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The National Association of Attorney-Generals has been in existence for thirty years, organized for the purpose of bringing the attorney-generals of the various states and their deputies and assistants into an association through which they can become personally acquainted with each other, and in which they can cooperate for the better functioning of their several offices. It has met each year at the time and place of the annual meeting of the American Bar Association. Active membership consists of the attorney-generals of the states and territories of the United States, the attorney-general of the United States, together with not more than one deputy or assistant in each state or territory. Additional deputies and assistants may be enrolled as associate members. The Association has the customary form of organization structure, with a president, vice-president, secretary-treasurer, executive committees, and special committees from time to time.

At the annual meetings, well prepared papers on timely subjects of interest to attorney-generals are read, and later published and distributed to all attorney-generals and former attorney-generals, and to three hundred libraries in the United States and Canada.

The Association does not attempt to be a financially strong association. The membership dues are only ten dollars annually for active members and one dollar for associate members, with a very moderate provision that for a single payment of fifteen dollars the attorney-general and all his assistants may become members. It has been customary for the American Bar Association to make an appropriation each year to defray expenses of the publication of the proceedings. The increasing complexity of federal-state relations, especially in social security and related fields has emphasized the importance of close association between attorney-generals.