

CLSA COMMITTEES AND TASK FORCES

2007-2008

CONSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEES

Committee	Chair and Members	Mandate
Convention Planning <i>Constitution, art. X, as amended in 1996</i>	Dr. Barbara Anne Cusack Rev. Patrick J. Cogan, SA Very Rev. Anthony E. Bawyn Sr. Sharon A. Euart, RSM Msgr. F. Stephen Pedone	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Above all to work for the attainment of the purpose of the Society set forth in Article II of the Constitution; 2. To submit to the Board of Governors for approval the names of speakers and topics for discussion at the Annual General Meeting and to recommend to the Board honoraria for such speakers; (and) 3. To evaluate the Annual General Meeting, especially in light of the critique sheets from that Meeting, and to forward such an evaluation to the Board of Governors.
Nominations <i>Constitution, art. X</i>	Very Rev. Gregory T. Bittner Eileen Jaramillo Sr. Maureen A. McPartland, OP Msgr. F. Stephen Pedone	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To submit to the active members, at least one month prior to the date of election, the names of nominees as provided for in Article IX of the Constitution; (and) 2. To formulate and recommend to the Board of Governors plans for maintaining and increasing the membership of the Society.
Resolutions <i>Constitution, art. X</i>	Mrs. Margaret Poll-Chalmers Ms. Jennifer Haselberger Br. Patrick T. Shea, OFM	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To solicit, develop and draft proposed resolutions which will express the concerns of the Canon Law Society of America; 2. To consult with the membership at large and, in particular with the Board of Governors, the standing and <i>ad hoc</i> committees of the Society, and the organizers of the convention; 3. To formulate resolutions on given points in response to requests of the members of the Society; 4. To compose differences in the formulation of similar proposals and to revise all proposals so that the meaning of each is clear; (and) 5. To encourage resolutions which authentically express in a positive way the activities and concerns of the Society.
Budget <i>Constitution, art. X, as amended in 1995</i>	Rev. Thomas C. Anslow, CM Mrs. Rita F. Joyce Rev. Daniel A. Smilanic	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To develop a comprehensive budget for general operations and report on the funding available for projects; (and) 2. To submit the proposed budget to the Board of Governors at its Spring meeting
Professional Responsibility <i>Constitution, art. X, as amended in 1995, and the Code of Professional Responsibilities, canon 9c(1), d(1)</i>	Eileen C. Jaramillo Mrs. Rita F. Joyce Rev. John R. Vaughan Hearing Officers: Msgr. Frederick C. Easton Very Rev. William J. King	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Regarding complaints: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. To receive complaints of any party aggrieved with respect to provisions of the <i>Code of Professional Responsibility</i> originally adopted by the CLSA in October, 1983, and its can. 9d(i); b. To make an initial finding that the complaint is not frivolous but is serious in character; and c. By majority vote to refer the matter to the hearing officers. 2. To issue advisory opinions and decisions on the application of the <i>Code of Professional Responsibility</i>; (and) 3. To advise on all other questions concerning the professional responsibility of canonists

CONVENTION

Role	Chairperson	Mandate
Convention Chairperson <i>By-Laws 2 & 11</i>	Rev. Michael A. Boccaccio	<p>The chairperson's responsibilities were last revised by action of the Board of Governors in 2002 (BOG <i>Handbook</i>, pp. 65-67). In summary, his/her duties are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To attend to the operational details of the annual CLSA convention; (and) 2. To make recommendations on sites for future conventions to the Board of Governors

STANDING (“ON-GOING”) COMMITTEES

NOTE: Most appointments are for three (3) years, renewable. Some are simultaneous terms, others rotate among the members.

