



Accounting Program Leadership Group Bylaws
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I. Name of Organization. The name of this organization is the Accounting Program Leadership Group (APLG) Section of the American Accounting Association.

II. The Purposes and Objectives of the Section Are:

The APLG seeks to be the premier resource and voice for the accounting program leadership community.

III. Mission.

The mission of the APLG is to stimulate the excellence in accounting education by contributing to the development of outstanding accounting program leadership and supporting and encouraging high-quality accounting programs.

IV. Membership.

All persons who pay the annual dues levied by this Section, subject to the rules of the American Accounting Association shall be members of the Section. All members of the Section are eligible to vote, hold office, and participate fully in all activities of the Section, and are entitled to all its other privileges.

There will be two (2) classes of membership: (1) Regular Members and (2) Life Members.

Regular members of the Section are eligible to vote, hold office, and participate fully in all activities of the Section.

Life members. Life membership in the APLG Section may be awarded on an individual basis by the Executive Board of the APLG Section. Life Members have all the rights of a Regular Section member.

V. Dues.

Dues shall be determined by the APLG Section's Board of Governors.

VI. The Board of Governors. The Board of Governors of the APLG Section will consist of:

Executive Committee

- President
- President-Elect
- Past President and
- Secretary/Treasurer

Other Voting Members

- Vice President-Program and Organizational Value (VP-POV)
- Vice President-Program and Organizational Value-Elect (VP-POV-Elect)
- Vice President-Leadership Development (VP-LD)
- Vice President-Leadership Development-Elect (VP-LD-Elect)
- Vice President-Constituent Engagement and Advocacy (VP-CEA)

Ex-Officio, Non-Voting Members

- Historian
- Council Representative
- Professional Firm Members (minimum four)

The Board of Governors members are responsible for directing the affairs of the Section and formulating the plans, policies, rules, and procedures they consider necessary to achieve the Section mission.

Meetings of the Board of Governors will be called by the President or at the written request of any five Governors to the Secretary/Treasurer. Notice of meetings of the Board will be made by the Secretary/Treasurer. A quorum will consist of five voting members.

VII. Duties of the Members of the Board of Governors

President. The President is responsible for administering the affairs of the Section. The President will act as chair of the Board of Governors and will preside at all meetings of the Section. Except for committee members previously appointed to terms that have not yet expired, the President has the authority to appoint members to committees and task forces, and, at his/her discretion, to remove members of committees and task forces.

President-Elect. The President-Elect is elected for a three (3) year term, serving as President-Elect in the first year, President in the second year, and Past President in the third year. The duties of the President-Elect are to assist the President in administering the affairs of the Section.

Past President. Upon completion of service as President, the individual will serve as Past President for the following year. The duties of the Past President include advising the President, as needed, and Chairing the Nominations Committee.

Secretary-Treasurer.

Elected for a two (2) year term.

The duties of the Secretary-Treasurer is to supervise the keeping of records of APLG meetings, policies, and procedures. In addition, the Secretary-Treasurer will work with AAA professional staff relative to collection and disbursement of APLG funds. This officer will report to the Board of Governors at its meetings on the financial affairs of APLG and will provide that information for dissemination to the APLG members.

Vice President-Program and Organizational Value (VP-POV)

The VP-POV will lead planning of the Midyear Meeting. Additionally, the position will assist/support development of other leadership training programs as deemed beneficial (e.g., webinars).

Vice President-Program and Organizational Value-Elect (VP-POV-Elect)

Elected for a two (2) year term, serving as VP-POV-elect in the first year and as VP-POV in the second year.

The duties of the VP-POV-Elect are to assist the VP-POV in planning and administering the Midyear Meeting. Additionally, the position will assist/support development of other leadership training programs as deemed beneficial.

Vice President–Leadership Development. (VP-LD) The VP-LD will lead planning of the New Leaders’ Workshop targeted at leadership development in the first three years in a leadership role. Additionally, the position will assist/support development of other leadership training programs deemed beneficial to new leaders.

Vice President-Leadership Development-Elect (VP-LD-Elect)

Elected for a two (2) year term, serving as VP-LD-Elect in the first year and as VP-LD in the second year.

The duties of the VP-LD-Elect are to assist the VP-LD in planning and administering the New Leader’s Workshop.

Vice President–Constituent Engagement and Advocacy. (VP-CEA)

Elected for a two (2) year term.

The position will lead efforts to increase APLG membership and to ensure accounting program leaders’ voices are included in discussions of standards, licensing requirements, and accreditation processes and criteria.

Historian.

Appointed by the President to serve a two (2) year term as an ex-officio, non-voting member of the Board of Governors.

The duties of the Historian are to maintain an up-to-date history of Section activities and to maintain and update the Section’s Operating Manual. The Historian also provides historical perspective at Board of Governors meetings and aids in providing continuity to the Section.

