

SECTION 3. MEMBERSHIP

A. Term of membership in the section shall be for a period of one year commencing on the last day of the Annual Meeting of the State Bar.

B. Upon request and upon payment of the prescribed fee, if any, for such yearly period, a member of the State Bar or judge of a court of record shall be enrolled as a member of the section. Such fees may be prescribed by the Board of Governors and shall be paid into the treasury of the State Bar to be used for the purpose of defraying costs and expenses for the section.

C. Other persons who have shown the dual capacity of interest in and contribution to section activities, may, in the discretion of the executive committee, be enrolled in a section as associate members provided that the bylaws of the section specifically authorize such membership, and the total number of such members in any section is limited to one-fourth of the regular membership of that section. Where the executive committee approves associate membership in a section, it shall submit for approval by the Board of Governors, appropriate proposed amendments to the bylaws of the section which shall include criteria for such membership. Such bylaws may provide that associate members shall have all the privileges of section membership, except to hold office as an elected or appointed officer of the section or of any committee of the section, to become members of the executive committee or to participate in the selection of officers or the nomination of members of the executive committee.

D. Within the meaning of this article, the time intervening between successive annual meetings is deemed to be one year.

SECTION 4. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A. The section shall be governed by an executive committee. The executive committee shall assist the Board of Governors in matters relating to the section and all other matters referred to the executive committee by the Board of Governors.

B. The Executive Committee shall consist of 15 members appointed by the Board of Governors. Each member of the Executive Committee shall take an oath of office and shall receive no compensation for services. Nothing herein shall prevent up to a 17-member Executive Committee for the purpose of permitting service as an officer, in a fourth year, or as Chair, Vice-Chair or Chair-elect in a fifth year, or as Chair, in a sixth year.

The Board of Governors may, in its discretion, appoint the executive committee persons nominated by the section. Nominations for such appointments may be made by the executive committee acting as a nominating committee, or by a petition signed by at least 15 members of the section.

C. Five members of the executive committee shall be appointed each year for terms of three years each, except initially the Board of Governors shall appoint five members to serve for three years, five members to

ARTICLE XIII**SECTIONS OF THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA****Section**

1. Formation of Sections.
2. Purposes.
3. Membership.
4. The Executive Committee.
5. Committees.
6. Section Meetings.
7. Section Bylaws.

SECTION 1. FORMATION OF SECTIONS

On a pilot basis, there shall be one or more advisory organizations of the State Bar known as sections. Any such section shall be organized and shall have the duties hereinafter set forth.

SECTION 2. PURPOSES

The purposes of the section shall be stated in its bylaws.

serve for two years and five members to serve for one year. Any vacancy in membership occurring prior to the normal expiration of the term shall be filled by the Board of Governors for the unexpired term. The term of office of each member of the executive committee shall commence on the last day of the Annual Meeting of the State Bar.

D. At the meetings of the executive committee the majority of its members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business of the committee, but the executive committee may act by a poll of its members, in which event no less than eight members must agree on any action. Notwithstanding the foregoing, amendments of the bylaws of the section shall be made only in the manner provided in section 7 of this article.

E. The Board of Governors shall appoint the chairperson and vice chairperson of the executive committee. The executive committee shall recommend to the Board of Governors a chairperson and vice chairperson from among the committee members who shall at the time of assuming such office have served at least one year as a member of the committee.

The newly appointed chairperson and vice chairperson shall assume the duties of their respective offices on the last day of the Annual Meeting of the State Bar following their appointment, and shall continue in office until successors are appointed and assume office. In the event of a vacancy among the officers, the executive committee may recommend to the Board of Governors a successor to fill the unexpired term.

F. The executive committee may from time to time appoint nonvoting advisors to the executive committee for such terms and purposes as may be determined by the executive committee, such advisors to serve at the pleasure of the executive committee.

(As amended, eff. Jan. 23, 1993; July 23, 2005.)

SECTION 5. COMMITTEES

One or more standing or ad hoc committees may be established in a manner provided in the section bylaws. The members of such committees shall be selected from members of the section.

SECTION 6. SECTION MEETINGS

There shall be a section meeting at the time and place of the Annual Meeting of the State Bar. The section may also hold such meetings as may be called by the executive committee and upon notice given to the members of the section at least 20 days prior to the meeting. Notice of meetings shall be given by mail or in an official publication of the State Bar. The members of the section present at any meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. All meetings of the section shall be conducted in accordance with "Robert's Rules of Order, Revised."

SECTION 7. SECTION BYLAWS

The Board of Governors shall adopt initial bylaws for the section as may be necessary or advisable for the

carrying out of the provisions of this article. Thereafter, the bylaws may be amended by the executive committee by a two-thirds vote of its entire membership at a meeting duly called for the purpose of considering such amendment provided that no amendment shall take effect until approved by the Board of Governors. The bylaws and any amendments thereto shall be filed with the Secretary of the State Bar at its San Francisco office.