

**WYOMING STATE BAR**

**UNIFORM SECTION BYLAWS**

**ENERGY & NATURAL RESOURCES SECTION**

**ARTICLE I  
NAME AND PURPOSE**

Section 1 - NAME: This section shall be known as the Energy & Natural Resources Section of the Wyoming State Bar, hereinafter the “Section.”

Section 2 - DEFINITIONS:

“Bar” means the Wyoming State Bar.

“Board” means the Board of Officers and Commissioners of the Wyoming State Bar.

“Executive Committee” means the Executive Committee of the Wyoming State Bar.

“Executive Director” means the Executive Director of the Wyoming State Bar.

“President” means the President of the Wyoming State Bar.

“WSB Bylaws” means the Bylaws of the Wyoming State Bar.

Section 3 - OBJECTIVES: The general purpose of the Section shall be the promotion and advancement of the mission of the Bar within the particular field(s) designated by the name of the Section. To that end, the Section shall:

- (a) Encourage the interest and participation of lawyers in the designated field of law;
- (b) Provide a forum for discussion and research in the designated field of law;
- (c) Promote professionalism, cooperation, and ethical practice among lawyers in the designated field of law;
- (d) Contribute to the continuing legal education and professional advancement of lawyers practicing in the designated field of law;
- (e) Provide networking and mentoring opportunities for lawyers in the designated field of law;
- (f) Organize activities designed to enhance the skills of its members;

- (g) Disseminate information on issues relating to the designated field of law, such as by preparing articles for publication in the *Wyoming Lawyer* and circulating a newsletter to its members; and
- (h) Engage in such other activities not hereinabove enumerated which are consistent with the objectives of the Section.

Section 4 - CLE POLICY: Any educational programs conducted by the Section shall be coordinated with and co-sponsored by the Bar, for purposes of avoiding conflicts in schedules, duplication of educational programs, and receiving assistance from Bar staff in the preparation of program content and pricing. The profits and/or losses from such continuing legal education offerings shall inure to the Bar.

## **ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP AND DUES**

### Section 1 - MEMBERSHIP:

- (a) Any active member of the Bar in good standing may become a member of this Section.
- (b) Any law student, law professor, or judicial law clerk may become a non-voting member of this Section.
- (c) The membership term shall be the Bar's fiscal year, October 1 to September 30.

Section 2 - DUES: Dues for membership in the Section shall be in an amount set by the Board, payable upon enrollment and thereafter annually in conjunction with payment of annual license fees. All Section dues inure to the Bar.

## **ARTICLE III OFFICERS AND COUNCIL**

Section 1 - OFFICERS: The Officers of the Section shall be a Chair, a Chair-Elect and a Secretary-Treasurer.

Section 2 - COUNCIL: There shall be a governing Council which shall consist of the immediate past Chair of the Section, the current Officers of the Section, and three additional Members at Large.

Section 3 - TERM: The term of office of each Council member shall commence October 1 following the election and shall end the following September 30. Council members may stand for reelection, provided that no Council member shall serve more than four (4) consecutive terms on the Council.

Section 4 - ELECTION: The inaugural Council shall be appointed by the President. Thereafter, Council members shall be elected by Section members as follows:

- (a) Nomination. Advance notice of upcoming vacancies and the procedure for nominating candidates and voting will be provided by the Executive Director. Nominations must be signed by at least two Section members and submitted to the Executive Director on or before July 1 of each year. In the event that no Section member is nominated for a given vacancy, the Executive Committee shall nominate one or more qualified candidates who shall then stand for election.
- (b) Voting. The Executive Director shall provide an electronic ballot to all Section members on or before August 1 of each year. Each candidate may submit a written statement containing 200 words or less in support of his or her candidacy, which the Executive Director shall publish with the electronic ballot. All voting will be electronic and must be completed by August 31 of the applicable year. The candidate receiving the most votes for a given vacancy shall fill the vacancy for the following term. In the event of a tie for the most votes, a run-off election will be held among the candidates who tied for the most votes.

Section 5 - VACANCIES: Vacancies which arise other than by the expiration of the applicable term shall be filled by a Section member appointed by the Executive Committee, said appointment to occur within 30 days of the vacancy. The member so appointed shall complete the applicable term and may stand for re-election should he or she be nominated.

Section 6 - ABSENTEEISM: If any Council member shall fail to attend two successive meetings of the Council, the Council member's office shall be automatically vacated, unless excused upon good cause accepted by the Council members.

Section 7 - REMOVAL: Council members serve at the pleasure of the Executive Committee and are subject to removal with or without cause.

Section 8 - BAR STAFF: The Executive Director of the Bar shall designate a member of Bar staff to attend meetings of the Council and provide administrative support.

