

CONSTITUTION OF AMINTAPHIL: THE AMERICAN SECTION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR PHILOSOPHY OF LAW AND SOCIAL
PHILOSOPHY

Article I – Name

The name of the Society shall be "AMINTAPHIL", reflecting its formal role as the American section of the International Association for the Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy.

Article II – Purpose

1. AMINTAPHIL shall promote the exchange of ideas and ideals among scholars, encourage discussion and research, as well as seek solutions to present and future socio-legal problems.

2. The purpose of AMINTAPHIL is exclusively educational, literary and scientific within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954. The Association shall not contribute funds to any organization which is not an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding section of any future United States Internal Revenue Law). In the event of the dissolution of AMINTAPHIL, its officers shall, after paying or making provision for payment of all the liabilities of the Association, dispose of all the Association's assets in such a way as to promote only such purposes as are exclusively educational, literary or scientific with the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding section of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

3. The purposes of AMINTAPHIL shall be served by:

a. the holding of conferences at which addresses, symposia, papers, and discussions concerning problems of socio-legal philosophy are presented;

b. the publication of these proceedings, as well as of any additional items germane to the purposes of AMINTAPHIL.

c. the encouragement of research into and discussion of fundamental socio-legal questions and jurisprudential interests.

Article III – Meetings of AMINTAPHIL

1. AMINTAPHIL shall hold such Conference meetings as are deemed appropriate to its purposes.

2. Additionally, such executive or committee meetings shall be held as are deemed appropriate to the purposes of AMINTAPHIL.

3. Each Conference meeting shall include an appropriate program of socio-legal nature, a presidential address, a business meeting, and such other matters as the Program Committee and/or Executive Board shall deem appropriate to the purposes of AMINTAPHIL.

4. The times and locations of the meetings shall be as approved by the Executive Board.

Article IV – Officers and Terms of Office

1. There shall be an Executive Director, who shall maintain membership and budget records of the Association and shall publish a report on the financial and other affairs of the Association at least annually. In addition, the Executive Director shall carry out such other duties as may be directed by the Executive Board. The Executive Director shall be appointed by the Executive Board and serve for an indefinite term as determined by that Board.

2. There shall be a Vice-President who shall assist the President in such duties as the President may require. The term of office of the Vice-President shall be two years. The Vice-President shall also be deemed the President-elect and upon the expiration of the President's term of office shall become the new President. In the event of the death, disability, or resignation of the President the Vice-President shall assume the office of President. In that event, at the next scheduled election, a new Vice-President shall be chosen and the President shall begin a new term of office.

3. There shall be a President, who shall be the Chair of the Executive Board and be an ex-officio member of all committees. The Executive Director shall preside at meetings of the Executive Board and, with the advice and consent of a majority of the Executive Board, shall appoint members and chairs of the committees and appoint others to represent AMINTAPHIL at ceremonial or other official functions. The term of office shall be two years.

4. There shall be a Treasurer who will maintain the finances and financial records of AMINTAPHIL and provide an annual report to the Executive Director.

Article V – Executive Board

1. There shall be an Executive Board of the Association which shall be composed as follows:

- The President;

- The Vice-President;
- The Executive Director;
- The Treasurer;
- The immediate Past President of AMINTAPHIL;
- The chairs of any AMINTAPHIL standing committees;
- Two members to be elected.
- Any member of AMINTAPHIL who is serving as an officer of the IVR or as a member of the IVR Executive Committee.

2. The Executive Board shall meet at times deemed appropriate to the purposes of AMINTAPHIL.

3. A meeting of the Executive Board may be called by the President at any time. The President shall call a meeting when requested to do so by three members of the Board. Reasonable notice of time and place of meeting shall be given.

4. No quorum is necessary for a meeting. Matters acted upon shall, however, be submitted to the vote of all members of the Board, by (e)mail ballot if necessary.

Article VI – Elections

1. Elections shall be held at the biennial business meeting of the Association, or whenever necessary, to fill a vacancy in office whether by expiration of term or for other reason.

2. Only members of AMINTAPHIL in good standing shall be allowed to vote in any election or on any change in the constitution or in the by-laws.

3. The method of election shall be as follows: The Nominating Committee shall designate two candidates for each office to be voted on and shall notify all members in good standing of the nominations. There shall be only one nominee for the office of Vice President. Those who desire to nominate others may do so by a petition of nomination signed by 5 members in good standing, (e)mailed to the Executive Director prior to the election. The Executive Director shall notify all members in good standing of such nominees.

4. Elections shall be conducted by the Executive Director, who shall certify the results to the members.

Article VII – Members and Dues

1. Anyone interested in the purposes of AMINTAPHIL and who has been or is professionally engaged in the disciplines proper to these purposes is eligible for

membership. Upon application to the Executive Director and payment of the required dues, the applicant shall be admitted to membership.

2. Members who have paid the current year's dues shall be members in good standing. Members who have not paid past dues may regain good standing at any time upon payment of the current year's dues..

3. Dues for annual membership in AMINTPHIL shall be such as are determined by the Executive Board with a majority approval of the members.

4. The fiscal year of AMINTAPHIL shall begin on January first. Notice of dues shall be sent to members during the month of October.

Article VIII – Committees

1. A Program Committee shall be appointed, as a standing committee, by the Executive Board. This committee shall develop programs and Conference topics and shall try to develop a continuity in these programs. It shall consist of not less than three members.

2. A Nominating Committee shall be appointed, as a standing committee, by the Executive Board. This committee shall consist of the President, Past-President, and Vice President of the Association.

3. The Executive Board shall appoint any other committees, standing or ad hoc, as it shall judge appropriate.

Article IX – Provisions for By-Laws

1. By-laws may be adopted or amended only at a regular meeting of AMINTAPHIL or by (e)mail ballot by a majority of those responding.

2. Any proposal for amendment of this constitution must be announced to the full membership of the Association at least one month in advance of voting on it.

3. Members not attending a regular meeting may vote by (e)mail on the proposed amendment by sending a ballot to the Executive Director postmarked not later than 7 days before the meeting.

Article X: Adoption

This Constitution will be adopted by a majority vote of those members who reply by (e)mail postmarked not later than 12 December 2014.

As amended on 15 May 2014.