Council Representative.

Appointed by the President to serve a three (3) year term as an ex-officio, non-voting, member of the Board of Governors. The Council Representative is eligible for one additional consecutive three (3) year term

The duties of the Council Representative are to report in a timely manner all relevant Council meeting information to the Section’s Executive Committee.

Professional Board Members.

At least four (4) board members representing non-academic stakeholders of APLG shall be appointed by the President to serve two (2) year terms as ex-officio, non-voting members of the Board of Governors.

At least two (2) members will come from the four largest accounting firms, at least one will come from another of the large national or regional firms, and at least one will come from industry. Additional members representing other organizations such as AICPA or AACSB may be appointed at the discretion of the President.

The duties of the professional board members consist of providing guidance and support for the APLG’s

mission.

Filling of Vacancies.

In the event that an elected member of the Board of Governors, other than the President, is unable to serve the full term or a new position is created by revision of the bylaws, the duties shall be assigned to another person selected by the President. When the President cannot serve, then the duties will be assumed by the most recent Past President who is willing to serve. When the President-Elect is not able to serve, the Nominations Committee will appoint a member to fill that role.

VIII. Standing Committees

Advisory Board.

The officers of the Section will be guided in their duties by an Advisory Board. In addition, the Advisory Board shall propose changes in the bylaws for submission to the members of the Section for approval. The Advisory Board will consist of four (4) members: the Past President, the prior Past President, and two (2) other members elected by the APLG Section to two (2) year terms. The chair of the Advisory Board shall be appointed by the Nominations Committee.

Nominations Committee.

The Nominations Committee will consist of one (1) or more immediate Past Presidents (the most senior of whom shall chair the committee) and at least two (2) other persons elected by the APLG Section. Vacancies on the committee can be filled by appointment of the President as approved by a majority vote of the Board of Governors. Members of the Nominations Committee are not eligible for nomination to any Section office while serving on the committee.

The Nominations Committee will prepare a list of nominees for the election to be held by written or electronic vote before the next Annual Meeting. The Nominating Committee's duties also include soliciting candidates from the membership for open offices and preparing a slate of at least one (1) candidate for each of the open offices. In addition, members in good standing may be nominated and their names placed on the ballot provided their nominations are submitted to the Past President by March 1 and are accompanied by a petition signed by fifteen (15) members in good standing.

IX. Nomination and Elections Procedures.

The Board members listed above will be elected by written or electronic vote two months prior to the AAA Annual Meeting. If, in addition to the nominee(s) proposed by the Nominations Committee, a person is nominated by a petition signed by not less than fifteen (15) members of the Section, the election will be by written or electronic ballot. Individuals receiving a majority of the votes cast, including write-ins, will be declared elected. Those elected will take office at the Board meeting held closest to the AAA's Annual Meeting. Persons nominated by petition must previously have agreed to serve if elected. Only members of the Section are eligible to vote.

X. Publications.

The APLG Section may publish newsletters, proceedings, working papers, monographs, journals, teaching aids, and other materials consistent with the purposes and objectives of the APLG Section. Members of the Executive Committee must review all public output prior to its going to the Board of Governors. The Board of Governors must approve any statements or opinions that are disseminated.

XI. Membership Meetings.

The APLG may hold a meeting in conjunction with the APLG Annual Seminar and other meetings as called by the Board of Governors. Notice of the time and place of APLG membership meetings will be e-mailed to all members by the Secretary/Treasurer or published in the Newsletter at least two months before any meeting. All meetings will be considered to be regularly scheduled business meetings.

A quorum at all duly called membership meetings will consist of those members present. All matters coming before the membership at the annual and other regularly scheduled meetings will be decided by majority votes of those present.

For purposes of conducting all membership meetings of the APLG, Robert's Rules of Order (latest edition) will apply wherein the by-laws do not specify procedure. A parliamentarian will be appointed by the officer presiding at each meeting.

XII. Amendment.

Amendments to the bylaws of the APLG Section may be proposed by any individual member, group of members, or by the Board of Governors.

Proposals accompanied by a petition signed by fifteen (15) regular members in good standing may be submitted to the Secretary/Treasurer for ballot by the membership. Proposals not accompanied by such a petition will be submitted to the President and by the President to the Board of Governors at its next regular meeting. Amendments approved by the Board of Governors will be submitted to the Secretary/Treasurer for ballot by the membership. Amendments will be adopted by an affirmative vote of the majority of those voting. Voting may be done electronically or by mail. Amendments will go into effect as soon as the results of the balloting are ratified by the Secretary/Treasurer and reported to the Board of Governors.

Written notice of amendments to the bylaws of the APLG Section to be presented for vote shall be given to the members at least twenty (20) days prior to the vote.