

Business Librarianship in North Carolina

Bylaws

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this organization shall be Business Librarianship in North Carolina (BLINC), a section of the North Carolina Library Association.

ARTICLE II. MISSION

BLINC is dedicated to providing meaningful programs, events, and a networking community that supports business librarianship in NC and nationally.

ARTICLE III. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this organization shall be (a) to unite members of the North Carolina Library Association interested in business reference services and business collection development, (b) to encourage participation in business librarianship, (c) to provide an opportunity for education, training, and exchange of information in business librarianship through hosting quarterly workshops and the Entrepreneurship and Libraries Conference (ELC), and (d) to seek to fulfill the objectives of the North Carolina Library Association.

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERS

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

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of this organization shall be: Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and at most three Directors at large.

Section 2. Positions will be elected biennially and annually. Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer shall serve a two-year term and be elected by the annual meeting, or until their successors are elected and have assumed their duties. Directors shall serve a one-year term and be elected every October.

ARTICLE VI. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee shall consist of the Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and elected Directors at large. The Executive Committee has general supervision of the affairs of the Section and shall have the power to act for the Section on administrative business. The Executive Committee will appoint the section's representative to the Editorial Board of *North Carolina Libraries*. A quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of a majority of the Executive Committee, including the Chair or a designated substitute. The Executive Committee shall meet at least four times a year. The immediate past Chair may be invited to Executive Committee meetings to consult.

ARTICLE VII. MEETINGS

Section 1. The regular meeting shall be held as a Section meeting of the biennial conference of the North Carolina Library Association.

Section 2. Special meetings may be called at the direction of the Chair, the Executive Committee, or upon written request.

Section 3. A quorum for the transaction of the business of this Section shall consist of those present.

ARTICLE VIII. ELECTIONS

Section 1. The Chair shall appoint a Committee on Nominations who will present a slate of candidates for each elective office, consent being secured from the nominees. Any member or members of the Section may present a candidate or candidates for the elective offices of this Section provided (1) that they notify the Chair or committee chair of the Section of such action in writing, (2) that the consent of the nominees has been secured and so indicated on the notification, (3) the nominating petition be received by the Chair 10 weeks prior to the election for inclusion in the electronic ballot.

Section 2. An electronic ballot will be sent to all members at least six weeks prior to the NCLA biennial conference and every year in August for the election of Directors. The return deadline shall be two weeks prior to the biennial conference or October 1st for the election of Directors. A majority of votes received by the deadline shall constitute an election.

ARTICLE IX SPECIAL DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

Section 1. The Chair shall serve as Chair of the Executive Committee. The Chair shall, lead the section in official business, steer the executive committee, coordinate planning for workshops and events, attend NCLA Executive Board meetings as the BLINC representative, and be responsible for membership management. The Chair will maintain local, state, regional and national partnerships, oversee any special or ad hoc committees, and ensure BLINC's endeavours align with section mission and objectives.

Section 2. The Vice Chair shall assume the responsibilities and perform the duties of the Chair in the event of absence or resignation. The Vice Chair will support the Chair in steering the Executive Committee, ensuring that BLINC's endeavours align with the section mission and objectives, coordination of planning efforts for workshops and events, and maintain local, state, regional, and national partnerships. The Vice Chair may oversee any special or ad hoc committee at the request of the Chair or at the determination of the Executive Committee.

Section 3. The Secretary shall perform the duties of keeping the official record of the section, compiling and distributing notes at official meetings.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall perform the duties of maintaining a record of the section finances, providing a report at meetings, and connecting with the NCLA Treasurer and the ELC Treasurer. If the ELC does not have a treasurer, the BLINC Treasurer shall act as the conference Treasurer. Registration fees shall be directed through the Treasurer to the NCLA Treasurer. Payment of expenses shall be handled similarly.

Section 5. The Directors at large shall perform the duties outlined by the mission of the section and to the discretion of the Chair and Executive Committee.

Section 6. In the event of death, disability, or resignation of any member of the Executive Committee, the Executive Committee shall fill such a vacancy or vacancies by the appointment of a member to fill the unexpired term. Absence from three consecutive meetings of any member of the Executive Committee shall be considered as a resignation from the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE X. COMMITTEES

Section 1. Committees (including Special and ad hoc 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 of this Section as expressed at the most recent meeting of the Section.

Section 2. All committees shall be composed of members in good standing of NCLA/BLINC. They shall serve until their successors have taken office or until the committee is dissolved.

Section 3. Chairpersons of the standing committees shall be appointed for a designated term determined by the Executive Committee. Standing committees of the Section shall be appointed for a term determined by the Chair in consultation with the committee chairpersons.

Section 4. The ELC Planning Committee shall have at least one BLINC member as a co-chair on their leadership team.

Section 5. Committees shall maintain records of their proceedings and shall report on their activities at the biennial meeting and at such other times as they may be directed to do so by the Chair.

ARTICLE XI. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Section 1. Parliamentary authority for this Section shall be Robert's Rules of Order, latest edition.

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

ARTICLE XII. AMENDMENTS

Amendments to these bylaws may be proposed in writing by any member of the organization. Proposals shall be sent to the Executive Committee for consideration and approval. Notice of the proposed revision must be sent to members at least 30 days prior to the regular meeting. A majority vote of the Section members attending and voting at the regular meeting is required for passage of the revision.