

Bylaws of the Association of International Criminal Law Prosecutors (AICLP)

A Nonprofit Membership Association

Article I. Name and Purpose

1.1 Name. The name of the organization shall be the Association of International Criminal Law Prosecutors (AICLP).

1.2. Purposes.

1.2.1. Ethical & Professional Standards

- 1.2.1.1. Promote prosecutorial independence and impartiality, ensuring members act free from political influence.
- 1.2.1.2. Establish and enforce a strict code of ethics for members.
- 1.2.1.3. Promote responsible use of prosecutorial discretion, ensuring fair trials and due process.

1.3. Defending Prosecutorial Independence

- 1.3.1. Advocate against and stand against political interference, threats, and attacks on international prosecutors.
- 1.3.2. Provide support and solidarity for members facing undue pressure or retaliation.
- 1.3.3. Work with international organizations to strengthen legal protections for prosecutors handling politically and/or judicially sensitive cases.

1.4. Promoting Fair Trials & Due Process

- 1.4.1. Uphold and advocate for the principles of fair trial rights, procedural integrity, and transparency in all prosecutions.
- 1.4.2. Promote ethical engagement with victims, witnesses, and defense teams.
- 1.4.3. Provide guidance on witness protection, evidence handling, and procedural best practices.

1.5. Professional Development & Capacity Building

- 1.5.1. Provide training, mentorship, and knowledge-sharing for current and former international prosecutors and investigators.

1.5.2. Review and revise as necessary existing best practices on the investigation and prosecution of international crimes.

1.5.3. Support early-career prosecutors and investigators in their professional growth.

1.6. Advocacy for International Justice

1.6.1. Advocate for stronger legal frameworks and accountability mechanisms at the international and national levels.

1.6.2. Provide expert input on policy initiatives related to war crimes investigation and prosecution, victim participation, and human rights protections.

1.6.3. Engage with international courts, regional bodies, and domestic governments to support the rule of law, to the extent permitted by national and international law.

1.7. Networking & Collaboration

1.7.1. Create a global network of international criminal law prosecutors and investigators.

1.7.2. Facilitate cooperation between international prosecution staffs, governments, law enforcement agencies, and legal experts.

1.7.3. Organize conferences, workshops, and regional forums to foster collaboration and knowledge exchange.

1.8. Public Engagement & Awareness

1.8.1. Raise global awareness on the importance of prosecuting international crimes.

1.8.2. Counter misinformation about international tribunals and accountability mechanisms.

1.8.3. Promote victim-centered approaches to justice, ensuring survivors are respected in the prosecutorial process.

Article II. Membership

2.1. Categories of Membership. AICLP shall have two categories of membership: Members and Associate Members.

2.2. Members

2.2.1. Eligibility

- 2.2.1.1 Individuals who served as prosecutors, analysts, or investigators in international or hybrid tribunals handling international crimes.
- 2.2.1.2 Individuals who served in other full-time staff positions in support of the practice of law before international or hybrid tribunals handling international crimes

2.2.2. Rights and Responsibilities

- 2.2.2.2. Members may vote on all matters subject to a vote under these Bylaws.
- 2.2.2.3. Members may serve as officers on the Executive Board without limitation.
- 2.2.2.4. Members have the right to propose amendments to these Bylaws
- 2.2.2.5. Members shall be required to pay membership dues to the extent set by the Executive Board.

2.3. Associate Members

2.3.1. Eligibility

- 2.3.1.1. Individuals committed to AICLP's mission who do not meet Member criteria, who have been elected as Associate Members by a majority vote of the Executive Board.
- 2.3.1.2. Individuals committed to AICLP's mission who do not meet Member criteria, who have been elected as Associate Members by a majority vote of Members in attendance at the annual meeting.
- 2.3.1.3. Required to pay membership dues to the extent set by the Executive Board.

2.3.2. Rights and Responsibilities

- 2.3.2.1. May attend annual meetings, as well as conferences, training programs, and networking events.
- 2.3.2.2. May serve on committees, working groups, and the Executive Board to the extent approved by a majority vote of the Executive Board.
- 2.3.2.3. Required to pay membership dues to the extent set by the Executive Board.

