

# **Hawai'i Library Association**

## **Constitution**

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### **ARTICLE I. NAME**

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Hawai'i Library Association, herein referred to as the Association.

### **ARTICLE II. AFFILIATION**

Section 1. The Association shall be a chapter of the American Library Association.

### **ARTICLE III. PURPOSE**

Section 1. The purpose of the Association shall be:

- To promote library service in Hawai'i;
- To promote the profession of librarianship in Hawai'i;
- To promote the continued improvement of Hawai'i libraries;
- To support Hawai'i librarians in their professional roles;
- To promote the participation of Hawai'i librarians and libraries in regional, national and global arenas.

### **ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1. Any person interested in library service and librarianship may become a member upon payment of the dues provided for in the bylaws.

### **ARTICLE V. OFFICERS**

Section 1. Only personal members shall have the right to hold office. The officers of the Association shall be a President, a Vice-President /President-Elect, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. The Vice-President /President-Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be elected as provided for in the Bylaws.

Section 2. The President and Vice-President/President-Elect shall hold office for one year. The Secretary shall hold office of two years. The Treasurer's term of office runs for a two year period beginning March 1 with an additional five months training period, beginning immediately after his/her election at the annual HLA conference. This training will be conducted by the outgoing Treasurer.

Section 3. The terms of office shall begin and end with the conclusion of the annual

Association meeting. In the event an annual Association meeting is not held, the officers shall continue in their respective positions until such time as elections are held and a date typical of the annual meeting time is designated for transfer of positions.

#### ARTICLE VI. EXECUTIVE BOARD

- Section 1. The administration of the affairs of the Association shall be vested in the Executive Board.
- Section 2. The Executive Board shall consist of elected officers of the Association (4 persons), the directors (4 persons), the chairs (7 persons) of the authorized sections of the Association and the American Library Association Councilor (1 person).
- Section 3. The Executive Board meetings shall be open to all Association members, but only voting members of the Executive Board shall be eligible to vote.
- Section 4. Two Directors shall be elected each year and shall hold office for two years.
- Section 5. A Councilor to represent the Association on the American Library Association Council shall be elected to serve three years in accordance with the American Library Association Constitution and Bylaws. The person so elected must be a personal member of the American Library Association.
- Section 6. Any vacancy occurring on the Executive Board shall be filled as defined in the Bylaws.
- Section 7. The Executive Board shall appoint committees of the Association not otherwise provided for.
- Section 8. A majority of the voting members of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum.

#### ARTICLE VII. MEETINGS

- Section 1. Meetings shall be held as provided for in the Bylaws.

#### ARTICLE VIII. COMMITTEES

- Section 1. Chairs of the Standing Committees shall be appointed by the President for a term to coincide with that of the President except for Legislative Committee Chair and members whose terms shall begin July 1 and expire June 30 in order to coincide with the State legislative session.
- Section 2. Such special committees as may be deemed necessary may be appointed by the

President with the approval of the Executive Board for terms of one year or less as conditions may require.

Section 3. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees, except the Financial Audit Committee and Nominating and Elections Committee.

#### ARTICLE IX. SECTIONS

Section 1. Sections of the Association may be established or discontinued by action of the Executive Board as provided for in the Bylaws.

#### ARTICLE X. ROUNDTABLES

Section 1. Roundtables of the Association may be established or discontinued by action of the Executive Board as provided for in Article VII of the Bylaws.

#### ARTICLE XI. BYLAWS

Section 1. The bylaws may be amended at any official business meeting of the Association by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, provided that at least thirty (30) days advance notice of the proposed change be given to the members, or at any official annual meeting by the unanimous approval of those members attending and voting.

#### ARTICLE XII. AMENDMENTS

Section 1. This Constitution may be amended at any official business meeting of the Association by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, provided that at least thirty (30) days advance notice of the proposed change be given to the members, or at any official annual meeting by the unanimous approval of those members attending and voting.