#### **ARTICLE IV POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COUNCIL**

Section 1 - AUTHORITY: The Council shall manage the affairs of the Section, subject to the provisions of the WSB Bylaws and as provided in these bylaws.

Section 2 - DELEGATION: The Council may authorize the Chair to make commitments or expend money and to perform such duties and exercise such powers as the Council may from time to time direct, subject to the limitations of Section 1 of this Article.

Section 3 – QUORUM: A majority of the Council present at any meeting shall determine any question. Four members of the Council shall constitute a quorum.

Section 4 - MEETINGS: Council meetings may be held in person or by conference call. The Council may vote on any issue by email or by written ballot.

Section 5 - CALL: The Council shall meet at the call of the Chair or upon the request of three members thereof. Reasonable notice shall be given for every meeting.

**ARTICLE V  
POWERS AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

Section 1 - CHAIR: The Chair shall preside at all meetings of the Section and the Council. The Chair shall give such periodic written or oral reports to the Board as it may require. The Chair shall perform such other acts as usually pertain to such office.

Section 2 – CHAIR-ELECT: Upon the death, resignation or inability for any reason of the Chair to act, the Chair-Elect shall perform the duties of the Chair. The Chair-Elect shall automatically succeed to the Chair position without standing for election.

Section 3 – SECRETARY-TREASURER: The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings of all meetings of the Section and the Council.

**ARTICLE VI  
SECTION FINANCES**

Section 1 - FUNDING: All funds of practice sections shall be allocated by the Board and shall be administered by the Bar pursuant to a Section budget approved by the Board. The Council shall submit a proposed budget for the coming fiscal year to the Executive Director on or before May 31 of each year. The proposed budget shall be accompanied by a concise report summarizing Section activities for the current fiscal year and anticipated Section activities for the coming fiscal year.

Section 2 - EXPENSE POLICY: Section expenditures are subject to the same restrictions as Bar funds. The Bar is an integrated bar, and as such, is limited in its ability to engage in political and ideological activities as provided in Article I , Section 5 of the WSB Bylaws:

Political and Ideological Activities. The Wyoming State Bar shall not, except as provided herein, use the license fees of its members to fund activities of a political or ideological nature that are not reasonably related to:

- (1) the regulation and discipline of attorneys;
- (2) matters relating to the improvement of the functioning of the justice system;
- (3) increasing the availability of legal services to the public;
- (4) the education, ethics, competence, integrity, and regulation of the legal profession; and
- (5) any other activity authorized by Court rule or law.

This limitation applies to Section activities, programs and the expenditure of Section funds. Expenditures must be for activities that are within the scope of the purposes of the Section and the Bar. Section expenditures in excess of the Section’s budget allocation must be approved by the Executive Committee. Section funds shall not be used to purchase alcohol without the express prior approval of the Executive Committee.

Section 3 - GRANT REQUESTS: The Section shall not, without prior authorization of the Executive Committee, make a grant request to an outside entity in the name of the Section or the Bar.

Section 4 - FISCAL YEAR: The Section's fiscal year shall be the same as the Bar's fiscal year, October 1 through September 30.

**ARTICLE VII  
REPRESENTATION OF THE BAR'S POSITION**

The Section must seek Executive Committee approval before taking any action or making comments on behalf of the Bar or the Section. Any action by the Section must be approved by the Executive Committee before action can be effective as the action of the Bar. Any resolution adopted or action taken by the Section shall be reported by the Chair to the Executive Committee for approval. Any Section activity of a political or ideological nature must comply with WSB Bylaws on that subject.

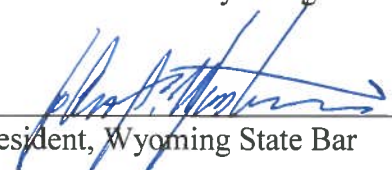
**ARTICLE VIII  
IMPLEMENTATION, AMENDMENTS AND DISCONTINUANCE**

Section 1 - EFFECTIVE DATE: These bylaws shall become effective upon approval by the Board.

Section 2 - AMENDMENT: These bylaws may be amended by majority vote of the Council or by majority vote of Section members at any duly called meeting, but no amendment shall be effective until approved by the Board.

Section 3 - DISCONTINUANCE: The Executive Director shall maintain a list of members of the Section. At such time as the membership of the Section shall number less than twenty-five (25), the Executive Director shall report that fact to the Board for the purpose of determining whether the Section should be continued.

Approved by the Board of Officers and Commissioners of the Wyoming State Bar this 4th day of August, 2017.

  
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President, Wyoming State Bar

  
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Executive Director, Wyoming State Bar