Whittier College School of Law

By-Laws of the Federalist Society

Article I – Name and Purpose

§1. The name of the chapter shall be the Whittier Law School Federalist Society (A.K.A. WLS-FS and WLS Federalist Society).

§2. The WLS-FS is a group of conservatives and libertarians interested in the current state of the legal order. It is founded on the principles that the state exists to preserve freedom, that the separation of governmental powers is central to our Constitution, and that it is emphatically the province and duty of the judiciary to say what the law is, not what it should be.

§3. The WLS-FS seeks both to promote an awareness of these principles and to further their application through its activities. This entails reordering priorities within the legal system to place a premium on individual liberty, traditional values, and the rule of law. It also requires restoring the recognition of the importance of these norms among lawyers, judges and law professors.

§4. The WLS-FS shall not lobby for legislation or sponsor or endorse nominees and candidates for public service.

Article II – Membership

§1. Membership is open to all Whittier Law School faculty, staff, students and alumni.

Article III – Faculty Advisor(s)

§1. One or more faculty advisors will be named from the ranks of Whittier Law School faculty. In the absence or unavailability of a suitable faculty advisor, the society may turn to a suitable member of the law profession from the local legal community.

Article IV – Officers and Duties

§1. A President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be elected and constitute an Executive Board. The President may appoint officers not consisting of the Executive Board, as the President may deem necessary to appoint.

§2. President
   A. Shall preside at all meetings of the society.
B. Shall represent the society to the national Federalist Society office, as well as the Whittier Law School Student Bar Association, faculty and administration.
C. Shall coordinate an annual review and update of the bylaws.
D. Shall perform all duties normally associated with the office.

§3. **Vice-President**
A. Shall assume the duties of the President and preside at meetings in his/her absence.
B. Shall focus on recruitment, retention, and recognition of members.
C. Shall coordinate with all committees.

§4. **Secretary**
A. Shall keep a written record of all proceedings of the chapter and the Executive Board.
B. Shall submit a brief written report of meetings to the Executive Board at its next meeting.
C. Shall keep a complete list of names and addresses of all members.
D. Shall notify members of all meetings.
E. Shall notify members of election of officers.

§5. **Treasurer**
A. Shall collect all local dues and money due the chapter and dispense funds as the chapter directs, rendering complete accounts of all recipients and expenditures.
B. Shall prepare an annual budget.
C. Shall submit books for an annual audit as directed by the Executive Board of the chapter.
D. Shall submit expenses to the national chapter for reimbursement when appropriate.

§6. **Community Liaison**
A. Shall maintain relationships with various community members and organizations that may assist the organization with prospective events and speakers.
B. Shall keep President and the entire Executive Board apprised of community developments involving the Federalist Society.

§7. **Evert Coordinator**
A. Shall focus on event and speaker coordination at Whittier Law School.
B. Shall submit and keep the President and other members of the Executive Board, apprised of event and speaker development through research and organization.

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**Article V – Elections and Vacancies**

§1. The officers shall be elected at the meeting of the chapter held in the month of September and enter upon their duties at the following meeting and shall serve for a term commensurate with the school year.
§2. The Executive Board shall have the power to fill its own vacancies, to appoint ad hoc committee chairs, and to act for the chapter in cases of emergency.

**Article VI – Meetings**

§1. Meetings shall be held monthly at dates and times deemed appropriate to the current demands of the school year.

§2. Quorum shall consist of those members present at a meeting and voting.

**Article VII – Committees**

§1. Committees shall be organized in an ad hoc manner to administer to current projects.

**Article VIII – Dues**

§1. There will be dues for the 2003-2004 school year.

§2. Beginning with the 2003-2004 school year, the annual dues shall be $20 per semester or $35 per school year.

§3. Voting rights will only be granted to current dues paying members of the society.

**Article IX – Amendments**

§1. These by-laws may be amended, added to or repealed at any meeting by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the members present and entitled to vote, provided that the proposed change has been presented in writing at least two days prior to the meeting at which the action is to be taken.

**Article X – Parliamentary Authority**

§1. The rules contained in Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall govern the WLS-FS in all cases to the extent that they do not conflict with any express provisions, policies, or procedures of this constitution.
Article XI – Ratification and Effective Date

§1. These by-laws shall take effect immediately upon ratification by two-thirds of the Executive Board and any other members present at a meeting called for this purpose.

§2. Each active member of the WLS-FS may receive a copy of these by-laws as well as any amendment subsequently adopted in accordance with Article IX.