dues from \$15 to \$20.

Amendment 3 01/19/93, Raising annual dues from \$20 to \$35, with the increase ratified as effective for 1993 dues; and increasing at-large members from two to four and executive committee from five to seven.

Amendment 4 02/12/94, Increasing the number of Co-Chairs from two to three and, in conformance, increasing the Executive Committee from seven to eight.

Amendment 5 06/03/09, Changing the name of the Section, changing the Officers to five in number, changing the titles of their offices, changing the terms to advancing terms for officer positions, removing out-dated references to "associate membership," and changing the number of the Executive Committee to up to 20 members, being the five officers and at-large members of the Executive Committee to up to 15.