



WILR BYLAWS

NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION'S WOMEN'S ISSUES IN LIBRARIES ROUNDTABLE

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ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Women's Issues in Libraries Roundtable of the North Carolina Library Association, hereafter referred to as WILR.

ARTICLE II. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this organization are

- (a) to unite in this group North Carolina Library Association members who are interested in women's issues in libraries;
- (b) to provide a forum for the discussion of the concerns of women in libraries and how these concerns affect the profession as a whole;
- (c) to provide for exchange of information among all components of the North Carolina Library Association with the goal of increasing understanding of current issues affecting women within the profession;
- (d) to give stimulus, support, and information to the Association and its various components in encouraging library policy and decision makers to be more aware of and responsive to these issues and concerns;
- (e) to present programs and carry out other appropriate activities; and
- (f) to seek to fulfill the objectives of the North Carolina Library Association.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERS

Members of the North Carolina Library Association who state a preference for this Roundtable at the time of payment of the Association dues shall become members.

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS

The officers of this organization shall be: Chair, Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect, Secretary, and two Directors. The Vice-Chair, the Secretary, and the two Directors shall be elected at the regular biennial meetings and shall serve for a two-year term, or until their successors are elected and have assumed their duties.

ARTICLE V. EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Executive Board shall consist of Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, immediate past Chair, and two Directors. The Executive Board shall have general supervision of the affairs of the WILR and shall have the power to act on administrative business of the Roundtable in the intervals between biennial meetings. Such administrative business shall include only that business which necessarily must be dealt with prior to the regular biennial meetings.

ARTICLE VI. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee shall consist of the Executive Board and those appointed by the Chair to serve in a designated capacity. Appointed members serve in a non-voting, advisory capacity.

ARTICLE VII. MEETINGS

1. The regular meeting of the full membership shall be held at the biennial meeting of the North Carolina Library Association.

2. Special meetings may be called at the direction of the Chair, the Executive Committee, or upon written request that is signed by 15 members and delivered to the WILR Executive Board.

3. A quorum for the transaction of the business of the Roundtable shall be a majority of the Roundtable members present.

ARTICLE VIII. ELECTIONS

1. The Chair shall appoint a Nominating Committee. The Past Chair of the WILR will serve as Chair of the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee will present the name of at least one candidate for each elective office, consent being secured from the nominees. Any member(s) of the Roundtable may present a candidate(s) for the elective offices of this Roundtable provided (1) that they notify the Chair of the Nominating Committee of such action, in writing, and (2) that the consent of the nominee(s) has been secured and so indicated on the notification.

2. A majority vote of those attending a regular meeting shall constitute election.

ARTICLE IX. SPECIAL DUTIES OF OFFICERS

1. The Chair shall, with the Executive Committee, appoint such committees and define their duties as may be necessary to carry on the work of the WILR.

2. The Chair of the WILR shall serve as an ex officio member on all committees with the exception of the Nominating Committee. The Chair shall also serve as Chair of the Executive Committee.

3. New committees may be created and old committees discontinued by the Executive Committee provided that such action is not contrary to the wishes of the membership as expressed at the most recent biennial meeting of the WILR.

4. The Chair-Elect shall be elected to office, and shall assume the responsibilities and perform the duties of the Chair in the event of absence, death, disability or resignation of the Chair. She or he shall serve as Chair during the two years following her or his term as Chair-Elect.

5. The Secretary shall perform the duties normally accepted for such office.

6. In the event of absence, death, disability or resignation of any officer during the interval between biennial meetings, the Executive Committee shall fill such vacancy or vacancies by the appointment of a member(s) to the office(s). Such appointment(s) shall remain in force until the next biennial election.

ARTICLE X. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

1. Robert's Rules of Order, latest edition, shall be the governing authority in any matter not specifically covered by these bylaws.

2. Nothing in these bylaws shall conflict with the Constitution and Bylaws of the North Carolina Library Association.

ARTICLE XI. AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a meeting called in accordance with the bylaws of the WILR or by an official ballot, paper or electronic. The process of such amendments shall be as follows: (1) The request for such action shall be submitted to the Executive Committee in writing and signed by 15 members of the WILR or at the request of the Executive Board. (2) The result of the elections is determined when the total number of returned ballots is not less than 25 percent of the membership of the WILR and two-thirds of the official ballots returned are affirmative.