

**THE REGIONAL BYLAWS  
OF THE  
MIDWEST REGION  
THE NATIONAL BLACK LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION**

**ARTICLE I. ELECTED AND APPOINTED REGIONAL OFFICER DUTIES, POWERS,  
AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

*Section A. The Regional Chair*

1. The general executive power of the Region shall be vested in its Regional Chair, who shall be elected by the Regional Assembly in a manner consistent with the Regional Governing Articles and Bylaws.
2. The Regional Chair shall be the chief executive officer of the Region, charged with the overall execution and enforcement of the policies, principles, programs, initiatives, and strategic direction of the Region. The Chair shall exercise general executive authority over the business of the Region, pursuant to Article I, Section 2, Subsection J of the NBLSA Bylaws
3. The Regional Chair shall serve as the official representative and spokesperson of the Region, promoting and addressing advocacy efforts on any relevant academic, systemic, and community issues to that end.
4. The Regional Chair shall have power to propose administrative policies for the proper operation of the functions and affairs of the Regional Board and the Region, generally. These policies shall be made public and may be reviewed by the Regional Assembly, at its discretion.
5. The Regional Chair shall be empowered to nominate eligible students for all vacancies on the Regional Board, with the advice and consent of the Regional Board. The Chair may directly appoint the members of any regional committee, except where otherwise stated in the Bylaws.
6. The Regional Chair shall be the presiding officer of the Regional Assembly and the Regional Board, as well as an ex-officio member of all Regional Committees. The Regional Chair shall be empowered to create ad-hoc committees with the concurrence of the Regional Board.
7. The Regional Chair shall have power to authorize and sign for the expenses and expenditures of the Region, in accordance with NBLSA's financial policies, and may review financial transactions in addition to the Regional Treasurer. The National Treasurer shall be informed, as applicable and prescribed by NBLSA policies.
8. The Regional Chair may delegate any express or implied authority to other Regional officers, committees, or groups. Such delegation does not absolve the Regional Chair of ultimate responsibility for the tasks, duties, and assignment given to their charge.
9. The Regional Chair may exercise any and all authority, responsibilities and privileges inherent or delegated to the office by the policies of NBLSA.
10. The Regional Chair shall exercise any duties, obligations, or missions that NBLSA, the Regional Assembly, or the Regional Board may assign.

*Section B. The Regional Vice-Chair*

1. There shall be a Regional Vice-Chair, who shall be elected by the Regional Assembly in a manner consistent with the Regional Governing Articles and Bylaws.
2. The Regional Vice-Chair shall be a senior executive officer of the organization, charged with assisting the Regional Chair with the overall operational management, direction, and advocacy efforts of the Region, as directed by the Regional Chair.
3. The Regional Vice-Chair shall serve as the chairperson of the Regional Grievance Committee, as well as manage the internal operations of the Regional Board, subject to the direction of the Regional Chair.
4. In the temporary absence or incapacitation of the Regional Chair, either realized or directly communicated, the Regional Vice-Chair shall be empowered to carry out the duties and powers of the Regional Chair until the absence or incapacitation is resolved.
5. In the case of a vacancy in the office of Regional Vice-Chair, the Regional Chair shall nominate a replacement, who shall require confirmation by the Regional Board.
6. The Regional Vice-Chair may exercise any authority, responsibilities and privileges inherent or delegated to the office by the policies of NBLSA or the Region.
7. The powers, authority, and responsibilities of the Regional Vice-Chair, not otherwise contained within the Bylaws, shall be stipulated in duly passed legislation from the Regional Assembly.
8. The Regional Vice-Chair shall exercise any duties, obligations, or missions that NBLSA, the Region, the Regional Chair, or the Regional Board may assign.

