Legislative Steering Committee Bylaw Amendment Recommendations
Submitted to the MLA Board for consideration at the July Meeting by Liz Lynch,
Legislative Chair

The following is based on the Bylaws of the Minnesota Library Association - Revised
07/01/2022

**Recommendation:** To Increase the Legislative Chair term to establish consistency and
effectiveness during the biennium.

**ARTICLE IV: Meetings, page 7**
3. Quorum.

3.3 A majority of the members of any Committee shall constitute a quorum of that Committee;
with the exception of the Legislative Committee, which shall conduct business only when ten or
more members, including those members at remote sites, are in attendance.

**ARTICLE V: Board of Directors, page 8**
4. Chair of the Legislative Committee.

4.1 A Chair-Elect of the Legislative Committee shall be elected by the membership each year
every 2 years (even years). They shall take office at the beginning of the fiscal year following
election.

4.2 The Chair-Elect of the Legislative Committee shall serve the first two years after election as
the Chair-Elect of the Legislative Committee; the second third and fourth year as the Chair of
the Legislative Committee, as a member of the Board of Directors, and the Association's liaison
with the Minnesota Legislature; and the third year as the Past Chair of the Legislative
Committee. Each office is taken on at the beginning of the fiscal year following previous role.

4.3 The Chair of the Legislative Committee shall also be responsible for informing the
membership of legislative action.

**Recommendation:** To create a formal Legislative Committee to improve communication and
effectiveness during the legislative process.

**ARTICLE VII: Committees, page 12**
3. Except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws, all Committee members shall be selected by
their chairs. Only Active, Life, and Affiliate Members of the Association may be members of a
Committee, with the exception of the Legislative Committee members representing partner
organizations; active ITEM members may also participate in the committee process that
develops MLA/ITEM legislative initiatives.
Legislative Committee shall be comprised of the following members:

Voting Members:
- MLA Legislative Chair
- ITEM rep (appointed or elected by the Division)?
- PLD rep (appointed or elected by the Division)
- ARLD rep (appointed or elected by the Division)
- CRPLSA rep (consolidated)
  - Appointed by CRPLSA
  - Does not need to be an Active, Life, or Affiliate member of the Association
- CRPLSA rep (federated)
  - Appointed by CRPLSA
  - Does not need to be an Active, Life, or Affiliate member of the Association
- MCMT rep
  - Appointed by MCMT
  - Does not need to be an Active, Life, or Affiliate member of the Association

Non Voting Members:
- MLA Leg Chair Elect
- MLA President
- MLA President Elect
- Minitex
  - Appointed by Minitex
  - Does not need to be an Active, Life, or Affiliate member of the Association
- State Library Services
  - Appointed by State Library Services
  - Does not need to be an Active, Life, or Affiliate member of the Association
- ALA Chapter Counselor