

Bylaws Proposed Amendments to Be Voted Upon by the Membership in October 2017

Voting will be conducted after conference via electronic ballot.

Proposed Amendment #1

Change the name of the *Continuing Education Committee* to the *Professional Development Committee*.

(If passed, only the name of the committee would change. The duties would remain the same.)

Reason: Some people have confused the Nebraska Library Association (NLA) with the Nebraska Library Commission (NLC). Because NLC administers the statewide Continuing Education Program for public librarians, the NLA Board felt that it would help reduce confusion if we changed the name of our committee. The NLA committee is primarily responsible for conference planning and other professional development opportunities, and so “Professional Development Committee” seemed like an appropriate fit. We did **not** want to call it the “Conference Planning Committee” because we do not want to limit this committee from creating and offering other professional development opportunities beyond conference, which is one of our hopes for the future.

Affected portion of the Bylaws:

Article VII. Committees. Section 1. Standing Committees

STRIKE: “Continuing Education”

REPLACE WITH: “Professional Development”

Proposed Amendment #2

Change the name of the *Nominating Committee* to the *Elections Committee*.

(If passed, only the name of the committee would change. The duties would remain the same.)

Reason: The word “Nominations” was felt to be ambiguous, as it could refer to nominating people for awards and scholarships. Changing the name to “Elections Committee” would more clearly state the committee’s actual purpose. In addition, NLA documentation, including the bylaws, is inconsistent as to whether the committee is “Nomination,” “Nominations,” or “Nominating,” so even if the name change to “Elections Committee” is not passed, we will need to revisit this name to normalize it to “Nominations” or “Nominating.”

Affection portions of the Bylaws:

Article VI. Officers. Section 2. Nomination of Officers.

STRIKE: “The Nomination committee shall . . .”

REPLACE WITH: “The Elections Committee shall . . .”

Article VI. Officers. Section 3. Election of Officers.

STRIKE: “The Nominating committee will . . .”

REPLACE WITH: “The Elections Committee will . . .”

STRIKE: “Nominating Committee Chair”

REPLACE WITH: “Elections Committee Chair”

Article VII. Committees. Section 1. Standing Committees

STRIKE: “Nominating”

REPLACE WITH: “Elections”