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OREGON LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I. NAME

Section 1. The name of this body shall be the Oregon Library Association.

ARTICLE II. OBJECT

Section 1. The object of the Oregon Library Association shall be to promote library service and librarianship.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. ACTIVE MEMBERS. Any person or institution interested in library work may become a member and be entitled to all its privileges upon payment of dues as provided in the By-laws.

Section 2. VOTING PRIVILEGE. Each active member of the Association in good standing shall be entitled to all voting privileges. Governing boards of libraries, through a designated representative, may have one vote on all questions which come before the Association.

ARTICLE IV. ORGANIZATION.

Section 1. SECTIONS. To stimulate the interest of special groups, sections of the Association may be created from time to time, with the approval of the Executive Board, in accordance with the provisions of the By-laws.

Section 2. AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE. The Oregon Library Association, having been accepted as a chapter of the American Library Association, shall be represented on the American Library Association Council, by a member (or members when the size of the membership permits) elected in the same manner as other officers, for a term of four years as provided in the American Library Association By-laws, Article IV, Section 3. The President shall have power to appoint alternates or assign proxies. If a position as Councilor becomes vacant before the end of a term of office, a member appointed by the President shall act until the remainder of the term is provided for at the next annual election.

Section 3. PACIFIC NORTHWEST LIBRARY ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATION. The Association shall be represented on the Board of Directors of the Pacific Northwest Library Association by a member elected for a term of two years, as provided in Article VI, Section 1 of the Constitution, and Article 1, Section 2, b of the By-laws of the Pacific Northwest Library Association. The President shall have power to appoint an alternate. If the position becomes vacant before the expiration of a term of office, a member appointed by the President shall serve until the remainder of the term is provided for at the next annual election.

ARTICLE V. MANAGEMENT.

- Section 1. OFFICERS. The officers of the Association shall be a President, a president-elect who shall serve as Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, who shall be elected at each annual meeting of the Association, and who shall serve until the adjournment of the meeting at which their successors are chosen. Those officers shall perform the duties pertaining to their respective offices and such other duties as may be approved by the Executive Board.
- Section 2. EXECUTIVE BOARD. There shall be an Executive Board consisting of the officers named in Section 1 of this article, the retiring president, and one library trustee, and one member-at-large (not an executive) to be appointed by the President.

ARTICLE VI. COMMITTEES.

- Section 1. STANDING COMMITTEES. The President shall appoint, subject to the approval of the Executive Board, the Chairmen of the following committees: Legislative, Membership, Library Standards. The President shall serve as ex-officio member of all committees.
- Section 2. SPECIAL COMMITTEES. The President may appoint other special committees, subject to approval of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VII. APPOINTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARIAN

- Section 1. The President shall appoint as Parliamentarian a member of the Association familiar with parliamentary procedure.

ARTICLE VIII. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- Section 1. METHOD. All officers listed in Article V, Section 1 of the constitution shall be nominated and elected as provided in the By-laws.
- Section 2. TERM OF OFFICE. All officers and members of the Executive Board shall hold office for one year or until their successors are elected or appointed and have qualified for office. Officers shall assume their duties immediately after adjournment of the last session of the annual meeting.

ARTICLE IX. MEETINGS.

- Section 1. Meetings shall be held as provided in the By-laws.

ARTICLE X. BY-LAWS

- Section 1. By laws may be adopted or amended by a majority of the members of the Association present and voting at any general session, or at any annual business meeting, upon recommendation of the Executive Board, or upon the initiatory petition of twenty active members.
- Section 2. Any By-law may be suspended by a two-thirds vote of those present at any meeting of the Association.

ARTICLE XI. AMENDMENTS

- Section 1. Amendments to the Constitution may be proposed by initiatory petition of twenty active members, or upon recommendation of the Executive Board.
- Section 2. This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the active members of the Association present and voting at any annual meeting.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I. OFFICIAL YEARS.

- Section 1. FISCAL YEAR. The fiscal year of the Association shall be the calendar year.
- Section 2. MEMBERSHIP YEAR. The membership year shall be the calendar year.
- Section 3. CONFERENCE YEAR. The conference year shall begin with the adjournment of the annual meeting and continue to the adjournment of the next annual meeting, except that in case the Executive Board finds it necessary to omit the annual meeting, the conference year shall begin as soon as officers are elected.

ARTICLE II. DUES.

- Section 1. ANNUAL DUES. Annual dues for all active members shall be fifty cents.

ARTICLE III. MEETINGS.

- Section 1. ANNUAL MEETINGS. The annual meeting of the Oregon Library Association shall be held at the time and place determined by the Executive Board.
- Section 2. SPECIAL MEETINGS. The President, with the approval of the Executive Board may call special meetings when deemed necessary.
- Section 3. QUORUM. Ten per-cent of the membership as determined by the Treasurer's records shall constitute a quorum at any meeting.
- Section 4. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS. One or more meetings of the Executive Board shall be held each conference year on the call of the President.

ARTICLE IV. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS.

- Section 1. NOMINATING COMMITTEE. Prior to each annual conference of the Association, the President, subject to the approval of the Executive Board, shall appoint a nominating committee of three members to nominate candidates for all elective positions.
- Section 2. CANDIDATES. Such committee shall nominate two candidates for each of the following positions: President-elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and in alternate years, or when the position is vacant, a representative on the Board of Directors of the Pacific Northwest Library Association; and every four years, or when the position is vacant, an American Library Association Councillor. A member's consent must be obtained before his name may be placed on the ballot by the Nominating committee.
- Section 3. ELECTIONS. Election by secret ballot shall be held at the business meeting of each annual meeting, except that in case the Executive Board finds it necessary to omit the annual meeting, the President shall direct the Nominating committee to issue ballots for the members to vote by mail on the candidates nominated.

ARTICLE V. REPORT OF COMMITTEES.

- Section 1. It shall be the duty of all standing committees and special committee chairmen to submit reports in writing to the President at each annual meeting.