*Section C. The Regional Treasurer*

1. The Regional Treasurer shall be the chief financial officer, empowered to manage the expenditures and monitor the financial health of the Region. They shall be elected by the Regional Assembly in a manner consistent with the Regional Governing Articles and Bylaws.
2. The Regional Treasurer, along with the Regional Chair, shall be the primary officer in control of Regional assets and materials, and shall appropriately enforce Regional policies on their use.
3. They shall, in coordination with the Regional Chair, administer NBLSA financial policies, procedures, and controls pertaining to regional funds.
4. The Regional Treasurer shall be a signatory to all expenditures, along with the Regional Chair, in accordance with NBLSA financial policies and procedures.
5. The Regional Treasurer shall prepare such financial reports, layouts, and projections as may be required by NBLSA, the National Treasurer, the Regional Chair, and the Regional Board.
6. The Regional Treasurer shall, with the Regional Board, determine and allocate budgeted Regional funds for the purposes of executing the duties and responsibilities of the Region.

7. The Regional Treasurer shall be responsible for the creation of the Regional Budget, and shall submit it to the Regional Chair for review and approval, prior to National Board consideration.
8. The Regional Treasurer shall report on the organization's financial status to the Regional Board at each of its meetings, and shall present a final financial report to the Regional Assembly at its annual meeting.
9. The Regional Treasurer shall be the ex-officio chair of the Regional Finance Committee, and shall serve on the NBLSA Finance Committee.
10. They shall perform any other duties as assigned by the Regional Assembly, the Regional Board, or the Regional Chair.

*Section D. The Regional Secretary*

1. The Regional Secretary shall be the chief correspondence and records officer of the Region, and shall be elected by the Regional Assembly in a manner consistent with the Regional Governing Articles and Bylaws.
2. The Regional Secretary, or their designee, shall be responsible for taking minutes of the meetings of the Regional Board and recording the plenary sessions of the Regional Assembly.
3. The Regional Secretary shall maintain and administer the communications tools of the Region, including the email system, mass distribution lists, stationary, and other items.
4. They shall sign and necessary documentation, in consultation with the Regional Chair.
5. The Regional Secretary shall, in coordination with the Regional Vice-Chair and Director of Programming, maintain the Regional Programming Calendar and make it publicly available to the Regional Board and chapters of the Region.
6. The Regional Secretary shall compile, format, and maintain the reports of the Regional Board, and shall maintain a central repository of current and past reports.
7. The Regional Secretary shall, in consultation with the Regional Chair and Regional Vice-Chair, format and construct the agenda for the meetings of the Regional Board, as well as take part in the logistical planning of said meetings.
8. They shall perform any other duties as assigned by the Regional Assembly, the Regional Board, or the Regional Chair.

*Section E. The Regional Attorney General*

1. The Regional Attorney General shall be the chief external affairs officer of the organization, having purview over the social, political, and civic, engagement agenda of the Region. They shall be elected by the membership in a manner consistent with the Regional Governing Articles and Bylaws.
2. The Regional Attorney General works with the NBLSA Attorney General in executing NBLSA programming, initiatives, and objectives taking place in the Region and elsewhere. The Regional Attorney General, or their designee,

shall take part in any NBLSA committees or working groups within the purview of their responsibilities.

3. The Regional Attorney General shall coordinate with local, state, and national political and civic leaders on addressing issues of concern within the Region. The Region's activities in this regard shall adhere to Regional and National policies on appropriate engagement with political, civic, and legal entities, and shall not lobby for or against any particular policy, legislative act, or item of business before a political body.
4. The Regional Attorney General shall, in consultation with the Regional Chair, Regional Vice-Chair, and Regional Secretary, be empowered to prepare statements, memoranda, press releases, and "calls to action" on issues of concern.
5. The Regional Attorney General shall be the Chair of the Election Committee. Per conflict of interest the Regional Attorney General shall step down from this position.
6. They shall perform any other duties as assigned by the Regional Assembly, the Regional Board, or the Regional Chair.

