



# MISSISSIPPI LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

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### **ARTICLE I. IDENTIFICATION**

Section 1. The name of the Section shall be the School Library Section of the Mississippi Library Association.

Section 2. The territory of this Section shall be the state of Mississippi.

Section 3. The fiscal year of the Section shall be January 1 through December 31 of each year.

### **ARTICLE II. PURPOSE**

Section 1. The purpose of the School Library Section is to assist in the furtherance of libraries in schools. This shall be accomplished by promoting beneficial and desirable programs and activities relating to libraries and library programs.

### **ARTICLE III. OFFICERS AND GOVERNMENT**

Section 1. The officer of the Section shall be chairperson. A vice-chairperson and secretary can be voted in if enough school librarians participate in the election process. All officers shall be chosen from the membership of the Section. Officers shall be elected by majority vote electronically prior to the annual meeting each year.

Section 2. Nominees are self-appointed and nominations are due to the current School Library Section Chair no later than August 30 of each year.

Section 3. The chairperson shall be the representative head of the Section, shall appoint all necessary committees, serve as program chair for the annual meeting, and shall preside at all business meetings. The chairperson plans the Section conference program or works with designated conference chairperson to be sure the following responsibilities are covered:

- a. Select speaker and plan program around theme of the conference
- b. Submit a proposal to the Vice-President for the speaker and arrange with local arrangements committee for room reservations if needed
- c. Verifies that the expense of the speaker remains within the amount allocated by the Vice-President and that the speaker understands the financial arrangements

d. Informs or meet with the Vice-President to make known needs for the Section meeting such as size room needed, type program, tables or other equipment required, etc.

Section 4. The chairperson will serve on the Magnolia Book Award Executive Board for the length of their term as School Library Section Chairperson.

Section 5. The chairperson will promote the Carroon Apple School Librarian award and select the recipient of the annual award.

Section 6. The vice-chairperson (if one is elected) shall be the upcoming chairperson of the Section and shall, in case of death, resignation or removal of the chairperson, become chairperson for the remainder of that term.

Section 7. The secretary (if one is elected) shall keep a record of the attendance and proceedings of each meeting of the School Library Section.

Section 8. No elective office except the secretary shall succeed his or herself unless that person has served less than one-half of a term. In case of a vacancy in any office except that of the chairperson, the chairperson will appoint a special committee from the membership to designate someone to discharge the duties of the vacant office. When it becomes necessary for the vice- chairperson to assume the office of chairperson, the new chairperson will appoint a member of the Section to fill the vice-chairperson's office for the remainder of that term.

Section 9. All officers shall be elected to serve for a term of one year, taking office on the following January first and serving for one calendar year or until their successors are chosen.

Section 10. The nominee or nominees shall be presented to the general membership at the annual meeting in the fall. They must be members in good standing of the Mississippi Library Association and the School Library Section.

#### **ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP**

The membership of the Section shall consist of school librarians and friends who have demonstrated their interest in and knowledge of libraries by promoting programs recognized to be of value and importance to those served. Dues paid for membership in the Mississippi Library Association for that year and the member's choice of the School Library Section will determine membership.

#### **ARTICLE V. MEETINGS**

Section 1. An annual meeting of the Section shall be held each year in conjunction with the fall conference of the Mississippi Library Association.

Section 2. The chairperson shall call special meetings of the Section at any time that an additional meeting is required.

Section 3. Ten percent of the membership at any duly called meeting shall constitute a quorum. Such quorum may, by majority vote of the ten percent membership present, transact any business, which may be brought before the meeting except as otherwise provided in these bylaws.

Section 4. The meetings of the Section shall be opened to all members and friends.

## **ARTICLE VI. COMMITTEES**

Section 1. The chairperson shall appoint such committees as may be necessary.

Section 2. The members of all committees shall serve concurrently with the administration.

Section 3. All committees shall make an annual report of their respective activities at the annual meeting.

## **ARTICLE VII. MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION REPRESENTATIVE**

Section 1. The MDE School Library Specialist will serve as a representative on the School Library Section to help build collaboration and support between the Mississippi Library Association and the Mississippi Department of Education.

Section 2. The MDE School Library Specialist cannot be chairperson, vice-chairperson, or secretary of the School Library Section. However, if he/she, is a paid MLA member, can run for an office on the MLA Executive Board.