

Draft  
of Bylaws of  
the Group of Asian-American Law Librarians  
(as of May, 1988)

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Group of Asian-American Law Librarians (GAALL).

ARTICLE II: OBJECT

Section I

The object of the Group shall be 1) to enhance communication among Asian-American law librarians and between Asian-American law librarians and other librarians, especially law librarians; and 2) to provide a forum for the exchange and promotion of ideas and information on Asian legal materials.

Section II

The Group shall seek close relationship with the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL).

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

Section I

Any person who is interested in the Group's purposes may become a member by complying with the provisions of the Bylaws. Membership shall be renewable each year.

Section II

The right to hold office and to vote shall be restricted to active members. An active member is a member who pays the annual dues of \$5.00. Membership shall cease when dues are three months in arrears. Reinstatement is possible upon payment of dues for the entire 12 month period, beginning at each annual meeting.

ARTICLE IV: MEETINGS

Section I

There shall be an annual membership meeting held in connection with or during the annual meeting of the AALL. The meeting shall be held to conduct Group business. It shall be open to any person who has an interest in the Group, but only Group members in good standing may vote. The Executive Committee of the Group is responsible for notifying the members of the time, place, and agenda at least twenty days prior to the meeting.

## Section II

A quorum shall consist of fifteen members.

## ARTICLE V: OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

### Section I

**Officers.** The officers shall consist of a President, a Vice President/President-elect, and a Secretary/Treasurer. Except the President and the Vice President/President-Elect, terms shall normally run from one Group annual meeting to the second next. The terms of the President and Vice President/President-elect should each be one year. Officers shall serve until their successors are elected. The Vice-President shall automatically become President at the end of the year.

### Section II

**Duties of Officers.** The President, Vice President/President-Elect, and Secretary/Treasurer shall perform the duties usually pertaining to their respective offices and such duties as may be assigned by the Group's Executive Committee or the membership.

### Section III

**Executive Committee.** There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of the officers named above, the immediate past-President, and two committee members.

### Section IV

**Committees.** There shall be a Nominating Committee, Committee on Elections, Membership Committee, Publication Committee and such other standing or special committees as the Executive Committee or the membership shall create.

### Section V

**Liaisons.** The Executive Committee shall appoint liaisons to various librarians' organizations as fitted to strengthen the Group's relation with these organizations.

### Section VI

**Vacancies.** The occurrence of a vacancy in the position of President shall be filled by the succession of the current Vice President/President-elect to serve as President until the next scheduled election of officers. A vacancy in the office of Vice President/President-elect shall not be filled until the next regularly scheduled election. The Vice President's duties shall be assumed by the current President or a Group member appointed by the Executive Committee. Any other vacancies shall, however, be filled by appointment of the Executive Committee.

## ARTICLE VI: NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

### Section I

Nomination. There shall be a Nominating Committee appointed by the Executive Committee, to consist of three members, none of whom shall be a member of the Executive Committee, and none of whom shall be a candidate for office at the succeeding election. Each member of the Committee shall serve for a term of two years. The Chairperson of the Committee shall be designated by the Executive Committee. The Committee shall nominate one candidate for each office. Names of candidates shall be presented by the Nominating Committee to the President in sufficient time to enable the President to inform the members of the nominations, either by the Group newsletter or by mail, prior to April 1.

Further nominations may be made upon written petition of five members. Such petitions, with the written consent of the nominees, should be filed with the Secretary/Treasurer not later than May 1. The Secretary/Treasurer shall prepare an official ballot, including nominations by petition.

### Section II

Elections. The President shall appoint a Committee on Elections, which shall have charge of the conduct of the bi-annual election, and the counting and tabulation of all votes cast. Prior to May 15, the Secretary/Treasurer shall mail a copy of the ballot to each member of the Group. Ballots shall be marked, sealed in plain envelopes, and returned to the Secretary/Treasurer before June 1, in covering envelopes bearing on the outside the name and address of the member voting. The Secretary/Treasurer shall check, on a list of members, whose votes are received. The candidates receiving the largest number of votes shall be elected and shall be so reported at the annual meeting by the Committee on Elections, and all candidates shall be notified of the results of the election by the Committee on Elections at the earliest possible time. In case of a tie vote, a run-off election shall be held at the annual business meeting. Run-off elections shall be by secret ballot. The ballots shall be immediately counted and the candidate with the largest number of votes declared elected.

## ARTICLE VII: AMENDMENTS

### Section I

These bylaws may be amended at the annual meeting of the Group, by a two-thirds vote of the members present, assuming a quorum is present.

### Section II

Notice of proposed amendments shall be mailed to the membership, or be published in the Group's newsletter, 30 days in advance of the meeting.

## ARTICLE VIII: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Roberts' Rules of Order, in the latest edition, shall govern all deliberations of the section.