*Section F. Regional Director of Thurgood Marshall Moot Court Competition*

1. The Regional Director of the Thurgood Marshall Moot Court Competition shall be the Regional officer in full charge of the execution, management, and administration of the competition as set forth by NBLSA policies.
2. They shall attend and participate in all NBLSA committees, meetings, and working sessions relevant to their administration of the competition.
3. They shall be in close and frequent contact with their counterpart on the NBLSA Executive Board.
4. They shall be empowered to appoint two (2) non-voting specialists to support their operations during their term. Such appointments must be made with the concurrence of the Regional Chair and shall be subject to the final approval of the Regional Board.
5. They shall work with the Regional Board to secure all necessary logistics, venues, and personnel to administer the competition, including bailiffs, judges, and other necessary persons.
6. They shall perform any other duties as assigned by the Regional Assembly the Regional Chair, or the Regional Board.

*Section G. Regional Director of the Constance Baker Motley Mock Trial Competition*

1. The Regional Director of the Constance Baker Motley Mock Trial Competition shall be the Regional officer in full charge of the execution, management, and administration of the competition as set forth by NBLSA policies.
2. They shall attend and participate in all NBLSA committees, meetings, and working sessions relevant to their administration of the competition.
3. They shall be in close and frequent contact with their counterpart on the NBLSA Executive Board.

4. They shall be empowered to appoint two (2) non-voting specialists to support their operations during their term. Such appointments must be made with the concurrence of the Regional Chair and shall be subject to the final approval of the Regional Board.
5. They shall work with the Regional Board to secure all necessary logistics, venues, and personnel to administer the competition, including bailiffs, judges, and other necessary persons.
6. They shall perform any other duties as assigned by the Regional Assembly, the Regional Chair, or the Regional Board.

*Section H. Regional Director of Community Service*

1. The Regional Director of Community Service Initiatives shall be responsible for planning and executing a strategy for the Region's community service outreach and programming.
2. The Director shall be empowered to advise the Regional Board of short-term and long-term organizational partnerships with non-profit and community organizations.
3. They shall be empowered to assist the Regional Attorney General, Regional Director of Advocacy and External Affairs, and the Regional Director of Programming in providing opportunities for social awareness programming and initiatives pertaining to relevant current events.
4. The Director of Community Service Initiatives shall be empowered to work with chapter counterparts to develop and execute Regional strategies, as well as develop chapter community service programs.
5. They shall perform any other duties as assigned by the Regional Assembly, the Regional Chair, or the Regional Board.

*Section I. Regional Director of Programming*

1. The Director of Programming shall be the chief programming officer of the Region, working with the Regional Board to implement the annual programming strategy of the Region and NBLSA, and to provide logistical support to substantive Regional officers carrying out programs under Regional initiatives.
2. The Director of Programming shall work with the Regional Convention Director to layout the substantive program of the Regional Convention.
3. They shall perform any other duties as assigned by the Regional Assembly, the Regional Chair, or the Regional Board.

*Section J. Sub-Regional Directors*

1. Sub-Regional Directors shall be liaisons from each sub-region to the Regional Board.
2. They shall work with the Regional Board to create programming opportunities for chapters and individual members within their respective sub-regions.
3. They shall work with the Regional Chair to promote active participation among the leadership and membership of local chapters in Regional events.

4. Sub-Regional Directors shall be empowered to advise the chapters under their jurisdiction on Regional and National policies.
5. They shall be empowered to work with other sub-regional directors to promote Regional unity through events and programming.
6. They shall perform any other duties as assigned

*Section K. Regional Chief of Staff*

1. The Chief of Staff will work with the Regional Board on various strategic initiatives and special projects for the Region.
2. The Regional Chief of Staff shall work with the Regional Chair, Regional Vice-Chair, and Regional Secretary on the logistics and planning of Regional Board meetings.
3. They shall support the Regional Director of Programming on planning and executing major Regional events, banquets, and meetings.
4. They shall work with the Regional Chair on organizational strategy formulation across the academic year and on the creation of organizational objectives and plans.
5. Under the direction of the Regional Vice-Chair, they shall follow up on logistical and operational aspects of Regional programs and initiatives, providing support to the appropriate officer or program lead.
6. The Chief of Staff shall work with the Regional Chair and Regional Board to maintain and cultivate important strategic relationships with corporate, political, and civic contacts and entities.
7. They shall perform any other duties as assigned by the Regional Assembly, the Regional Chair, or the Regional Board.

