STANDING RULES Amended June 22, 2023

1. Membership Dues

   A. Annual dues for Individuals, Affiliates and Directors-at-Large - $10.00, due June 30th.

   B. Individual dues, when paid by an Affiliate for all their members at one time, shall be $5.00.

   C. Individual Life Membership- $100.00

   D. Spouse Couple Life Membership - $150.00

   E. Sustaining Member - annually $25.00

2. The Nominating Committee

   A. The Immediate Past President shall serve as Chair of the Nominating Committee. If the Immediate Past President is unable to serve, the incoming President shall appoint one of the elected members of the Nominating Committee to serve as Chair.

   B. The Nominating Committee shall include three Board members elected by the Board of Directors at the meeting immediately preceding the General Membership Meeting and three members elected by the General Membership at the Annual Meeting.

   C. An Affiliate may have no more than two members on the Nominating Committee.

   D. The Committee will nominate a candidate or candidates for each office. The Board of Directors should be notified of the slate immediately in writing and no less than 30 days preceding the annual election of officers.

   E. It shall be the policy of the Nominating Committee to achieve a broad representation from the member affiliates.

   F. The President-Elect must have served previously on the Board.

   G. No member of the Nominating Committee shall serve two consecutive years.

3. Meetings of the Board of Directors need not coincide with meetings of the Board of Directors of the State Bar of Texas and at each meeting the time and place for the next meeting shall be determined.

4. Affiliate Directors
A. Affiliates must designate the Director who is to represent them on the Board of Directors by means of a letter signed by the current President of the Affiliate.

B. Directors designated by Affiliates should serve the full year of the Texas Lawyers Auxiliary beginning with the first Directors meeting following the Annual Membership Meeting through the Directors meeting immediately preceding the next Annual Membership Meeting. Appeal to the Board of Directors for exception of this rule may be made in the case of extreme emergency.

5. Projects - All membership categories are encouraged but not required to participate in projects recommended by the Texas Lawyers Auxiliary.

6. Amendment of the Standing Rules may be made by a majority of the full Board of Directors.

7. TLA Board on October 7, 2004, adopted a policy that financial records shall be kept on computer and financial reports shall be computer generated.

8. The Finance Committee shall be composed of two past presidents and the Permanent Finance Advisor. The Treasurer shall serve as an ex officio member of the committee.

9. The President of Texas Lawyers Auxiliary is to be the only liaison with the State Bar of Texas unless she/he delegates that function to someone else in a specific manner.

10. Texas Lawyers Auxiliary's lawyer should be consulted before engaging in any type of political activity. [Sec Arc. IV, Section 4.02]

11. The fiscal year shall be July 1 - June 30.

12. Those invited to serve as Directors-at-Large shall be selected with the goal of including on the Board of Directors representation from other areas of the State of Texas not already represented by an auxiliary. Dues must be current to maintain voting privileges.

13. Those invited to be Honorary members shall include the Presidents of the State Bar of Texas and Texas Young Lawyers Association, and their spouses. They shall be exempt from payment of dues and shall have no voting privileges.