

The American Library Association Student Chapter at the University of Kentucky

Constitution

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Article I: Name

The official name of this organization shall be the American Library Association Student Chapter at the University of Kentucky (abbreviated as ALA @ UK).

Article II: Purpose

The purpose and aims of this organization shall be:

- To facilitate and encourage participation in the American Library Association.
- To acquaint members with the goals, objectives and resources of the American Library Association.
- To encourage professional contacts within the field of librarianship.
- To provide members of the Student Chapter with official representation to the American Library Association and other relevant organizations.
- To actively promote involvement in professional activities beyond the classroom.
- To provide a local forum for the exchange of ideas and information about trends, issues, and opportunities in the profession.
- To develop skills and relationships that will enable students to have a creative impact on the profession.
- To create awareness of national issues in library and information science.

Article III: Membership Requirements

All members of this organization shall be:

A University of Kentucky student who is enrolled in the School of Information Science.

Article IV: Activities

A. All activities and programs shall be planned and carried out in accordance with the purposes set forth in Article II.

B. Activities and programs sponsored by the Chapter will be open to individuals who are not chapter members, including ALA members who are no longer students but involved in the University of Kentucky community.

C. A minimum of two meetings shall be held per semester. One meeting will occur after spring elections in order to smooth the transition between incoming and outgoing officers. Other meetings held could involve preparations for the spring conference, various social events, and other topics of importance.

Article V: Officers

A. The officers of this organization shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Social Media Chair, and Distance Learning Representative and shall constitute the executive board with the faculty advisor as ex-officio member of the board.

B. The officers may serve as representatives on committees or councils as deemed necessary or appropriate by the administration or faculty of the School of Information Science at the University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky.

C. The officers shall have the following responsibilities:

1. The President shall assist the Vice President in coordinating programs, lead chapter meetings, and have the ultimate responsibility for the functioning of the organization.
2. The Vice President shall act as program coordinator and may form program committees as necessary. The President-Elect shall assume the duties of the President in the latter's absence and shall assume the office of the President should it become unexpectedly vacated during the stated term of office.
3. The Secretary shall be responsible for record keeping, correspondence, and organizing chapter meetings.
4. The Treasurer shall be responsible for financial matters pertaining to the organization and the organization of fundraising.
5. The Social Media Chair shall be responsible for the internet presence of the organization, maintaining its currency and professionalism through a variety of multimedia outlets.
6. The Distance Learning Representative shall be responsible for gathering and reporting on the needs and wishes of the distance students in the program, encouraging participation in events held in Lexington, and coordinating with other student organization officers as necessary.

7. The faculty advisor shall act as a liaison between the Student Chapter and the American Library Association and between the Student Chapter and the School of Information Science. The faculty advisor shall also be responsible for the orientation of members to the American Library Association and coordination of the first meeting of each long semester.

Article VI: Elections

A. Regular elections shall be held at the end of each spring semester. All candidates must be members of the organization as outlined in Article III, must be members of the American Library Association, must nominate themselves, and must be able to fulfill the requirements and duties of the office they seek as outlined in this Constitution.

B. The nominees for any office must be available to serve for two consecutive semesters.

C. The faculty advisor shall be chosen by the officers of the Student Chapter. The faculty advisor may be re-appointed at the discretion of the Student Chapter's elected officers.

D. All elections shall take place by secret ballot and will be made available not less than one week prior to the election. Results will be posted within one week after the election.

E. When a vacancy of an officer occurs, the remaining officers, in consultation with the faculty advisor, may choose to (1) hold a special election to fill the vacant office or (2) leave the office vacant until the next regular election. For offices unexpectedly vacated, a conditional secondary election shall be held in November of the fall semester.

F. If an officer would like to maintain their position for a second term, a vote of confidence is required during the annual elections.

Article VII: Amendments

Proposed amendments to the Constitution may be introduced by any member at any meeting or by petition to the President. Ratification shall be determined by a majority of those members present at the next business meeting.

Article VIII: Ratification

Ratification of this constitution shall be determined by a show of hands.

Ratified: 09/09/2011