

Resources and Technical Services Librarians Section

From the 1922 conference to date there has been a section devoted to this area of library service. First identified as the Cataloging Round Table, it has gone through several name changes. The purpose of this section is to bring together the members of this group at regular intervals for discussion of subjects, topics and problems which are common to those working in the Technical Services areas of libraries.

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Constitution

Adopted October 1984

Article I. Name

The name of this organization shall be the Resources and Technical Services Librarians Section of the Southeastern Library Association.

Article II. Goals

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Article III. Membership

Any member of the Southeastern Library Association may become a member of the section by designating section preference at the time of payment of SELA dues.

Article IV. Officers

Section 1. Officers

- a. The elected officers of the Section shall be a Chair, who shall preside at all meetings, appoint all committees, call special meetings, and is in general responsible for actions and activities of the Section; a Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect, who shall preside in the absence of the Chair, is Chair of the Program Committee and is in charge of the biennial Section program; and a Secretary, who shall be responsible for keeping accurate records of all Section business meetings and other duties and responsibilities as assigned by the Chair.
- b. All officers must be members of the Southeastern Library Association and the Resources and Technical Services Librarians Section at the time of their nomination.
- c. Each officer shall serve two years or until their successors are elected.

Section 2. Executive Committee of the Section

The Executive Committee of the Section shall consist of the officers of the Section.

Section 3. Vacancies in Office

- a. Chair and Vice-Chair: If a vacancy occurs in the office of Chair during the first year of the biennium, the Vice-Chair succeeds and serves to the end of the biennium only. A special election is held to elect a new Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect. If the vacancy occurs during the second year of the biennium, the Vice-Chair succeeds and remains Chair-Elect. A temporary Vice-Chair may be appointed by the Chair with the approval of the Executive Committee to serve until the end of the biennium when a new Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect is elected in the normal manner.

b. Secretary: If a vacancy occurs in the office of Secretary during the biennium, the Chair appoints a successor with the approval of the Executive Committee.

Article V. Committees

Section 1. All committees, both standing and ad hoc, are appointed by the Chair.

Section 2. Standing committees are nominating and program.

a. The nominating committee shall consist of three people representing the various types of libraries and geographic areas included in the southeastern United States, and they shall select a slate of candidates. The slate shall have at least one name for each of the Offices, and this slate shall be published in the issue of *THE SOUTHEASTERN LIBRARIAN* preceding the biennial Southeastern Library Association Conference.

b. The program committee shall consist of the Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect acting as Chair of the committee and other people appointed by the Chair with the approval of the Vice-Chair. The number of the Committee members is left to the discretion of the Chair.

Section 3. Ad hoc committees are appointed by the Chair as deemed necessary to conduct the business and programs of the Section.

Section 4. All committee members must be members of the Southeastern Library Association and of the Resources and Technical Services Librarians Section at the time of their appointment, and shall serve during the biennium for which they are appointed.

Article VI. Meetings

Section 1. Meetings of the membership of the Section shall be held in conjunction with the biennial Southeastern Library Association Conference. Special meetings may be called by the Chair. The legal quorum for the meetings shall consist of the members present.

Section 2. Meetings of the Executive Committee shall occur in conjunction with the regular Section meeting. Special meetings may be called by the Chair. A quorum for the Executive Committee shall consist of at least two officers present and voting.

Section 3. Committee meetings shall be called by the committee chair.

Article VII. Parliamentary Authority

The current edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall be the governing authority in any matter not covered in this Constitution or the Constitution and Bylaws of the Southeastern Library Association.

Article VIII. Amendments

This Constitution may be amended at any biennial business meeting of the Section by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, provided that the membership has been informed of any proposed changes at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting. The cost for informing the membership shall be borne by the Executive Committee in a manner they see fit for any changes proposed by a duly constituted ad hoc committee formed to propose Constitutional changes. The cost of informing the membership of any change proposed by a member or members acting on their own behalf shall be borne by the member or members proposing the change after informing the Chair of his/her or their intent at least forty-five days prior to the biennial meeting of the Section.