Committee	Chairperson	Mandate
Advisory Opinions <i>Established: 1982</i>	Ms. Siobhan M. Verbeek Dr. Lynda Robitaille Msgr. Ronny Jenkins Mrs. Jaclyn O. McEachern	To collect and publish advisory opinions on the meaning of ecclesiastical laws, and especially the canons of the Codes. Such opinions are to provide non-official interpretations in response to requests for them.
Canonical Aspects of Questions Regarding Sexual Abuse of Minors <i>Established: 2003</i>	Msgr. Frederick C. Easton Sr. Sharon A. Euart, RSM Very Rev. Patrick R. Lagges Dr. Diane L. Barr	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To monitor/evaluate the canonical implications of issues arising with respect to the protection of ecclesial rights of children and vulnerable adults who have been abused and the accused clergy; 2. To recommend to, and coordinate under the supervision of the Board of Governors, CLSA tasks consistent with this mandate; (and) 3. To serve as a liaison between the CLSA and other interested groups.
Canon Law Digest	Rev. Patrick J. Cogan, SA Mr. William L. Daniel	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To prepare vol. XIII (1991-1995) as soon as possible. 2. To prepare vol. XIV (1996-2000) as soon as possible.
Civil and Canon Law <i>Established: 1985</i>	Rev. Phillip J. Brown, SS Mr. Charles Renati Rev. Robert McClory	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To identify those norms of the Codes which require the Church to defer to secular law; 2. To clarify the effects of secular law on canon law in various states and local jurisdictions; 3. To identify those issues, organizations, resources, publications, and personnel to facilitate communications between canon and secular law; (and) 4. To identify possible areas of cooperation between canon and secular law.
Convention Liturgies <i>Established: 1986</i>	Rev. Kelly M. Vandehey Ms. Barbara Bettwy	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To establish guidelines for convention liturgies; (and) 2. To plan the convention liturgies and prayer services.
Eastern Canon Law <i>Established: 1984</i>	Msgr. Peter D. Waslo Rev. Paul Luniw Rev. Michael K. Skrocki	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To study those matters of common concern to Latin and Eastern Catholics – inter-ritual matters – in order effectively to influence them and educate ourselves about them; 2. To educate ourselves as a Society about Eastern Catholic canon law traditions and institutions; (and) 3. To provide support for the Eastern Churches themselves as they study their own law, especially the Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches.
Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life <i>Established: 2004</i>	Sr. Rosemary Smith, SC Rev. Warren A. Brown, OMI Sr. Christine M. Rody, VSC	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To identify and research topics with significant ramification for institutes of consecrated life and societies of apostolic life; 2. To propose at least one topic and speaker for a convention seminar and one topic and proposed speaker for a pre-convention seminar; (and) 3. To identify those issues, organizations, resources, publications and personnel to facilitate a better understanding of developments in canon law regarding consecrated life.
Investment Review <i>Established: 1997</i>	Msgr. Royce R. Thomas Rev. Joseph R. Binzer Sr. Margaret A. Stallmeyer, CDP	To assist the treasurer in the review of CLSA investments.
Marriage Research <i>Established: 1978</i>	Sr. Victoria Vondenberger, RSM Ms. Margaret Gillett Sr. Maureen McPartland, OP Rev. John J. M. Foster	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To identify specific areas of marriage research and propose to the Executive Coordinator a marriage topic for a pre-convention workshop; 2. To identify scholars who have done or will do research in those particular areas and who will produce manuscripts for publication; (and) 3. To facilitate the publication of this research either in the CLSA-sponsored publication <i>Marriage Studies</i> or in other scholarly or professional journals.

Publications Advisory Board <i>Established: 2007</i>	Msgr. John A. Alesandro Very Rev. Lawrence DiNardo Very Rev. Paul B. R. Hartmann Rev. Robert Kaslyn, SJ Msgr. Kevin E. McKenna	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To advise the BOG about all aspects of current, periodic and proposed CLSA publication projects, including financial, literary, educational and marketing issues. 2. To monitor the progress of all CLSA publication projects. 3. To implement the procedures for peer review of CLSA publications. 4. To make the final recommendation to the BOG regarding specific publications. 5. To review the coordination and management of the CLSA's publications activity on the part of the Office of the Executive Coordinator. 6. To provide a written report to the CLSA membership at the annual convention.
Roman Replies <i>Established: 1980</i>	Rev. Joseph J. Koury Sr. Rose McDermott, SSJ	To collect and publish recent responses from various Roman dicasteries which would be of wide interest to CLSA members.
Scholarship Fund <i>Established: 1987</i>	Mrs. Lori Brower Albanese Sr. M. Dominica Brennan, OP Msgr. John K. Cody Mr. Jay Conzemius Rev. Thomas C. Anslow, CM	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To seek, conserve, invest and disburse the monies of the Scholarship Fund according to the criteria established by the CLSA; (and) 2. To establish for approval by the Board of Governors the process for selecting recipients of the scholarship.

TASK FORCES (*AD HOC* COMMITTEES AND PROJECTS)

Note: All appointments are ordinarily for the duration of the project; members may be replaced, and other members may be added.

Committee	Chairperson	Mandate
Task Force on Diocesan Synods <i>Established: 2003</i>	Mrs. Lori Brower Albanese Rev. Gregory G. Trawick Msgr. Helmut A. Hefner	1. To sponsor in conjunction with others and conduct an interdisciplinary symposium on the American experiences of diocesan synods since Vatican II; (and) 2. Publish the results of the symposium, and provide a convention presentation of the salient findings at a future convention
Task Force on Issues Related to Marriage and Undocumented Persons <i>Established: 2001</i>	Very Rev. William J. King Rev. Michael A. Vigil Very Rev. Vicente Dela Cruz Rev. Ricardo Garcia	1. To identify and examine basic human rights, such as the right to marry; 2. To identify and examine legal and pastoral issues; (and) 3. To prepare a legal and canonical analysis; 4. To prepare a legal and pastoral guide; (and) 5. To propose actions to be taken by the CLSA.
Advocacy Procedures Task Force <i>Established: 2005</i>	Dr. Diane L. Barr Rev. Michael Sullivan Rev. Paul Golden, CM Rev. David L. Deibel	To prepare materials outlining procedures for advocates in order to protect the rights of victims, the accuser, and the accused so that justice might exist for all God's people.
Regional Workshops for Advocates in Penal Cases <i>Established: 2006</i>	Msgr. Ricardo E. Bass Msgr. Frederick C. Easton Rev. Paul Golden, CM Deacon Jerry Jorgensen Very Rev. Patrick R. Lagges Rev. Daniel A. Smilanic	To sponsor no less than three regional workshops to train advocates for penal and other contentious, non-marriage cases, judicial as well as administrative, with an emphasis on clerical sex abuse of minors
Revision of the Code of Professional Responsibility and Statement on Professional Courtesies <i>Established: 2007</i>	Sr. Melanie DiPietro, SC Dr. Lawrence G. Price Msgr. John G. Johnson	To revise the <i>Code of Professional Responsibility</i> and <i>Statement on Professional Courtesies</i>