

NLA Handbook:

I. Introduction

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS: (adopted June 2006)

The NLA Handbook includes policies and procedures reflecting current practices of the NLA Board, Sections, Round Tables, and committees. The handbook also outlines the Association's history including past presidents, awards recipients, and past conference locations and themes. The most current version of the Handbook is online and all changes to the Handbook, except for those made to Section or Round Table by-laws, requires approval of the NLA Board of Directors. Sections and Round Tables may adopt and update by-laws as needed without review by the NLA Board of Directors, provided such by-laws are not inconsistent with current NLA By-laws or policies.

1.1 MISSION STATEMENT: (adopted September 2012)

The Nebraska Library Association is the cornerstone of the Nebraska library community. We advocate for our members, enrich their professional lives, advance the lifelong learning of all Nebraskans, and advance all library interests in Nebraska.

1.2 BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP:

- Membership rate at conferences
- Voting and committee privileges
- Eligibility to join additional round tables and sections
- Access to the Association's web site which includes the membership directory, as well as other organization information
- Professional support through active programs in legislation, intellectual freedom, and publicity
- Information and interaction for professional development
- A voice in the future of librarianship in Nebraska

1.3 GOALS: (adopted September 2012)

Advocacy and Public Policy

Provides opportunities for advocates to increase public awareness of the value of libraries and the library profession and plays a key role in formulating policies and standards that affect library service in the state.

Building the Profession

Provides professional development opportunities and partners with other organizations to sponsor continuing education sessions that are timely, accessible, and affordable for members. Committed to recruiting a diverse workforce.

Member Engagement

Welcomes all who are committed to excellent library service. Creates an environment in which all members participate in, contribute to, and benefit from the many professional opportunities provided by the association. Communicates efficiently with the library community using a variety of communication methods.

Organizational Excellence

Operates efficiently, effectively, and is responsive to the needs of members.

Transforming Libraries

Provides leadership in the transformation of libraries and library services as they enhance collections and services in a rapidly changing environment.