*Section L. Regional Historian*

1. The Regional Historian shall be the primary officer in charge of the archives and other documents of the Region. They shall be empowered to record and collect various pieces of Regional business, programs, and initiatives for posterity.
2. They shall work with the Regional Board to create a central repository of older Regional documents, Regional pictures and media, as well as more antiquated business records.
3. They shall work with the Regional Chair, Regional Vice-Chair and the Regional Board to provide a narrative account of the history of MWBLSA and may utilize the resources of the Region to develop such history in a manner that may be shared on the local, regional, and national levels.
4. They may work with the Regional Secretary and the Regional Director of Communications to maintain the social media presence of the Region.
5. They shall perform any other duties as assigned by the Regional Assembly, the Regional Chair, or the Regional Board.

*Section M. Regional Parliamentarian*

1. The Regional Parliamentarian shall be the primary resource to the Regional Assembly, the Regional Board, and the Regional Chair on parliamentary procedure and the interpretation of Regional and National policies.
2. They shall chair the Regional Governing Articles and Bylaws Committee.
3. They shall serve as an ex-officio member of all Regional Committees.
4. The Parliamentarian shall advise the presiding officer and the Regional Assembly of the rules of the Convention and Regional policy, where necessary and appropriate.
5. They shall perform any other duties as assigned by the Regional Assembly, the Regional Chair, or the Regional Board.

*Section N. Regional Financial Secretary*

1. The Regional Financial Secretary shall work under the direction of the Regional Treasurer to monitor and manage the Region's financial operations and administer Regional and National financial procedures.
2. They shall be responsible for the receipt of Regional revenue, a thorough accounting of received funds, and its prompt deposit into the Region's chosen financial institution(s).
3. They shall administer the Regional Board's banking relationship database, working with the Regional Treasurer to maintain the Region's relationships to its financial institution(s).
4. The Regional Financial Secretary shall, upon request, prepare with the Regional Treasurer a set of financial projections for Regional convention expenses, competition expenses, and other projections as the Regional Chair or the Regional Board may require.
5. They shall perform any other duties as assigned by the Regional Assembly, the Regional Chair, or the Regional Board.

*Section O. Regional Convention Director*

1. The Regional Convention Director shall lead and primarily execute the development of the annual Regional Convention.
2. They shall serve as chair of the Regional Convention Steering Committee, and shall coordinate its work in furtherance of conference development.
3. They shall work with the Regional Director of Corporate Relations, the Regional Treasurer, and the Regional Chair to develop a budget and sponsorship strategy for the Convention and associated events.
4. The Regional Convention Director shall be empowered, under the direction of the Regional Chair and Regional Board, to review and select sites for future regional conventions, develop the programming agenda, and devise a marketing strategy.
5. They shall perform any other duties as assigned by the Regional Assembly, the Regional Chair, or the Regional Board.

*Section P. Regional Director of Communications*

1. The Regional Director of Communications shall be the chief marketing and publicity officer of the Region, working with the Regional Secretary to manage the internal and external communication for the Region.
2. They shall be responsible for working with the Regional Board and appropriate officers, thereof, in providing a marketing strategy for Regional events, initiatives, and programs.
3. The Regional Director of Communications shall manage the public facing communication interfaces of the organization, including social media outlets, the Regional website and blog pages, and like instruments.
4. The Regional Director of Communications shall maintain, in consultation with the Regional Director of Membership.
5. The Regional Director of Communications shall work with the Regional Chair, Regional Vice-Chair and Regional Chief of Staff to further certain initiatives.
6. The Regional Director of Communications shall sit on the Convention Committee, and Academic and Leadership Retreat Committee.
7. They shall perform any other duties as assigned by the Regional Board or by the Regional Chair.