2.4. Election to Membership

- 2.4.1. Any applicant to be a Member may be elected as a Member by a majority vote of the Executive Board, or by a majority vote of Members present at any Annual or Special Meeting.
- 2.4.2. Any applicant to be an Associate Member may be elected as an Associate Member by a majority vote of the Executive Board, or by a majority vote of Members present at any Annual or Special Meeting.

Article III. Governance and Leadership

3.1. Executive Board. The governing body shall be the Executive Board composed of individuals elected by a majority of Members present at any Annual or Special Meeting.

3.2. Officers. The Officers of the Executive Board shall be:

3.2.1 President

3.2.2 Secretary

3.2.3 Treasurer

3.3. Duties of the Executive Board.

3.3.1 The Executive Board shall be responsible for organizational strategy, policy advocacy, and disciplinary matters.

3.3.2 The President shall:

3.3.2.1 Serves as the Chief Executive Officer of AICLP.

3.3.2.2 Exercise general oversight authority over all operations, financial matters, and organizational governance.

3.3.2.3 Open or close financial accounts.

3.3.2.4 Authorize entity changes and file legal or regulatory documents, including IRS and Secretary of State filings, unless delegated to an attorney or accountant acting on behalf of AICLP.

3.3.2.5 Chair over all Executive, Annual, and Special Meetings unless unavailable.

3.3.2.6 Represent AICLP in external relations, contracts, and agreements unless otherwise delegated.

3.3.3. The Secretary shall:

3.3.3.1. Maintain all official corporate records and ensures compliance with record-keeping policies.

3.3.3.2. Certify and maintain the minutes of all Executive, Annual, and Special Meetings and decisions.

3.3.3.3. Oversee corporate documentation, including legal filings, nonprofit status verifications, and governance policies.

3.3.4. The Treasurer shall:

3.3.4.1. Take primary responsibility for all financial matters of AICLP.

3.3.4.2. Open or close financial accounts.

3.3.4.3. Ensure financial transactions and expenditures align with the AICLP's tax-exempt mission.

3.3.4.4. Oversee budgeting, audits, and financial compliance.

3.4. Non-Exclusive Authorities of Officers. To effect the purposes of AICLP, Officers and other Board Members shall also have the following non-exclusive powers:

3.4.3. Engage vendors, service providers, and consultants.

3.4.4. Hire, manage, and terminate employees or contractors.

3.4.5. Execute contracts and agreements on behalf of AICLP.

3.4.6. Manage operational accounts and approving necessary expenditures.

3.4.7. Ensure compliance with nonprofit, tax, and regulatory filings.

3.4.8. Oversee and direct AICLP's general affairs.

3.5. Elections and Terms.

3.5.1. Members of the Executive Board shall be elected by a majority of Members present at the Annual meeting.

3.5.2. Members of the Executive Board shall serve two-year terms, or such duration as set by the Executive Board.

3.5.3. Officers shall be elected by majority vote of the Executive Board.

3.5.4. The Executive Board shall have the authority to appoint Associate Members to the Executive Board or committees without conferring voting or fiduciary rights.

Article IV. Exclusion and Disciplinary Action

4.1. Nondiscrimination. Membership shall not be denied or revoked based upon an individual's race, sex, nationality, ethnicity, religion, gender, disability, or any other immutable characteristic.

4.2. Revocation or Denial of Membership. Membership and Associate Membership may be revoked for good cause by a majority vote of the Executive Board. "Good cause" includes, but is not limited to, the need to comply with national or international laws, protecting AICLP and its members from legal, physical, reputational, or material harm, as well as individual misconduct, or if a Member's need to comply with national laws conflicts with the spirit or purpose of AICLP.

Article V. Meetings

5.1. Annual Meeting. Members of AICLP shall meet at least once per year, at a date to be set by the Executive Board. The Secretary shall inform all Members and Associate Members of the date of the annual meeting no less than thirty (30) days before it is to be conducted.

