

## 70 Proposed Section Bylaw Amendments

Bylaws of the Prisons and Corrections Section  
of the State Bar of Michigan**Amendment 2016-1:**

**Purpose:** To allow associate members to occupy the offices of secretary and treasurer.

**Proposed bylaw changes:**ARTICLE 3  
OFFICERS AND COUNCIL

**SECTION 3.3. OFFICERS.** The officers of the Section shall be chairperson, chairperson elect, secretary and treasurer. ~~All officers~~ The chairperson and chairperson elect must be regular members of the Section. All terms shall be for one year.

**Amendment 2016-2:**

**Purpose:** To decrease the length of notice required for special meetings and notice of votes, given the practice of electronic notification.

**Proposed bylaw changes:**ARTICLE 5  
DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE COUNCIL

**SECTION 5.4. SPECIAL MEETINGS.** Special meetings of the council may be called by the chairperson or a majority of the voting members of the council at such times and places as either may determine. In circumstances, when the chairperson determines that it is significantly impractical and burdensome to hold a special meeting, the chairperson may take a written, oral or electronic vote of all voting council members. The chairperson must make a good faith effort to contact all members and to give them a minimum of ~~five (5)~~ three (3) business days electronic notice of the vote. The Chair must report the justification for the written, oral or electronic vote to the council at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

**SECTION 5.7. NOTICE TO COUNCIL MEMBERS.** With the exception of non-policy votes, such as those on procedural matters and those relating solely to the organization of the council, ~~five (5)~~ three (3) business days electronic notice must be given to all council members prior to a vote, whenever possible. Notice is to include copies of documents to be reviewed by the council in relation to a vote, or specific reference to such documents. This notice requirement may be waived at a regular or special meeting of the council by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the voting members present at the meeting.

**Amendment 2016-3:**

**Purpose:** To amend bylaws regarding committees to reflect the actual practices of the council.

**Proposed bylaw changes:**ARTICLE 6  
STANDING COMMITTEES

**SECTION 6.1. STANDING COMMITTEES.** The initial standing committees of the Section ~~shall~~ may be: Publications; Education; Public Relations; Legislation; Rules and Policy; Jurisprudence; and Criminal Justice Liaison. The Section council may create or dissolve standing committees, appoint committee chairpersons, and may change the stated purpose of standing committees. Committee chairpersons will call meetings as necessary, and determine whether to permit attendance by telephonic or electronic means. Committee chairpersons shall report activities at the regular meetings of the council.

~~**SECTION 6.2. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS.** Committee chairpersons must be regular members of the Section. The committee chairperson shall select the members of the standing committee. Every committee should include at least one associate member.~~

~~**SECTION 6.3 COMMITTEE MEETINGS.** Standing committee meetings will be called as necessary by committee chairpersons. Committee members will determine the extent to which attendance by telephonic or electronic means will be permitted.~~

~~**SECTION 6.4 REPORTS.** The chairperson of each committee shall annually submit a written report of committee activities during the preceding year to the council. Committee chairperson shall also attend council meetings as requested by the council and provide verbal reports of ongoing committee activities.~~

~~**SECTION 6.5 THE PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE** will publish a newsletter containing articles, summaries of judicial decisions, information about pending and recent changes in legislation and DOC policies, information about Section activities, and other matters of interest to Section members.~~

~~**SECTION 6.6 THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE** will develop and present training programs and conferences for Section members.~~

~~**SECTION 6.7 THE PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE** will provide accurate information to the general public about matters within the Section's jurisdiction by such means as press releases and a speakers bureau.~~

~~**SECTION 6.8 THE LEGISLATION, RULES AND POLICY COMMITTEE** will comment on pending legislation, administrative rules and Department of Corrections policies and will advocate changes in statutes, rules and policies proposed by the Section.~~

~~**SECTION 6.9 THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE** will monitor the status of litigation in areas within the Section's jurisdiction, comment on relevant proposed court rules, review request for Section assistance, participate in the development and dissemination of information for pro se litigants, and file or join amicus briefs on the Section's behalf.~~

~~SECTION 6.10 THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE LIAISON COMMITTEE will develop working relationships with other criminal justice organizations and encourage individual Section membership by non-lawyer criminal justice professionals.~~

#### Amendment 2016-4:

**Purpose:** To ensure greatest attendance at our annual meeting by allowing flexibility to hold that meeting concurrent with the State Bar Annual Meeting or not.

Proposed bylaw changes:

#### ARTICLE 7

##### SECTION MEETINGS

**SECTION 7.1. ANNUAL MEETING.** The annual meeting of the Section shall be held no later than the last day of every ~~September~~ October, at a time and location determined by the Chair. The annual meeting of the Section shall not be held during the annual meeting of the State Bar unless held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the State Bar. The Annual Meeting shall include

such programs and order of business as may be arranged by the council. At the time of the annual meeting, the council meeting schedule for the coming year shall be established.

#### Amendment 2016-5:

**Purpose:** To ensure that the council receives input from important corrections agencies.

Proposed bylaw changes:

#### ARTICLE 3

##### OFFICERS AND COUNCIL

**SECTION 3.2. EX OFFICIO COUNCIL MEMBERS.** The Director of the Department of Corrections, the President of the Michigan Sheriffs' Association, the Legislative Corrections Ombudsman, and (as determined by the council), the head of a ~~third~~ fourth department, association or agency, or their designees, and the immediate past chairperson of the Section, in accordance with Section 3.1, are ex officio nonvoting members of the council.



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