

Proposed Bylaws for a 501(c)6 Allied Professional Association

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At the 2001 Annual Conference in San Francisco, the ALA Council received a draft list of bylaws provisions. The following changes have been made in drafting the proposed bylaws:

- (1) The scope of the 501(c)6 entity has been broadened, based on recommendations from the Task Force on the Status of Librarians and the Better Salaries Task Force.
- (2) The proposed bylaws have been reviewed by ALA legal counsel for compliance with federal regulations. Note: Final regulatory approval will be determined by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service.
- (3) The following changes have been made to Attachment B dated 11 January 2002, in response to concerns raised by Council.
 - (a) A new Article IV has been added to provide for an ALA/APA Council, whose members are the same individuals concurrently serving on the ALA Council. The ALA/APA Council is named as the governing body of the ALA/APA.
 - (b) The Board of Directors duties have been changed in Article V-B to parallel those of the ALA Executive Board.
 - (c) The amendment provisions have been changed to require ratification by the ALA/APA Council.

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I. Name:

ALA Allied Professional Association (ALA/APA)

II. Purpose:

The ALA Allied Professional Association (ALA/APA) shall exist to promote the mutual professional interests of librarians and other library workers.

III. Limitations:

ALA/APA is a private, nonprofit, tax-exempt, voluntary entity. No part of its net earnings shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, its Directors, Officers, or other private persons, except that the Board shall be authorized to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of its purpose.

Bylaws and policies of the ALA/APA may not conflict with the ALA Constitution and Bylaws.

IV. Council:

A. Selection

The members of the ALA/APA Council shall be those individuals who are concurrently serving as members of the ALA Council.

B. Duties and Functions of the ALA/APA Council

The Council of ALA/APA shall be the governing body of the Association. The Council shall determine all policies of ALA/APA and its decisions shall be binding upon ALA/APA.

C. Meetings of the Council

The Council of the ALA/APA will meet not less than once annually, at a time and place designated by the Council and advertised to the membership of the American Library Association. All meetings of the Council of the ALA/APA will be open to the press and to members of the American Library Association.

D. Quorum

A majority of the Council of the ALA/APA shall constitute a quorum.

V. Board of Directors:

A Selection

The members of the ALA/APA Board of Directors shall be those individuals who are concurrently serving as members of the ALA Executive Board.

B Duties and Functions of the ALA/APA Board

The Board of Directors shall act for the Council of the ALA/APA in the administration of established policies and programs. The Board shall be the body which manages within this context the affairs of the ALA/APA.

C Meetings of the Board of Directors

The Board of the ALA/APA will meet not less than once annually, at a time and place designated by the Board and advertised to the membership of the American Library Association. All meetings of the Board of the ALA/APA will be open to the press and to members of the American Library Association, except for discussion of matters affecting the privacy of individuals or institutions or confidential legal issues.

D Quorum

A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

VI. Officers:

The officers of the ALA/APA shall be those individuals who are concurrently serving in the same position in the American Library Association.

VII. Committees:

The Board or Council may establish committees and prescribe their purpose and composition. Committees may include persons not on the Board or Council of the ALA/APA. A majority of members of any committee must be members of the American Library Association.

The Board must establish a Certification Review Committee, of three to five members, for each proposed certification specialty program. Each Certification Review Committee will include active practitioners and LIS educators. The primary purpose of a Certification Review Committee will be to oversee development and administration of a validated testing instrument, based on the subject standards for professional practice, licensed from the American Library Association. Appointments to a Certification Review Committee will be for four years, non-renewable. Initial appointments will be staggered. The Certification Review Committee(s) will report to the ALA/APA Board of Directors.

IX. Fiscal Year:

The accounting (fiscal) year will be consistent with that of ALA (September 1 – August 31).

X. Amendments:

These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Board at any legally constituted meeting and must be ratified by a majority vote of the ALA/APA Council.

XI. Dissolution:

Upon dissolution of the ALA/APA, the Board shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all liabilities, contribute any remaining assets to the American Library Association.