

Constitution

Article I. NAME

The name of this body shall be the American Indian Library Association. Hereafter referred to as the Association.

Article II. OBJECT

The object of the Association shall be to promote the development of and access to library and information services by American Indian people.

Article III. MEMBERSHIP

Any person, library, or other organization interested in promoting the development of and access to library and information services by American Indian people may become a member upon payment of the dues provided for in the bylaws.

Article IV. EXECUTIVE BOARD

Sec. 1. (a) The Executive board of the Association shall be the governing body of the Association. The Executive Board shall delegate to the various committees of the Association authority to plan and carry out programs and activities within assigned fields of responsibility and in accordance with general Executive Board policy.

(b) The Executive Board shall determine all policies of the Association, and its decisions shall be binding upon the Association, except as provided in Sec. 7 of this Article.

Sec. 2. The Executive Board shall consist of the officers of the Association, three members-at-large, the newsletter editor, and the immediate past president.

Sec. 3. Officers shall be elected as specified in the Bylaws of the Association.

Sec. 4. A vacancy in the elected membership of the Executive Board shall be filled by Presidential appointment with the advice and consent of the Executive Board. The person so appointed will serve until the following election.

Sec. 5. The Executive board shall report in writing to the membership on its activities not later than sixty (60) days following its meeting.

Sec. 6. A majority shall constitute a quorum of the Executive Board.

Sec. 7. Any action of the Executive Board may be set aside by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of members present at any membership meeting of the Association, or by a mail vote by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of returned ballots. Such vote by mail shall be held upon petition of twenty percent (20%) of the Association.

Article V. OFFICERS

Sec. 1. Officers. Only personal members shall have the right to hold office. The officers of the Association shall be a president, a president-elect, who shall serve as vice-president, a secretary, and a treasurer.

Sec. 2. Terms of Office. The secretary and the treasurer shall serve on the Executive Board for a term of two (2) years. The president-elect shall serve the first year after election as vice-president, the second year as president, and the third year as immediate past president. All officers shall serve until the adjournment of the meeting at which their successors are chosen. The term of office for which Officers are elected shall be determined by the Nominating Committee provided for in the Bylaws.

Sec. 3. Duties of Officers.

(a) President. The president is the executive officer of the Association. The president

(1) presides at all Executive Board and Association meetings;

(2) appoints the chairpersons of all committees with the advise and consent of the Executive Board; and

(3) performs other duties as are associated with this office.

(b) Vice President. The vice president is elected to become the next president of the Association. The vice president

(1) assists the president in carrying out the work of the Association;

(2) performs the duties of the president during the president's absence; and

(3) performs other duties as are associated with the office.

(c) Secretary. The secretary is responsible for the records of the association. The secretary

(1) records the minutes of the Executive Board and Association meetings;

(2) keeps official records of the Association; and

(3) performs other duties as are associated with this office.

(d) Treasurer. The treasurer is responsible for the receipt, custody, accounting, and disbursement of the Association monies and properties as authorized by the president and the Executive Board. The treasurer

(1) submits an annual report of the accounts to the Association; and

(2) performs other duties as are associated with this office.

Article VI. MEETINGS

There shall be at least one annual meeting of the Executive board and one annual meeting of the membership as provided in the Bylaws.

Article VII. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws shall originate within the Association. A proposed amendment shall become effective when it has been approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of returned ballots. The means of voting (print or electronic) shall be determined by the Executive Board as provided for in the bylaws.