

Penn State Law – University Park
Student Bar Association

Bylaws of the Social Committee
2021-2022

I. Mission Statement

The name of this committee shall be the Social Committee of the Student Bar Association. The Student Bar Association’s Social Committee shall be responsible for facilitating collegial interaction among law students outside the classroom. It shall maintain an open-door policy for every student organization and every member of the student body at Penn State Law.

The social committee shall be responsible for organizing and planning the following events (this list is not exhaustive):

- Welcome Back Party
- Halloween Party
- Barristers’ Ball
- Senior Picnic

II. Definitions

- A. Nominate: To propose by name as a candidate for election. Each nominee must be approved by the Student Bar Association before assuming the respective position.
- B. Appoint: A binding selection by the Student Bar Association for an office or position in the Social Committee.
- C. Quorum: Two-thirds of the student members constitute a quorum.

III. Officers of the Social Committee

The Social Committee shall have as its administrative and executive officers two Co-Chairs.

The Co-Chairs of the Social Committee shall be nominated by the SBA President and appointed through the majority consent of the SBA, and serve at the SBA President's pleasure. The terms of office shall be for one academic year. The Co-Chairs shall:

- i. preside over all meetings;
- ii. set the date, time, place, and agenda for all meetings;

- iii. appoint and coordinate any such volunteers deemed necessary to effectuate the purpose of the Social Committee;
- iv. communicate with the Vice President bi-weekly to report any updates regarding the Committee's activities for the SBA;
- v. vote in all actions undertaken by the Committee; and
- vi. record the proceedings of all meetings of the Committee.

IV. Members of the Social Committee

- A. The Social Committee is open to all members of the student body.
- B. The Social Committee shall include at least one member from each class from (i.e. at least 4 other members in addition to the co-chairs).
- C. Those interested should contact a Social Committee Co-Chair.
- D. The Co-Chairs will then provide the SBA Secretary and President with the names of anyone interested in joining the Social Committee before the next SBA meeting.
- E. Membership is subject to nomination by the SBA President and approval by the SBA Board.
- F. SBA Committee members may be removed from the Committee only by a decision of the SBA President.

V. Meetings

The Social Committee shall meet no less than two (2) times during an academic year with at least one (1) meeting per semester. The Social Committee reserves the right to hold additional meetings when circumstances deem necessary. The Social Committee meetings are open to any interested member of the student body.

VI. Meeting Procedure

The following guidelines shall govern each Social Committee meeting:

- A. Every meeting shall begin when the Chairs call the meeting to order;
- B. The Chairs must take roll and determine whether a quorum is present for voting purposes;
- C. The Chairs will read the minutes from the previous meeting;
- D. The Chairs will announce all proposals for discussion at the present meeting;
- E. After all individuals and representatives have presented, the discussion of the requests will commence;
- F. Each request will be discussed. At any time a member can move to vote on the request. Another member must second the motion;
- G. Proposals that do not obtain a majority vote will be denied;
- H. Upon discussion of all proposals, the Chairs will adjourn the meeting.

VII. Voting

To vote on any matter, a quorum must be present. Any time a vote is taken, the question shall be approved by a simple majority vote.

VIII. Amendments

All amendments to these bylaws shall be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the SBA.