

Indiana Public Library Association Bylaws (Current)

Article I: Name

The name of the organization shall be Indiana Public Library Association (The Association).

Article II: Purpose

The purpose of The Association shall be to promote public library and information service in the State of Indiana and is consistent with the stated purpose of the Indiana Library Federation, Inc., (The Federation).

Article III: Philosophy

The philosophy of The Association is consistent with the stated philosophy of the Federation.

Article IV: Membership

Section 1: Only voting members of the Indiana Library Federation may be a member of the Association.

Section 2: All members of the Association shall be voting members.

Article V: Membership meetings

Section 1: An annual meeting shall coincide with the annual conference of The Federation.

Section 2: Special meetings may be called by the Executive Board on the written request of thirty (30) or more members. At least three (3) weeks' notice of such a called meeting shall be given, and only business mentioned in the call shall be transacted.

Section 3: Thirty (30) members shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of The Association. A simple majority is necessary to pass any resolution.

Article VI: Officers

Section 1: The officers shall be a President, Vice President/President Elect, Secretary/Treasurer, and Immediate Past President.

Section 2: The terms of officers shall commence at the adjournment of the annual meeting at which they were elected and shall serve to the next annual meeting. The term of Secretary/Treasurer shall be for two years.

Section 3: The Executive Board shall administer the business affairs of The Association. However, the membership of the Association may at any regular meeting or at any special meeting subject to the provision of Article V Section 2 of these Bylaws take any direct action on any question, revise the action of the Executive Board or give mandatory instructions to the Executive Board.

Section 4: The At-Large members shall serve three (3) year, staggered terms.

Section 5: The Executive Board shall name two (2) of its members to serve on the Foundation Board of Directors.

Section 6: The Executive Board shall not serve consecutive terms in the same office.

Section 7: A vacancy in any office shall be filled by a majority vote of the Executive Board.

Article VII: ALA-PLA Affiliation

The Association shall hold formal affiliation with the Public Library Association of the American Library Association. Any Board of Directors member holding membership in PLA and designated by the Executive Board shall serve as a communications link between The Association and the Public Library Association

Article VIII: Elections

Section 1: Prior to each annual meeting, the Executive Board shall serve as a Nominating Committee. Each year the Nominating Committee shall propose the name of one person for each vacant office of the Executive Board. The Committee shall have a written agreement to serve if elected from each person so nominated.

Section 2: Each year, at least 60 days before the annual meeting, the nominating committee shall prepare the name of one person for the office of Vice President/President Elect and one At-Large member. In even numbered years the nominating committee shall propose the name of one person for the office of Secretary/Treasurer and one At-Large member and in odd numbered years they shall propose the name of one At-Large member. The nominating committee shall, for only the 1992 annual meeting, propose the name of one person for the office of President.

Section 3: The committee shall receive, at least 60 days before the annual meeting, the report to The Federation for names of other candidates proposed in writing by thirty (3) or more members, provided the written consent of the person (or persons) so nominated accompanies the petition presented to the committee.

Article IX: Parliamentary Authority

In all matters not covered by the Bylaws of the Association or The Federation, The Association shall be governed by the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order.

Article X: Amendment of Bylaws

These Bylaws may be amended at any meeting of The Association by a two thirds vote of the members present, provided that a printed notice of the proposed amendments are published in Focus on Indiana Libraries at least thirty (30) days previously.

Indiana Public Library Association Bylaws (Proposed)

Article I: Name

The name of the organization shall be Indiana Public Library Association (The Association). The Association is a recognized unit of the Indiana Library Federation and adheres to its bylaws, policies and procedures.

Article II: Purpose

The Association promotes and advocates for Indiana public libraries, aligns the public library community to act on matters of common interest, and fosters the professional growth of its members and is consistent with the stated purpose of The Indiana Library Federation, Inc., (The Federation).

Article III: Philosophy

The Association believes that by building stronger public libraries we create stronger communities. In working toward its goals The Association believes its decisions, behaviors and relationships must be guided by four principles: Accountability, Objectivity, Transparency; Integrity.

Article IV: Membership

Section 1: Only members of the Indiana Library Federation may be members of The Association.

Section 2: All members of The Association shall be voting members.

Article V: Membership Meetings

Section 1: An annual meeting shall coincide with the annual conference of The Federation.

Section 2: Special meetings may be called at any time by the Board or on the written request (electronic and/or postal mail) of thirty (30) or more members. At least three (3) weeks' notice of such a called meeting shall be given, and only business mentioned in the call shall be transacted.

Section 3: Fifty (50) members shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of The Association. 51% of those voting on any issue will be required for passage. Electronic and mail in ballots will be provided and accepted.

Article VI: Officers

Section 1: The Board of Directors shall be charged with carrying out the business of The Association and implementing multi-year goals developed with statewide member input.

Section 2: The Board of Directors shall be comprised of fifteen (15) members, one-third of whom will be elected each year to three-year terms. Board members may serve a maximum of two consecutive three-year terms.

Section 3: The Board of Directors shall organize its work annually through statewide work groups which ensure opportunities for participation by all Association members.

Section 4: Officers selected from the 15-member board shall be: President, two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary-Treasurer; and the immediate Past President. Officers shall serve a maximum of two (2) consecutive one-year terms in the same office.

Section 5: All Board of Directors terms shall coincide with the calendar year and commence on January 1 following the election at the annual meeting except for the year these Bylaws go into effect when the board terms will begin immediately and will expire at the next calendar year. Any mid-year vacancy shall be filled by membership vote at the next annual meeting.

Section 6: The Indiana Library Federation and the Indiana State Library may each have two ex-officio members appointed to the IPLA Board.

Section 7: Two members of the IPLA Board shall serve on the Indiana Library Federation Board to be selected annually by the IPLA President.

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Article VIII: Elections

Section 1: The Association's Nominating Committee shall annually assume responsibility for nominating, election, and board orientation processes.

Section 2: The Committee shall be comprised of three (3) members appointed by the Board of Directors and four (4) members elected by the membership. The three (3) appointed members shall serve one-year terms and the four (4) elected members shall serve staggered two-year terms. All terms will commence on January 1 following the annual meeting. The 2010 year will commence when elections are held.

Section 3: No later than September 1 of each year, the Nominating Committee shall submit to The Association members through electronic means a slate for election at the annual meeting.

Section 4: The slate presented for membership vote shall include nominees for:

- A) The five open Board of Directors positions
- B) The two open Nominating Committee positions
- C) Any Board vacancies occurring since the last annual meeting
- D) Association representatives serving on the Federation's legislative committee.
- E) Association representatives serving on the Federal Legislative Committee (2)

Section 5: Any nominations for the Nominating Committee positions which have been proposed in writing by thirty (30) or more members by August 31 shall appear on the slate presented at the annual meeting.

Section 6: The exception to this procedure will be the first year these Bylaws are approved, whereby elections will occur at the February 4, 2010 meeting, without the dissemination of nominees occurring in September as outlined above.

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Article X: Amendment of Bylaws

These Bylaws may be amended at any meeting of The Association by 51% of those voting, provided that a notice of the proposed amendments are published electronically to The Association membership at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting.

Article XI: Relationship with Indiana Library Federation

The Association shall be in concordance with the Articles of the Federation's Bylaws.