



Call for Expressions of Interest to Host ALPS

Annual Meetings in 2025, 2026, 2027

The Executive Board of the Association for Law, Property, and Society (ALPS) invites Expressions of Interest to host the ALPS Annual Meetings in 2025, 2026, and 2027. ALPS hopes to solicit submissions of interest for the next three years of annual meetings with the intent of selecting different host institutions for each year.

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 150-200 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) in mid- to late-May or early June, though the Board is open to an alternative time as circumstances dictate. 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 academic business 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 and hospitality.
- Sourcing and overseeing arrangements for 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 any concerns.

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 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 ALPS Annual Meeting 2025, 2026, or 2027 are invited to submit an Expression of Interest (EoI) to the ALPS Board. We encourage prospective hosts to reach out to [ALPS leadership](#) (and specifically, Professor Jessica A. Shoemaker, Vice President of ALPS, at jshoemaker@unl.edu) informally in advance of this actual submission in order to discuss any questions, concerns, or (potentially) the status of any other anticipated proposals.

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 EoI should also articulate the host institution's ability and willingness to pivot to an online meeting format, with sufficient IT support and potentially on short notice, if public health or other safety conditions so require.

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 2024 ALPS Meeting in California is set at \$250 USD (with increasing fees after the early-bird date and discounts for students). For comparison, the 2023 ALPS Meeting in Southampton, United Kingdom, had an early-bird registration rate of £175 (also with increasing fees after the early-bird date and discounts for students).

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 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 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).

The EoI should not exceed four single-spaced pages, though the draft budget and Dean's endorsement may be included as appendices. Completed EoIs should be emailed to Professor Jessica A. Shoemaker, Vice-President of ALPS, at jshoemaker@unl.edu not later than **Friday, April 26, 2024**.

Colleagues considering submitting an expression of interest are also welcome to contact former ALPS Presidents Robin Paul Malloy (rpmalloy@syrr.edu) or Robin Hickey (r.hickey@qub.ac.uk), who both hosted prior Annual Meetings, for informal discussion on the practical aspects of hosting the meeting as well as experiences with the conference budget.

The ALPS Executive Board currently anticipates making a decision regarding the future hosts in advance of the 2024 Annual Meeting.