

NORTH CAROLINA PUBLIC LIBRARY DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this Association shall be the North Carolina Public Library Directors Association.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSES

The purposes of this Association shall be to promote public library service; provide a forum for public library directors who have common interests; promote professional growth and professional unity; and improve the visibility and effectiveness of public libraries with the public and with elected and appointed officials.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership in this Association shall be limited to the certified director/head librarian of any regional, county, or municipal public library system, and of the State Library.

Section 2. Membership shall be effective upon application and payment of dues.

Section 3. Membership dues and policies regarding membership shall require the approval of the membership by mail vote.

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of this Association shall consist of a President, Vice-President/President Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and three directors, one representing a county library system, one a regional library system, and one a municipal library system.

Section 2. The President, Vice-President, and Secretary shall perform the duties ordinarily associated with those offices.

Section 3. The Treasurer shall receive dues from the membership which, along with all monies acquired by the association from any source, shall be deposited and paid out upon an order signed by the President and the Secretary. The Treasurer shall submit a financial report at each regular meeting the Executive Board.

Section 4. Officers, except the Treasurer, shall be elected to serve for a term of one year, or until their successors are elected. The Treasurer shall be elected to serve for a term of two years, consisting of an odd-numbered and an even-numbered year, or until a successor is elected.

Section 5. The term of office shall begin at the close of the annual meeting at which the officers are elected.

Section 6. Officers must be members in good standing during their term of office.

Section 7. Officers may not serve consecutive terms in the same office.

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS (continued)

Section 8. In the event the office of President is vacated, the Vice-President shall succeed to that office and shall also fill his own term of office as President.

Section 9. Other vacancies of office shall be filled by an affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining Executive Board within thirty days of the vacancy. A person elected to fill a vacancy shall be elected for the remainder of the unexpired term.

ARTICLE V. STATE LIBRARY COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVES

Section 1. The Association shall elect three representatives to the State Library Commission in accord with the General Statutes of North Carolina (G.S.143B-91).

Section 2. Representatives shall be elected for staggered terms of four-years and shall not serve more than two successive four-year terms as provided in the General Statutes.

Section 3. Representatives shall be elected at the annual meeting only in those years when a sitting representative's term is due to expire as of June 30 of the following year.

Section 4. In the event a position is vacated, the membership shall elect at its next regular meeting an individual to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term.

ARTICLE VI. MEETINGS

Section 1. The regular meeting held in the fall of the year shall be known as the annual meeting and shall be for the purpose of electing officers, receiving reports of officers and committees, and for any other business that may arise. Written notice of this meeting shall be provided to members thirty days prior to the meeting date.

Section 2. Special meetings shall be called only by a majority of the Executive Board, or by any ten members of the Association who submit a written request to the Executive Board. Fifteen days written notice shall be required prior to the date of a special meeting of the Association.

Section 3. A quorum at any regular, or special meeting of the Association shall be defined as those members present.

Section 4. Non-members may attend meetings of the Association only upon invitation by an officer.

Section 5. Any acting director of a library system may attend meetings of the Association until a director has been appointed for that system.

ARTICLE VII. EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1. The Executive Board shall be composed of the officers of the Association, the immediate past President, and the representatives of the Association to the State Library Commission.

ARTICLE VII. EXECUTIVE BOARD (continued)

Section 2. Members of the Executive Board shall serve until their successors take office.

Section 3. The President of the Association shall be the chair of the Executive Board.

Section 4. The Executive Board shall have the following powers and duties:

- a. To conduct the business of the Association between regular meetings of the membership;
- b. To consider issues affecting public libraries and the profession, and to speak for the Association when necessary;
- c. To maintain close communication with the entire membership, both before and after decisions are made;
- d. To consider and develop plans for the general work of the Association;
- e. To assist individual members in every ethical way.

Section 3. A majority of the voting members of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum.

Section 4. Meetings of the Executive Board shall be held upon the call of the President, or at the request of a quorum of the members of the Executive Board.

Section 5. Business of the Association may also be transacted by the Executive Board through correspondence, provided that the proposed action be submitted in writing by the President to the members of the Executive Board, and that it be approved by a quorum of the Board.

