

AALS 2026 Standing Committees and Board

Committee on Academic Freedom and Tenure (CAFT)

This committee serves as a resource for member schools that request an assessment of their procedures for protecting academic freedom or tenure. Requests from individual faculty members are referred to the Department of Academic Freedom, Tenure, & Governance of the American Association of University Professors. **There are two positions open for 2026.**

Committee on Arc of Career Programs

This standing committee solicits and selects proposals for programs at the Annual Meeting that focus on the different stages of careers in legal education rather than on substantive fields of law. The committee also organizes a session for first-time meeting attendees. **There are two positions open for 2026.**

***Journal of Legal Education* Advisory Committee**

The Advisory Committee assists the Coordinating Editors of the *Journal* in reviewing manuscripts presented for possible publication in the *Journal* and provides general policy guidance. The *Journal* is a quarterly publication devoted to issues confronting legal educators, including curriculum development and legal scholarship. It also serves as an outlet for emerging areas of scholarship and teaching. **There are three positions open for 2026.**

Membership Review Committee (MRC)

The Membership Review Committee reviews law school applications for membership in the Association and approves periodic site evaluation reports on member law schools. The committee meets twice a year to evaluate schools up for sabbatical review and to make recommendations to the Executive Committee on the actions it should take. **There are two positions open for 2026.**

Recruitment and Retention of Law Teachers and Students

This committee is charged with recommending to the Executive Committee how the Association can better assist member and fee-paid schools in the recruitment and retention of law teachers and students. **There are three positions open for 2026.**

Sections Committee

The Sections Committee mission is to improve the operation of Sections throughout the year, as well as their programming for the Annual Meeting. The committee also selects the winner of the Section of the Year Award. **There are two positions open for 2026.**

AALS 2026 Special Committees

Nominating Committee for 2027 Officers and Members of the Executive Committee

The Nominating Committee has the task of nominating faculty from member law schools to serve on the AALS Executive Committee in the following year. The committee reviews nominations solicited by the AALS, and recommends to the AALS House of Representatives two nominees for the Executive Committee and the next President-Elect. The Committee meets virtually in September. **There are three positions open for 2026.**

Program Committee for the 2027 Annual Meeting

This committee solicits and selects proposals for “open submission” programs for the Annual Meeting that do not come from Sections. There are four types of “open submission” programs: symposium programs, small discussion groups, open source programs not sponsored by a Section, and hot topics. **There are five positions open for 2026.**

Scholarly Papers for the 2027 Annual Meeting

The committee selects the winner(s) of the Scholarly Papers Competition that is open to faculty at AALS Member and Fee Paid schools who have been in teaching for five years or less. The winning author(s) is/are recognized at the Annual Meeting. The Committee meets by conference call in October or November to select the awardee(s) after a winnowing process that begins in August. **There are six positions open for 2026.**

Planning Committees for 2027 Workshops and Conferences

Planning committees are responsible for organizing a workshop or Conference. They typically meet once at AALS headquarters to begin the planning process.

2027 Clinical Conference

There are six positions open.

2027 Deans Forum Workshop

All committee members must be sitting deans. There are four positions open.

2027 Workshop for New Law Teachers

There are five positions open.

2027 Workshop for Pretenured Law School Faculty

There are three positions open.