

Library Education Section

In January of 1969, the Library Education Committee set as a priority for the biennium: Establishing a Library Education Section of SELA through which all teachers of library science in the Southeast would have an opportunity to meet regularly, to exchange ideas concerning improvement of library education in the South, and to hold workshops as needed. Administrators had also expressed a desire to meet informally but regularly to discuss mutual concerns.

Bylaws

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Article I. Name

The name of this body shall be the Library Education Section of the Southeastern Library Association

Article II. Purpose

The purpose of this Section shall be as follows:

1. To contribute to the professional welfare of its members and to librarianship generally as the Section of the Southeastern Library Association responsible for activities related to library education.
2. To provide a forum for the exchange of ideas relating to library education.
3. To work cooperatively with the Continuing Education Committee to promote continuing education for practicing librarians and library science educators in the Southeast.
4. To facilitate the job placement of library science graduates in the Southeast.

Article III. Relationships to the Southeastern Library Association

This body should be a section of the Southeastern Library Association. The constitution and bylaws of that Association shall take precedence over these bylaws. At no time shall these bylaws be in conflict with those of the Association.

Article IV. Membership

Section 1. Members

Any member of the Southeastern Library Association who elects membership in this Section according to the Bylaws of that Association thereupon shall become a member of this Section.

Section 2. Dues, rights, privileges

Dues paid to the Southeastern Library Association shall constitute the dues of the members of this Section. The date of payment of dues to the Southeastern Library Association shall be considered the date of payment of dues to this Section. Any member of the Southeastern Library Association who designates on his/her membership form the desire to belong to the Section shall be considered a bona fide member of the Section.

Section 3. Membership, fiscal, and conference years

The membership, fiscal, and conference years shall be the same as those of the Southeastern Library Association.

Article V. Meetings

Section 1. The meetings of this Section shall be held at the time and place of the biennial conference of the Southeastern Library Association.

Section 2. Special meetings may be held when 10 percent of the membership petitions the chair in writing.

Section 3. The members present at a meeting shall constitute a quorum.

Article VI. Nominations and Elections

Section 1. Nominations

The Nominating Committee shall present candidates for the positions of Vice-Chair (Chair-Elect) and Secretary. Other nominations for these offices may be submitted in writing by any member of the Section. These nominations shall be filed with the Executive Secretary of the Southeastern Library Association prior to the Biennial conference. Nominations may be made from the floor at the time of the election. No candidate for office will be accepted who is not a personal member of the Section.

Section 2. Elections

Elections shall be held at the Section meeting during the biennial conference. Candidates receiving a simple majority of the votes cast by members present shall be elected. In case the positions of Vice-Chair or Secretary become vacant prematurely, a new Vice-Chair or Secretary shall be elected by mail ballot from a slate selected by the Nominating Committee.

Article VII. Officers

Section 1. The officers of the Library Education Section of the Southeastern Library Association shall be a Chair, a Vice-Chair (Chair-Elect) and a Secretary. These officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these bylaws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Southeastern Library Association.

Section 2. Duties

Except as provided in these bylaws, the duties of the officers shall be such as are exercised in the parliamentary authority adopted by the Southeastern Library Association.

a. Chair. In addition to the regular duties of this office, the Chair shall: 1) plan a program of activities for the biennium, 2) plan for Section meetings with the assistance of other Section officers, 3) appoint all Section committees and their designated chairs, 4) appoint liaisons to other non-Section committees, and 5) serve as a voting member of the Board.

b. Vice-Chair. In addition to the regular duties of this office, the Vice-Chair shall perform such duties as the Executive Committee may assign to the office. The Vice-Chair shall: 1) act in the absence of the Chair and 2) assist in program planning. In the event that the office of the Chair becomes vacant, the Vice-Chair shall become the Chair of the Section for the unexpired term or until a new Chair is elected.

c. Secretary. In addition to the regular duties of this office, the Secretary shall 1) keep records of all proceedings of the Section and 2) assist in the planning for Section meetings.

Article VIII. Executive Committee

Section 1. Composition

The Board shall consist of the officers of the Section and the Immediate Past Chair.

Section 2. Powers and Duties

The Executive Committee shall have general supervision over the affairs of the Section between meetings. It shall:

a. make recommendations to the Section and

b. be subject to the orders of the Section

None of the acts of this committee shall conflict with action taken by the Section.

Section 3. Meetings

The Executive Committee shall meet in conjunction with each regular meeting of the Section, or it may meet to act on emergency matters as deemed necessary by any two members.

Section 4. Quorum

The members present at a meeting are a quorum.

Article IX. Standing and Annual Committees

Section 1. Standing Committees

The standing committees of the Section shall be:

a. Nominating Committee

- b. Placement Committee
- c. Program Committee
- d. Membership Committee

Section 2. Establishment and Composition

The Executive Committee may establish other standing committees as the need arises. The size of each committee shall be an odd number, no fewer than three members, each of whom shall be a member of the Section during the term served.

Section 3. Term of office

Each committee member may be appointed to serve a maximum of two consecutive two-year terms on any one committee. The Chair shall be appointed to serve as chair for one two-year term.

Section 4. Annual Committees

Other committees may be appointed as deemed in the best interest of the Section to meet a specific charge.

Article X. Parliamentary Authority

Section 1. Sturgis' Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedures shall be the governing authority in any matter not specifically covered in these bylaws. The Chair may appoint a parliamentarian.

Article XI. Amendments to the Bylaws

The bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of those present and voting at any regular meeting, providing due notice of the proposed amendment has been given at least thirty (30) days before the meeting at which it is presented. Any change adopted shall be published in *THE SOUTEASTERN LIBRARIAN*. A proposed amendment or a new bylaw shall become effective when it has been approved.