ARTICLE VIII. COMMITTEES

Section 1. The President, with the advice of the Executive Board, shall appoint committee chairs, and suggest other members except as otherwise provided. The President shall be an ex officio member of each committee with the exception of the Nominating Committee.

Section 2. A Nominating Committee composed of the immediate past President and three other members of the Association, one representing a county library system, one a regional library system, and one a municipal library system, shall be appointed by the Executive Board promptly after each annual meeting. The immediate past President shall serve as chairman of the committee. The Nominating Committee shall nominate a candidate for each office, and report to the membership at least thirty days prior to the annual meeting. The Nominating Committee shall also nominate an individual (or individuals, depending on the year) for the position of State Library Commission Representative in those year when a Representative's term is due to expire as of June 30 of the following year. Additional nominations may be made from the floor.

ARTICLE VIII. COMMITTEES (continued)

Section 3. A Legislative Committee shall be appointed by the President promptly after each annual meeting. It shall be the charge of this committee to organize and implement the Association's legislative agenda for the year.

Section 4. An Awards Committee shall be appointed by the President promptly after each annual meeting. It shall be the charge of this committee to organize the annual awards program, to monitor the awards process and recommend appropriate changes to the Association, and to maintain, and further develop when necessary, guidelines which shall be used in the awards process.

Section 5. The President, with the advice of the Executive Board, shall establish and abolish such added committees as may be necessary to accomplish the Association's objectives.

ARTICLE IX. FINANCES

Section 1. The Executive Board shall approve all disbursements of association funds, but may delegate to the President authority to approve disbursements.

Section 2. The Executive Board shall administer the business affairs of the Association, and it shall have power in the intervals between meetings of the Association to act on all matters on which a quorum of the board reach agreement.

Section 3. No officer, committee, or member of the Association shall receive any funds, or incur any expense for the Association, not provided for in the Constitution, unless authorized in writing by the President; nor shall the Treasurer, or other authorized person, make any payment except for expenditures which have been so approved.

Section 4. No member of the association shall receive any direct financial benefit from the association; nor shall any of its officers receive any remuneration for their services to the Association.

ARTICLE X. DISSOLUTION

In the event of the dissolution of the association for any reasons, its treasury, and all other financial assets shall be transferred to the Public Library Section of the North Carolina Library Association, a not for profit organization.

ARTICLE XI. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Parliamentary authority shall be Robert's Rules of Order, latest edition.

ARTICLE XII. AMENDMENTS

Section 1. An amendment to this constitution shall be considered only at a regular meeting of the Association.

Section 2. An amendment shall be adopted when it receives a majority vote of those present and voting, provided that the text of a proposed amendment shall have been delivered to the membership not less than thirty days prior to the meeting at which it is to be considered.

AS ADOPTED August 28, 1979 at Southern Pines, NC

AS AMENDED December 10, 1981 at Winston-Salem, NC - This amendment added Article VIII (Finances) and Article IX (Dissolution) to the constitution.

AS AMENDED August 18, 1983 at Asheville, NC - This amendment changed Article IV (Officers), Section 2, by extending the term of office for the Treasurer from one year to two years.

AS AMENDED June 22, 1988 at Raleigh, NC - This amendment changed Article VII (Committees), Section 1, by having the Nominating Committee nominate one individual, instead of two, for each office, and adding a call for additional nominations from the floor.

AS AMENDED September 17, 1990 at Wrightsville Beach, NC - This amendment changed Article VII (Committees), Section 1, by having the Nominating Committee submit its report to the entire membership, not just to the President as it was previously, at least thirty days prior to the annual meeting.

AS AMENDED December 2, 1994 at Greenville, NC - This amendment resulted in the adoption of a re-written version of the constitution. Substantive changes included: the addition of Article V (State Library Commission Representatives); a change in Article VII (Executive Board), Section 1, to include State Library Commission Representatives on the Executive Board and the addition of Section 5, regarding the transaction of business by the Executive Board through correspondence; and a change in Article VIII (Committees) to include two standing committees, a Legislative Committee and an Awards Committee.