

# CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS

## AIR AND SPACE LAW SOCIETY

### A. PREAMBLE

The Air and Space Law Society of Gonzaga Law School (ASLS) serves to connect and educate interested students about air and space law, how it functions, and its implementations. In doing so, ASLS hopes to bring together a diverse society of interested students to expand perspectives and critical analysis of current and past air and space law issues through discussions, lectures, and presentations by interested scholars.

### B. ARTICLE I: NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1: Name: Air and Space Law Society

Section 2: The purpose of ASLS is to further connect and educate interested students to Air and Space law issues and events. ASLS will provide forums to announce air and space law events and discuss domestic and international air and space issues, focusing on bilateral and multilateral treaties, comparative law, UN policy and the Security Council, contract law and aeronautical law. ASLS is devoted to fundraising for opportunities to present renowned guest speakers on significant Air and Space Law issues throughout the academic year. In doing so, ASLS hopes to bring enlightened global perspectives on these issues to Gonzaga Law School and Spokane, Washington.

### C. ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Membership will be limited to Gonzaga Law School students. Additionally, faculty and staff of Gonzaga Law School and Gonzaga University are eligible to participate.

Section 2: Membership will be determined by a review of the officers currently serving on the Executive Board. To enroll as a member in ASLS, interested students will sign the official membership list at the first annual meeting, or email the President explaining any interest with ASLS.

Section 3: Members are not required, but encouraged to participate in community service events in which ASLS participates. Members are encouraged to

serve in volunteer positions for activities ASLS may initiate from time to time. Any time spent participating in community service events, or serving in volunteer positions for activities ASLS may initiate, counts toward the 30 hour volunteer requirement of Gonzaga Law School.

Section 4: The Executive Board will review each member's participation at the end of the academic year, including the summer term, to determine if they should remain in good standing with ASLS. Members who do not meet this requirement will be subject to expulsion at the discretion of the Executive Board, based on a unanimous vote in which an individual will be given prior opportunity to present evidence of extenuating circumstances that may have led to the member's inability to fulfill their membership obligations.

#### **D. ARTICLE III: ORGANIZATION'S STRUCTURE**

Section 1: Executive Officers comprising the Executive Board and their respective terms.

- a. President – 1 Year Term
- b. Vice President – 1 Year Term
- c. Secretary – 1 Year Term
- d. Treasurer/Fundraising Chair – 1 Year Term
- e. Advisor – Tenure

Section 2: ASLS Committee Officers, Class Representatives, Liaisons, and their respective terms.

- a. Fundraising Committee - 1 Year Term
- b. Marketing Committee – 1 Year Term
- c. Student Representatives – 1 Year Term

Section 3: Duties of Executive Officers and the Advisor.

- a. President – The president and or Co-President shall be responsible for leading board meetings and attending ASLS President Council meetings. Additionally, the President shall take responsibility for maintaining order within ASLS and is given complete authority to make decisions for such maintenance anytime it may be impracticable to consult the Executive Board for such decisions. The President will also be responsible for initiating any expulsion proceedings.
- b. Vice President – The Vice President shall coordinate all ASLS activities and service projects. In cases of Presidential absence, the Vice-President shall assume all authority and responsibilities of the President. The Vice-President may, at their discretion, delegate any responsibilities assigned under this constitution to other members of ASLS.

- c. Secretary – The secretary shall maintain a current list of members. They are further responsible for taking minutes at all meetings and are required to disseminate such information to members at their request.
- d. Treasurer – The Treasurer shall be responsible for all ASLS monies, all fundraising events, and regularly reporting to the Executive Board about changes in ASLS finances. They will be expected to serve as the fundraising chair and pursue ways of obtaining outside monetary support for ASLS, which may include tasks such as soliciting local businesses for sponsorship or writing grant petitions.
- e. Advisor – The Advisor shall participate in ASLS activities and meetings when feasible, and shall represent the interest of the ASLS to the faculty and administration when needed. In the event of impeachment proceedings, the Advisor must be present and take a role as they see fit within the proceedings.

