

Article I - Name

The name of this organization shall be NCLA Advocacy and Legislation Section of the North Carolina Library Association.

Article II - Objectives

The objectives of this organization shall be to unite in this group North Carolina Library Association members interested in advocacy and advancing legislative goals, to provide an opportunity for discussion and activity, and to seek to fulfill the purposes of the North Carolina Library Association.

Article III - Members

Members of the North Carolina Library Association in good standing who state a preference for this Section at the time of payment of the Association dues shall become members.

Article IV - Officers

Section 1.

The officers of the Section shall be: Chair, Chair-Elect, who shall serve as Vice-Chair, a Secretary/Treasurer, and two Directors. The Chair-Elect, the Secretary/Treasurer, and the two Directors shall be elected at the regular biennial meeting and shall serve for a two-year term, or until their successors are elected and have assumed their duties.

Article V – Executive Committee

Section 1.

The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of the Section , and the immediate past Chair, and the Chair of each interest group. The interest group Chairs shall be non-voting members.

Section 2.

The Executive Committee shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Section and shall have the power to act for the Section on administrative business of the Section in the intervals between biennial meetings. Such administrative business shall include only that business which necessarily must be dealt with prior to the regular biennial meeting.

Section 3.

In the event of death, disability, or resignation of any members of the Executive Committee, the Executive Committee may fill such a vacancy or vacancies by the appointment of a member of the Section to fill the unexpired term. Absence from three consecutive meetings by any member of the Executive Committee shall be considered as a resignation from the Executive Committee.

Section 4.

A quorum consisting of a simple majority shall be necessary to conduct business.

Article VI - Meetings

Section 1.

The regular meeting shall be held as a Section meeting of the biennial meeting of the North Carolina Library Association.

Section 2.

Special Meetings may be called at the direction of the Chair, by the Executive Committee, or by the Executive Board of the Association upon written request, signed by 20 percent of the membership of the Section .

Section 3.

A quorum shall consist of those members who attend a meeting.

Article VII - Elections

Section 1.

At least 120 days prior to the biennial meeting of the Association, the Chair shall appoint a Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall name at least one office to be filled and submit the slate to the Executive Committee at least 45 days prior to the biennial meeting. At least 30 days prior to the biennial meeting, the Executive Committee shall distribute the slate to the membership. At the biennial meeting, any member of the Section may place in nomination a candidate or candidates for the elective offices of the Section . The consent of all nominees shall have been obtained. All nominees must be members of the Section .

Section 2.

A majority vote of the Section members either attending and voting at the regular meeting or submitting proxy votes in advance of the regular meeting to any member of the Executive Board shall constitute an election.

Article VIII – Duties of Officers

Section 1.

The Chair shall (a) preside at meeting and act as liaison to the North Carolina Library Association, (b) serve as ex officio member of all committees with exception of the Nominating Committee, (c) with the Executive Committee,

appoint all committees, including standing committees, and define their duties as may be necessary to carry on the work of the Section , and (d) submit a biennial report to the Association and the Section membership.

Section 2.

In the absence of the Chair, the Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect shall assume the duties of the Chair at all official meetings of the Section and Executive Committee. The Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect shall assume the duties of the Chair should that office become vacant. He/She shall serve as Chair during the two years following his/her term as Chair-Elect.

Section 3.

The Secretary and the Treasurer shall perform the duties normally accepted for such offices.

Section 4.

The Directors shall perform such duties as are assigned by the Chair.

Article IX - Committees

Section 1.

Committees may be established at any time by the Chair of the Section , or by request from the membership with the approval of the Executive Committee.

Section 2.

The powers and duties of a committee shall be determined by the Chair with approval of the Executive Committee.

Article X – Interest Groups

Section 1.

Interest groups of the Section , representing different aspects of advocacy may be organized upon application to the Chair of the Section , the application to be signed by 10 members of the Section , with approval to be by the Executive committee of the Section .

Section 2.

Participants of each interest group must be members of the Section . The Chair of each interest group shall be appointed by the Executive Committee.

Section 3.

Each interest group is expected to be self-supporting.

Section 4.

Each interest group shall submit a written report of its work during the biennium to the Chair of the Executive Committee 30 days prior to the NCLA biennial meeting.

Section 5.

An Interest group may be discontinued whenever either the Executive Committee of the Section or the interest group determines that such action is appropriate.

Article XI -Parliamentary Authority

Section 1.

Robert's Rules of Order, latest edition, shall be the governing authority in any matter not specifically covered by these bylaws.

Section 2.

Nothing in these bylaws shall conflict with the Constitution and Bylaws of the North Carolina Library Association.

Article XII - Amendments

Section 1.

Amendments may be proposed by the Executive Committee or by 25 percent of the membership.

Section 2.

These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a meeting called in accordance with the bylaws of this Section or by a mail (electronic or paper) ballot. A mail ballot may be used at the discretion of the Executive Committee or by written request of 25 percent of the Section submitted to the Executive Committee. The total number of returned ballots shall be not less than 25 percent of the membership of the Section, and two-thirds of the mail ballots returned shall be in the affirmative for the adoption of the amendment.

Section 3.

Written notification shall go to the membership 30 days prior to amendment vote.