

NEW JERSEY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

URBAN LIBRARIES SECTION

BY-LAWS

I. Name

The name of this section is the Urban Library Section of the New Jersey Library Association.

II. Purpose

The purpose of this Section is to address the unique needs and concerns of urban public libraries in urban areas of the State of New Jersey.

III. Membership

The members of this Section shall be those NJLA members who designate this Section as specified in the NJLA By-laws and pay the required membership dues.

IV. Officers and Executive Board

- A. The officers of this Section shall be a President, a Vice-President (President-Elect), and a Secretary-Treasurer. These officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these By-laws.
- B. The Executive Board shall consist of the officers, the immediate Past President, and two members-at-large. The Executive Board shall manage the business of the Section.
- C. The Officers and Executive Board shall assume office July 1, in compliance with the NJLA By-laws, following the Section's Annual Meeting and shall serve for 1 year.

V. Elections

The President of the Section shall appoint a Nominating Committee by the NJLA Fall Business Meeting. The Nominating Committee shall consist of an equal number of members of the Section Executive Board and other Section members. Elections shall be held according to NJLA policies and procedures.

VI. Vacancies

- A. President: A vacancy in the office of President shall be filled for the remainder of the term by the Vice-President. This shall not prevent the Vice-President from serving a normal term as President the following year.

- B. Vice-President (President-Elect): A vacancy in the office of Vice-President shall be filled by a majority vote of the Executive Board. A Vice-President thus elected will not automatically become President at the end of the term, but must choose to run for that position.
- C. All other vacancies of the elected Executive Board members shall be filled by appointment of the President with approval, by majority vote, of the members of the Executive Board.

VII. Committees

Standing Committees and Special Committees shall be created by the Executive Board as needed. The President shall appoint all committee chairs and members, whose term shall coincide with the officers. The President shall serve as an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee.

VIII. Meetings

- A. The Annual Meeting of the Section shall be held in the spring during the NJLA Annual Conference. Other meetings shall be called by the Section Executive Board. Ten percent of the members shall constitute a quorum.
- B. Executive Board meetings shall be held on the call of the President.

IX. Parliamentary Authority

Robert's Rules of Order, latest revised edition, shall govern the Section in all cases in which it can be applied and in which it is not inconsistent with the By-Laws of this Section or the By-laws of the New Jersey Library Association.

X. Amendment of By-laws

These By-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Section members present at any meeting, provided that specific notice of the proposed change was given in the call for the meeting at least thirty days prior to the meeting.

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