#### Section 4: Duties of Committees, Class Representatives, and Liaisons.

- f. Fundraising Committee – The Fundraising Committee is responsible for organizing and implementing events for the purposes earning money for ASLS to use in presenting guest speakers, lectures, presentations, and events throughout the academic year.
- g. Marketing Committee – The Marketing Committee is responsible for expanding student and public awareness of ASLS, its purpose, and the events ASLS presents throughout the year. The Marketing Committee is responsible for creating and managing a Facebook page, and are encouraged to post any updates from the ASLS on Facebook on a regular basis. The Marketing Committee may market ASLS with other social marketing methods and mediums, provided the Committee is in compliance with Gonzaga's Student Code of Conduct. The Marketing Committee shall present to the President any propositions of a marketing opportunity that requires ASLS funds. The Marketing Committee shall not spend any ASLS monies without the consent of a simple majority of the Executive Board.
- h. Student Representatives – There may as many representatives as there are members with interest in doing so. Representatives should represent the ideas and expectations of the respective class, solicit ASLS membership, and help organize activities that ASLS participates in. Representatives may attend Executive Officer meetings. Representatives do not have voting rights during Executive Officer meetings, but may input ideas and concerns during the meetings.

#### Section 5: Appointment of Additional Committees:

- a. The president will appoint all committees as they are needed.
- b. An Executive Officer may recommend the appointment of an additional committee.
- c. Once the President has appointed an additional committee, a meeting shall be held within a reasonable time to elect members for the newly appointed committee.

Section 4: Meetings:

- a. ASLS meetings are scheduled on a monthly basis throughout the academic year. Other meetings may be scheduled at the discretion of the President or Executive Board. Executive Board members shall meet on a monthly basis, prior to the scheduled meeting.

Section 5: Advisor Selection:

- a. Advisors will be selected by the Executive Board when a vacancy arises.

## **E. ARTICLE IV: ORGANIZATION'S ELECTION PROCEDURES**

Section 1: Method of voting

- a. Executive Board elections will be held annually during the month of April, with the exception of 1L representatives who will be elected within a reasonable time after the start of the academic year.
- b. A simple majority of all members is required for election of all officers. Fifty percent of active members must participate in the vote to make the election official. In the event of a tie, the current President (or former if the tie occurs in the election of the Presidential position) shall determine the method of resolving the tie.

Section 2: In cases of resignation or impeachment of an Executive Board member, the remaining members of the Executive Board shall determine the method used for filling the vacant position.

## **F. ARTICLE V: IMPEACHMENT PROCESS**

Section 1: An Executive Board member may be impeached for a failure to fulfill responsibilities or failure to follow the Society's constitution.

Section 2: Any Executive Board member may initiate the impeachment of any other Board member. To initiate such a proceeding, an Executive Board member must notify the entire Board of their intent to initiate a proceeding and schedule a date and time for the members of the Board

to convene. For impeachment, the remaining members of the Board shall privately convene and may solicit the presence of the member under review at their discretion. The Society Advisor shall be present at all impeachment proceedings. A strong (2/3) majority among the Executive Board members is required for impeachment.

#### **G. ARTICLE VI: GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS**

Any grievances brought to the attention of the Society President (concerning elections, membership requirements, a Society member's actions, etc.) will follow the grievance process established in this article. All grievances shall be handled within one month of the time from which the grievance is brought to the attention of the Executive Board. A party may appeal their case to the Student Bar Association. If the concerned party is not satisfied with the sponsor's decision, he/she may appeal to the Associate Dean of Administration, Law School.

#### **H. ARTICLE VII: RATIFICATION/AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS WITHIN**

- Section 1: The Society must complete and return the proper recognition forms to the Coordinator of Student Activities.
- Section 2: A Society must be sponsored either by a University department or division, and must comply, either formally or informally, with procedures established by its sponsor.
- Section 3: Ratification of a Society charter and official Society recognition will occur upon approval by the Vice President for Student Life/Dean of Administration or a designee.
- Section 4: The Society's constitution may be amended by a unanimous majority of the Executive Board concerning the change and any additional steps as deemed necessary by the Associate Dean of Administration.

#### **I. ARTICLE VIII: ADDITIONAL BY-LAWS**

- Section 1: Any changes concerning the Society's laws within this constitution, and any additional laws as the Society deems necessary to enact, will be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the Society's members and sent on to the Associate Dean of Administration upon the Dean's request.

- Section 2: A student shall face expulsion proceedings any time they commit a violation of the Gonzaga University Code of Conduct, and at other times when the President deems that an expulsion may be necessary for inappropriate behavior or conduct.
- Section 3: All non-discrimination policies provided by Gonzaga School of Law apply to members of ASLS.

Proposed Activities:

Local Attorney on Aviation Law: Mark Conklin as a guest speaker.

Promoting awareness of air and space law by sponsoring trips to both Fairchild as well as Tamarack Aerospace Group.

Proposed Budget:

\$0 dollars as of this semester.