5.2. Special Meetings. The President, a majority of the Executive Board, or 10% of AICLP Members shall have the right to call a special meeting by duly notifying the Secretary in writing.

5.3. Executive Meetings. The President, or a majority of the Executive Board, shall have the right to call a meeting of the Executive Board

5.4. Quorum. At any Annual, Special, or Executive Meeting, a quorum shall consist of a majority of the Executive Board present.

Article VI. Committees

6.1. The Executive Board may establish standing or ad hoc committees comprised of Members or Associate Members.

6.2. A committee, once assembled, shall have the right to establish its own rules consistent with these Bylaws.

Article VII. Amendments

7.1. These Bylaws may be amended by two-thirds vote of Members present at any Annual or Special Meetings with thirty (30) days' notice.

7.2. These Bylaws may be amended by two-thirds vote of the Executive Board at any Executive Meeting, subject to the veto of two-thirds of Members present at the next Annual or Special Meeting.

7.3. Proposed amendments to the Bylaws shall be put before the Executive Board or before any Annual or Special Meeting by the Secretary.

Article VIII. Fiscal Matters

8.1. The Fiscal Year shall be set by the Executive Board.

8.2. Dues for Members and Associate Members shall be set and adjusted by the Executive Board.

8.3. Adjustments to dues set by the Executive Board shall be subject to a veto of two-thirds of Members at the next Annual or Special Meeting.

8.4. The Treasurer shall manage records and prepare statements respecting the finances of the AICLP, which shall be distributed to all Members no less than thirty (30) days before the Annual Meeting.

Article IX. Dissolution

9.1. AICLP may be dissolved by a two-thirds vote of Members present at any Annual or Special Meeting.

9.2. A resolution to dissolve AICLP shall be distributed to all Members no less than thirty (30) days before the meeting in which a vote to dissolve is to be held.

9.3. Upon dissolution, all assets shall be distributed to a 501(c)(3) purpose or similar tax-exempt entity.

Article X. Officer Succession and Vacancy Procedures

10.1. Officer Replacement. Officers shall be replaced through nomination by two Executive Board Members and majority vote of the Executive Board. Interim appointments are allowed.

10.2. Emergency Officer Succession.

10.2.1. Where the President is removed, resigns, or otherwise becomes incapable of continuing to serve, the Secretary shall assume the functions of the President until the position is filled at the next meeting of the Executive Board, Annual Meeting, or Special Meeting.

10.2.2. Where the Treasurer or Secretary is removed, resigns, or otherwise becomes incapable of continuing to serve, the President shall assume the functions of the Treasurer or Secretary until the position is filled at the next meeting of the Executive Board, Annual Meeting, or Special Meeting.

Article XI. Officer Duties, Accountability, and Indemnification

11.1. Performance Expectations and Accountability. Officers of shall uphold the highest standards of ethical governance, financial stewardship, and integrity.

11.2. Duty of Care

11.2.1. Officers must act prudently, diligently, and in the best interests of the AICLP and its members.

11.2.2. Officers must exercise reasonable oversight over finances, operations, and compliance with legal and regulatory requirements.

11.2.3. Officers shall make informed decisions based on adequate research, independent professional advice where necessary, and adherence to governance policies.

11.3 Duty of Loyalty

11.3.1. Officers shall avoid conflicts of interest and act solely in the AICLP's interests.

11.3.2. Officers may not use their position for personal financial gain or engage in activities that would create divided loyalties.

11.3.3. All officers shall comply with AICLP's Conflict of Interest Policy, and where necessary, recuse themselves from decisions that may present an actual or perceived conflict.

Article XII. Bylaws Binding Effect

12.1. Should any provision of these Bylaws be deemed invalid, such provision shall severed without prejudice to the continuing validity of these Bylaws, or actions taken thereunder.

12.2. At any Annual, Special, or Executive Meeting for which a quorum is present, the requirements of these Bylaws may be suspended by two-thirds vote of those present for the duration of said meeting, except that no amendment to these Bylaws may be made under suspension.