

# Indiana Public Library Association

## Bylaws

### 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 (The Federation) and adheres to its bylaws, policies and procedure.

### 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 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, and 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: 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 be elected for 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. If the immediate Past President is not a member of the current board, he or she may serve as a non-voting ex-officio member.

Section 5: All Board of Directors terms shall coincide with the calendar year and commence on January 1 following the election. Any vacancy shall be filled by board appointment for the remainder of the term. The appointee maintains eligibility to be elected to two consecutive terms.

Section 6: The Indiana Library Federation and the Indiana State Library may each have two *non-voting* ex-officio member 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 Board.

Section 8: The IPLA Board is responsible for soliciting interest in, appointing and/or recommending representatives to Federation committees.

### Article VI: Membership Meetings

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

Section 2: 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 thirty days' 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. A simple majority of those voting is required for passage. Voting may be conducted electronically, in person or by proxy.

#### 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 designed by the Executive Board shall serve as a communications link between The Association and the Public Library Association.

#### 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

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.

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.

Section 5: Any nominations for elected positions may be proposed in writing by thirty (30) or more members by August 1 to appear on the slate provided the consent of the person(s) so nominated accompanies the petition presented to the Nominating Committee.

#### Article IX: Parliamentary Authority

In all matters not covered by the Bylaws of the Association of 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 simple majority 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.

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