*Section Q. Regional Director of Corporate Relations*

1. The Director of Corporate Relations shall develop and execute the Region's business development efforts and its corporate sponsorship strategy for Regional programs, events, and initiatives.
2. With the Regional Board, the Director shall develop a robust sponsorship program with sufficient benefits, recognition, and access to attract and maintain corporate sponsorship relationships.
3. They shall maintain a robust network of past, present, and targeted corporate sponsors, as well as past documentation of sponsorship correspondence.
4. They shall develop sponsorship materials and marketing for use with potential sponsors, and shall serve as the Regional point of contact for corporate sponsors and their affiliates.
5. They shall maintain a close relationship with the National Director of Corporate Relations, as well as work with Regional chapters on developing sponsors for local events.
6. They shall be empowered to appoint one (1) corporate relations specialist for each sub-region to assist in the execution of the Region's corporate relations strategy. Such appointments must be made with the concurrence of the Regional Chair and shall be subject to the final approval of the Regional Board.
7. They shall perform any other duties as assigned by the Regional Assembly, the Regional Chair, or the Regional Board.

*Section R. Regional Director of Career and Professional Development*

1. The Regional Director of Career and Professional Development shall be responsible for the development of the Region's annual job fair event, and



shall be empowered to work with individual chapters on the development of similar programs, initiatives, and strategies for BLSA members

2. They shall direct, plan, and coordinate the exhibit hall floor events related career development at the site of the annual Regional Convention.
3. They shall be responsible for maintaining and cultivating contacts with private sector firms, public sector agencies and firms, and other avenues of employment for the purposes of future events, collaboration, and other joint initiatives of merit for Regional participation.
4. They shall be responsible for the development and/or maintenance of a Regional Professional Resource Bank which shall include, but not limited to, information on successful networking, professional skills, interviewing tips, and any open employment/internship/externship opportunities that may arise.
5. They shall perform any other duties as assigned by the Regional Assembly, the Regional Chair, or the Regional Board.

*Section S. Regional Director of Membership*

1. The Director of Membership shall administer the membership operations of the Region.
2. They shall maintain the Region's membership databases and administer the chapter voting strength certification process for the Regional Assembly at the Regional Convention.
3. They shall work with the Regional Chair and relevant officers to identify inactive chapters or chapters with low membership and develop strategies for reactivation or further membership development.
4. They shall advise the Regional Board and Region's chapters on the status of NBLSA membership policies, including dues levels.
5. They shall serve as the chair of the Regional Membership Committee. 6. They shall perform any other duties as assigned by the Regional Assembly, the Regional Chair, or the Regional Board.

*Section T. Regional Director of Alumni Affairs*

1. The Director of Alumni Affairs shall work with the Regional Chair to cultivate strong partnerships and maintain an active Regional alumni network.
2. They shall work with the Regional Board to create programming opportunities for chapters and individual members to interact and network with Regional alumni.
3. They shall work with the Regional Chair and relevant officers to involve alumni in relevant events, initiatives, and programming. The Director shall work with the Regional Secretary and Regional Director of Communications to maintain robust communication outlets which reach these groups.
4. They shall perform any other duties as assigned by the Regional Assembly, the Regional Chair, or the Regional Board.

*Section V. Regional Director of Social Action*

1. The Director of Social Action shall work with the Director of Advocacy and External Affairs to promote awareness of Social Issues in the Black Community.
2. They shall provide further recommendations to the Regional Chair and Regional Vice-Chair on social action initiatives that further diversity, and may work with the Regional Board and individual chapters to achieve those ends.
3. They shall serve as the Chair of the Advocacy and Social Action Committee.
4. They shall perform any other duties as assigned by the Regional Assembly, the Regional Chair, or the Regional Board.

*Section W. Regional Director of Advocacy and External Affairs*

1. The Director of Advocacy and External Affairs shall work with the Regional Attorney General to promote the social advocacy efforts of the Region.
2. They shall be empowered to create programming and highlight initiatives to bring awareness to issues pertaining to diversity, civil rights, and other relevant issues in the broader community, and may work with the Regional Board and individual chapters to achieve those ends.
3. They shall serve as a resource liaison to the Advocacy and Social Action Committee.
4. They shall perform any other duties as assigned by the Regional