

CSLA Bylaws

Proposed Changes for 2021

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATIONS

- (a) Professional Certificated Membership. Persons employed in education, holding a valid teaching and teacher librarian credential, or a Master's Degree in Library Science or in Library or equivalent may, upon payment of annual dues, become ~~professional~~ **certificated** members of this Association and shall be entitled to all privileges accorded to ~~professional~~ **certificated** members. Such members shall be entitled to vote on State and Region matters, to hold any office in the State Association or its Regions, to serve on committees, to participate in discussions, and to receive all regular publications of this Association.
- (b) Associate Membership. Persons who are interested in furthering the purpose of this Association and who are retired or not actively employed as a teacher librarian may, upon payment of appropriate annual dues, become associate members of the Association and shall be entitled to all privileges accorded to ~~professional~~ **certificated** members with the exception of holding elective office in the State Association or its Regions.
- (c) Paraprofessional Classified Membership. Persons involved in furthering the purposes of this Association working in a school library in a non-teaching position may, upon payment of appropriate annual dues, become ~~paraprofessional~~ **classified** members of this Association. They shall be entitled to all privileges accorded to professional members except holding elective office in the State Association or its Regions, with the exception that they may be elected as State Board ~~Paraprofessional~~ **Classified** Representative or one of the two section representatives.
- (d) Student Membership. Students currently enrolled in graduate studies toward a teacher librarian services credential or an advanced degree in library or information sciences shall, upon payment of annual dues, become student members of this Association and shall be entitled to all privileges accorded to ~~professional~~ **certificated** members ~~with the exception of voting and holding office in the State Association or its Regions.~~
- (e) Honorary Membership. Persons who by virtue of their service, position, office, or affiliation, have made significant contributions by their support of the stated purposes of this Association may be awarded honorary membership in this Association and shall, without payment of annual dues, be entitled to all privileges accorded to ~~professional~~ **certificated** members with the exception of holding elective office in the State Association or its Regions.
- (f) Commercial Membership. Persons who are engaged in commercial fields, relating to the purposes of this Association may, upon payment of annual dues, become commercial members of this Association and shall be entitled to all privileges accorded to ~~professional~~ **certificated** members with the exception of holding elective office in the State Association or its Regions.
- (g) Institutional Membership. Educational agencies and/or institutions interested in

furthering the purposes of this Association shall, upon payment of annual dues, become institutional members of this Association. One designated representative shall be entitled to all privileges accorded to ~~professional~~certificated members.

SECTION 6. MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS AND VOTING

(a) Annual Meetings. A meeting of the membership shall be held ~~at the~~ during, or within 30 days of, the Association's annual conference. Any business of the Association may be transacted at a meeting of the Association, with the exception of the final electronic or mail ballot on amendments to these Bylaws.

i. Manner of Giving Notice: Meetings shall be given at least 10 days but no more than 90 days before the meeting date and 10% of the membership shall be necessary for a quorum.

(b) Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Association may be called by the Board, the President, a majority of the Board of Directors, or upon written request of five percent or more of the Association's voting membership. The business to be transacted at such special meetings shall be stated in the special notice, and no other business may be conducted at that time.

i. Use of Electronic Transmission. If authorized by the Board, in its sole discretion, meetings of the membership may be held electronically as long as they adhere to the requirements set forth in 7510 of the California Corporations Code.

ii. Manner of Giving Notice. Notice of any meeting of members shall be given at least 10 days but no more than 90 days before the meeting date, either personally, by electronic submission by the Association, by first class mail, or by other written communication charges prepaid sent to each member at the last recorded address for that member.

(e) Action by Written Ballot without a Meeting

i. Distribution of Written Ballots. The Association shall distribute one ~~written~~ written ballot to each member entitled to vote on the matter. The ballots shall be mailed or delivered in the manner required by Section 6 (c) of this Article. All solicitations of votes by written ballot shall (1) state the number of responses needed to meet the quorum requirement; (2) state the percentage of approvals necessary to pass the measure or measures; and (3) specify the date and time by which the ballot must be received in order to be counted. The Board may allow written ballots to be voted and returned electronically. In that case, the balloting must comply with the requirements of an "electronic transmission to the Association" as described in Article III, Section 6 (b).

ii. Number of Votes and Approvals Required. Approval by ~~written~~ written ballot shall be valid only when the number of approvals equals or exceeds the number of votes that would be required for approval at which the total number of votes cast was the same as the number of votes cast by ~~written~~ written ballot.

iii. No Revocation. A ~~written~~ written ballot may not be revoked.

iv. Filing. All ~~written~~ written ballots shall be ~~filed~~ archived by ~~at~~ the Association office.

ARTICLE V OFFICERS

SECTION 1. OFFICERS

The elected officers of the Association shall be President, President-Elect, Immediate Past President, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President Communications, Vice President Government Relations, Vice President Membership, Vice President Professional Development, and ~~Paraprofessional~~ Classified Representative.

SECTION 2. QUALIFICATION, ELECTION, AND TERM OF OFFICE

All persons holding elective or appointive positions in both the State and Region organizations must be active members of the Association. The office of President-Elect requires a minimum of 2 years of previous service as a Region or State Board officer. ~~Paraprofessional~~ Classified Representative shall serve at least one term as Section Representative on a Region Board. A plurality of the votes cast electronically or by mail shall be necessary for election. The term of office for all State officers shall begin and end at the State Annual Conference in February. The term of office for regional officers shall also begin and end in February. All officers shall be elected for a two-year term, except for the President-Elect who shall serve a three year term: one year as President-Elect, one year as President and one year as Past-President. The Secretary, Vice President Government Relations and the Vice President Professional Development shall be elected and start their service in the even numbered years. The Treasurer, the Vice President Communications, Vice President Membership and the ~~Paraprofessional~~ Classified Representative shall be elected and start their service in the odd numbered years.

ARTICLE VII COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. COMMITTEES

- (e) ~~Paraprofessional~~ Classified Representative: The ~~Paraprofessional~~ classified Representative may include leadership for committees in the areas of ~~paraprofessional~~ classified committee, and other related areas as appropriate.

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- (b) ~~By Written Ballot~~. A majority affirmative vote of the returned ballots is required to pass the amendment. The ballots must be distributed to the entire membership at least 14 days prior to the specified date of return, following the procedures for action by ~~written~~ ballot as set forth in Article III, Section 6(e) of these Bylaws.