



EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST TO HOST THE 2028 AND 2029 ANNUAL MEETINGS

The Executive Board of the Association for Law, Property, and Society (ALPS) invites Expressions of Interest to host the 2028 and 2029 ALPS Annual Meetings. For information on our past meetings, please see [this link](#).

Background

[ALPS is a scholarly society](#) that seeks to encourage dialogue across and among people in many disciplines interested in property law, policy, and theory. The [ALPS Annual Meeting](#) is a core component of this work, providing an open and collegial forum for the exchange of ideas. The Annual Meeting aims to foster critical discussions of new knowledge and to encourage international and interdisciplinary cooperation. The Annual Meeting regularly attracts over 150 delegates from all over the world. It features paper presentations on a wide range of property-related topics, organized in concurrent sessions, and supplemented with keynote addresses and plenary sessions.

ALPS significantly values accessibility and inclusivity, and the Association is committed to mentoring for career development. Annual Meetings accordingly facilitate participation from scholars at all stages of their careers—including those considering an academic career in property or a property-adjacent field—and provide an appropriately accessible and inclusive environment for collegial discussion.

The Annual Meeting is traditionally held over three days (Thursday-Saturday) between mid-May and early June, though the Board is open to an alternative timing. The first day of the conference often comprises an optional afternoon field trip to a local area or operation of interest to property scholars and a welcome reception. The main conference typically takes place on the second and third days, with cocktail receptions and/or a conference dinner on one or both of those evenings.

The Role and Responsibilities of the Local Host

The local host is responsible for managing and delivering all logistical aspects of the Annual Meeting, including:

- Sourcing and arranging appropriate venues for plenary and concurrent academic sessions, and providing all necessary IT and accessibility supports. A typical meeting

would require a plenary venue for 150-200 delegates, five breakout rooms for parallel sessions, and space for meals and receptions.

- Managing the finances of the meeting, including preparation and management of the conference budget. In the ordinary course, conference registration fees should cover the costs of the meeting, but the host institution must be willing financially to underwrite the conference and agree that, in the event that a surplus is produced, these funds would be transferred back to ALPS.
- Sourcing and overseeing arrangements for appropriate catering, hospitality, and sufficient hotel accommodation for delegates.
- As needed, working with the ALPS Executive Board before making any arrangements for reasonable and appropriate sponsorship of the meeting, including liaison with any publishers or exhibitors.
- Managing and overseeing all aspects of the Annual Meeting registration process for delegates, including receipt of fees.
- Planning and arranging an appropriate field-trip, including all arrangements for accessibility and inclusion.

Although these are the typical ALPS host requirements, ALPS is committed to engaging with the widest range of possible hosts. Prospective hosts are therefore encouraged to reach out to the ALPS Board in the event of concerns around this financial commitment or anything else.

The local host also plays a prominent role in the academic leadership and management of the conference, including:

- Working with the Chair of the ALPS Program Committee to develop and issue the Call for Papers (traditionally in the fall/winter prior to the May/June conference);
- Working with the Chair of the ALPS Program Committee to (i) support the ALPS Program Committee in its process of reviewing submitted abstracts for acceptance and planning/scheduling concurrent sessions; and (ii) planning appropriate keynote and plenary sessions;
- Working with the ALPS Executive Board and the Chair of the ALPS Program Committee to make necessary arrangements for keynote and plenary speakers.

The Process

Those interested in hosting the 2028 and 2029 ALPS Annual Meetings are invited to submit an Expression of Interest (EoI) to the ALPS Board. We encourage prospective hosts to reach out to [ALPS leadership](#) informally in advance of this actual submission in order to discuss any questions or concerns.

The EoI should give a brief bio of the proposed host institution and specific faculty or other individual host contacts, including a description of their previous engagement with ALPS, and set

out the proposed dates and venue for the conference. The Board welcomes Expressions of Interest from single institutions or from collaborative partnerships between institutions.

The EoI should give an indication of the likely cost of delegate fees for the meeting and residential accommodation. To date, the typical practice has been for delegates to pay the conference fee directly to the host institution to cover the costs of facilities charges, catering, designing and printing of materials, field trip transportation, and the like. For a frame of reference, the early-bird delegate fee for the 2026 ALPS Meeting in Tulane is set at \$150 USD (with increasing fees after the early-bird date and discounts for students). This figure is provided as historical context; proposed fee levels will be evaluated in light of local costs, accessibility considerations, and the overall budget structure.

The EoI should provide a working conference budget, giving estimates of anticipated income (from delegate fees, host institutions contributions, sponsorship, etc.) and anticipated expenditures on the costs noted above, and any other sources of income or costs that the proposed host deems applicable. The proposed budget should be presented in a clear and itemized format, distinguishing anticipated income and anticipated expenditures. Hosts are encouraged to include (i) conservative attendance assumptions, and (ii) a contingency allocation (e.g., 5–10% of projected expenses) to account for unforeseen costs.

The EoI must include a formal letter of support from the Dean of the host school/department (or equivalent), and, subject to the qualifications noted above, a commitment that the host institution will underwrite financially the delivery of the Annual Meeting. The EoI should specify the scope of the host institution's financial underwriting commitment, including whether the institution is committing to cover any net deficit associated with the Annual Meeting and whether any limits or caps apply to that commitment.

The EoI should have regard to the importance of accessibility of all meeting venues, and indicate any measures that will be put in place to encourage inclusive participation (e.g., discounted fee arrangements for PhDs or early-career scholars; details of any childcare facilities or supports available to delegates; accessibility accommodations or services available). In addition to physical accessibility, the EoI should describe any measures designed to promote financial accessibility, such as tiered registration fees, discounted rates for students or early-career scholars, or institutional or external sponsorship to support participation.

Completed EoIs should be emailed to Professor Alexandra Flynn, Vice-President of ALPS at flynn@allard.ubc.ca by **Friday, April 24, 2026**.

Colleagues considering submitting an expression of interest are also welcome to contact ALPS President Amelia Thorpe (a.thorpe@unsw.edu.au) who hosted the Annual Meeting in 2025, for an informal discussion on the practical aspects of hosting the meeting.

The ALPS Executive Board anticipates making a decision regarding the future hosts at the 2026 Annual Meeting.