

MLTA Bylaws

Article I. Name

- Section 1. This organization shall be known as the “Minnesota Library Trustees and Advocates” (MLTA), a Division of the Minnesota Library Association (MLA).

Article II. Objectives

- Section 1. To promote, develop and extend library services in the State of Minnesota through cooperation with MLA and the Department of Education.
- Section 2. To provide library Trustees with the opportunity for an exchange of ideas.
- Section 3. To supply information to the public with regard to library services and finances.
- Section 4. To stimulate the interest of Trustees in becoming more effective in developing library policies.

Article III. Membership

Section 1. Any person who is a member of MLA, who has been or is a library Trustee or member of the Board of Directors of a library or library agency and all those who align themselves with MLTA and advocate in the public interest for libraries, may become a member of this association.

Section 2. Members of MLTA present at a meeting shall be entitled to vote on any question. A quorum consists of 10 members.

Article IV. Board of Directors

Section 1. There shall be a Board of Directors consisting of the President, Past President, Vice President, Secretary and a member from each of the existing library regions. Each Regional Library Board of Directors shall select a representative from the region who may or may not be a member of a Library Board of Directors. The term of office shall be two years, limited to two consecutive terms or until a successor is selected.

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall meet at least twice a year. Special meetings may be called by the President. The Board of Directors shall be given ten days notice of a meeting.

Article V. Officers

Section 1. The officers of MLTA shall be President, Vice-President/ President Elect and Secretary elected from the membership for a term of two years or until their successors are elected. They are to hold the office no more than two consecutive terms. Terms commence at the adjournment of Annual Conference at which they are elected.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall consist of the Officers and the immediate Past President.

Section 3. Each officer shall tender an annual report to the Board at the Annual Conference and said reports shall be filed and preserved with the records of the Board.

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Article VI. Committees

Section 1. The President with the approval of the Executive Committee shall appoint an MLA Conference Programming Committee and other Committees as required.

Section 2. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.

Article VII. Dues

Section 1. By majority vote of the membership present and voting, MLTA may levy additional dues to finance special projects, programs and conference attendance.

Article VIII. Budget

Section 1. The MLTA Executive Committee shall prepare a budget for the operation of MLTA to be submitted to the MLA Executive Committee. Expenditures of funds shall be in accordance with MLA procedures.

Article IX. Bylaws

Section 1. Bylaws may be adopted, amended or suspended by a majority vote of members present and voting at the Annual Conference, provided notice of the proposed change has been given in the call for the meeting.

Article X. Procedures

Section 1. Procedural questions shall be determined by the most recent edition of Roberts Rules of Order.

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