

PENN STATE LAW REVIEW



2020 MEMBERSHIP SELECTION

Effective: April 27, 2020 to July 1, 2020

AMENDING BYLAW ARTICLE 3: Section D – Admissions Process

(1) - Determination of Eligibility

For 2020 membership selection, there shall be no threshold requirements for any applicant wanting to apply for Law Review membership. After conclusion of 2020 membership selection, Article 3(D)(1) will automatically revert to its immediate prior construction.

(2) - Number of Offers

The total number of membership offers extended on the basis of the write-on competition shall be determined annually at the discretion of the Editor-in-Chief, within reason, considering factors such as the present needs of the Law Review and the need to maintain prestige associated with Law Review membership. After conclusion of 2020 membership selection, Article 3(D)(2) will automatically revert to its immediate prior construction, with regard to the provisions relating to deletion of grade-on membership.

(3) - Write-On Membership

(a) - Write-On Competition

The Law Review shall participate in the write-on competition with the other legal journals at Penn State Law. At the time determined for the write-on competition, and consistent with these Bylaws, the Executive Comments Editor shall release the closed packet of research materials necessary to complete the write-on competition. Students will have ten (10) days to complete the write-on competition, at which time they must electronically submit the assignment via a platform selected by the Executive Comments Editor. No submission will be deemed complete without an electronic certification that the student tendering the submission has not violated the appropriate provisions of the Honor Code, as provided in Bylaw Article 3(A)(1)(a). If it is found that a Junior has misrepresented his or her compliance with the Honor Code on his or her application for membership, the Executive Comments Editor shall disqualify the Junior for Law Review Membership. In the event that the misrepresentation is found after the Junior has accepted Law Review membership, said membership shall be immediately revoked, and the Junior may not be allowed to reference Law Review membership on his or her resume.

(b) - Process for Extending Offers

Membership on the basis of the written submission shall be offered to the eligible participants receiving the highest aggregate score, up to the membership limit established by the Editor-in-Chief pursuant to Bylaw Article 3(D)(2). This process shall be performed by the Executive Comments Editor, who shall certify the submissions qualifying for membership to the Editor-in-Chief and Managing Editor no later than July 1 prior to new member orientation. The Editor-in-Chief and the Managing Editor shall formally invite those individuals to become members of the Law Review on the basis of superior performance on the written submission. Invitees shall have one (1) week from the date of the invitation to respond by filling out an application for membership and commitment. A complete, affirmative response will confer Law Review membership on the invitee. Membership may be revoked if the invitee subsequently fails to attend the mandatory Law Review orientation.