

## ARTICLE V

### Elections

Section 1. ~~Annually, the Nominating Committee shall be created yearly by the President prior to the Annual Meeting; the Committee shall serve until after the votes are counted the following year. It shall be composed of the upcoming Past President as of July 1 and two other personal members appointed by the President with the approval of the Executive Board at its October meeting.~~ Any members of the Nominating Committee may serve as Chairperson. Appointments shall be made with consideration given, insofar as possible, to obtaining representation from differing types of libraries, geographical areas and levels of experience. ~~Announcement of the names of Committee members shall be made at the annual meeting.~~ Written notice of the names of the Nominating Committee, along with a request for suggestions for nominees, shall be sent to the membership by ~~July 15~~ October 31.

Section 2. The Nominating Committee shall name one or more candidates for each of the following elective offices: Vice-President/President-Elect and Secretary (ballot voted in on even years); Vice-President/President-Elect and Treasurer (ballot voted in on odd years). The Committee shall report the names of all candidates to the Executive Board not later than its meeting in December and to the membership not later than January 31.

Section 3. Two or more candidates for ALA Councilor shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee, and one shall be elected every three years in accordance with ALA bylaws. In case of a vacancy, the Executive Board may appoint a replacement until the next election.

Section ~~47~~. The President will appoint a representative to the New England Library Association (NELA) with duties to be assumed at the convening of the NELA Annual Conference.

Section ~~58~~. The President may appoint an Archivist with the approval of the Administrative Committee.

Section ~~64~~. Any member may present the Executive Board a petition signed by 25 or more members proposing additional nominations for any office of the Association, or for ALA Councilor according to the ALA bylaws. Nominations presented by petition shall be submitted in writing to the Executive Board not later than the February Executive Board meeting and to the voting membership ~~by not later than 30 days before the annual meeting~~ March 31.

Section ~~75~~. All officers shall be elected by plurality ballot for a two-year term or until their successors are elected; their term of office shall begin July 1.

Section ~~86~~. The Association Manager shall deliver a copy of the ballot, using procedures approved by the Executive Board to each voting member by ~~March~~ March 31. In order to be valid, ballots must be received by the Committee by the date indicated on the ballot before the annual meeting, and the tabulations included in the Committee on

Elections Annual Report and reported to membership using procedures approved by the Executive Board. In case of a tie vote for any office, an election will be held at the annual meeting among the tied candidates. New officers shall be announced at the annual meeting.

ARTICLE VI  
Meetings

Section 1. An annual meeting shall be held at a time and place to be determined by the Executive Board.

Section 2. Special meetings may be called by the President with the approval of the Executive Board or shall be called upon written request of 25 members of the Association.

Section 3. The purpose of any meeting shall be included in the call; at least 30 days' notice shall be given.

Section 4. Fifty members entitled to vote shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VII  
The Executive Board

Section 1. The officers of the Association, the Chairpersons of Sections, the ALA Councilor, and the Chairpersons of Standing Committees, except the Nominating Committee shall be voting members of the Executive Board. Non-voting members shall be a representative of the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC), a representative of the Massachusetts Library System (MLS), a representative of the Massachusetts School Library Association (MSLA), and the Association Manager. Members of the Executive Board must be personal members of the Association. Each section or committee may have only one vote.

Section 2. The Executive Board shall have full power and authority over the affairs of the Association between its meetings, shall make recommendations to the Association, and shall perform such other duties as are specified in these Bylaws. The Board shall be subject to the orders of the Association, and none of its acts shall conflict with motions taken by the Association. Following the election of new officers, the incoming Executive Board will review the Mission Statement and goals and revise as appropriate.

Section 3. The President shall call regular meetings of the Executive Board. Special meetings can be called by the President and shall be called upon the written request of three members of the Board. In each case the President shall send to each member of the Board before the meeting an agenda of the matters to be discussed.