

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION STUDENT CHAPTER

School of Information Sciences

THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE KNOXVILLE

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I: Official Name

The official name of this organization shall be the American Library Association Student Chapter at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

ARTICLE II: Purpose

The purposes and aims of this organization are:

- 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 provide the 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 increase awareness of national issues in library and information sciences.

ARTICLE III: Membership Requirements

Membership is open to all students regardless of race, sex, handicap, religion or national origin.

All members of this organization shall be:

- A. Currently enrolled in the School of Information Sciences at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.
- B. Members of the American Library Association (nationally).

ARTICLE IV: Activities

- A. The Chapter shall hold a general membership meeting at the beginning of each academic semester.
- B. Activities and programs will be planned in accordance with the purposes set forth in Article II.
- C. Activities and programs sponsored by the Chapter will be open to individuals who are not Chapter members.

ARTICLE V: Officers

- A. The officers of this organization shall consist of a President, Vice-President/President Elect, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.
- B. Officers shall be full-time students.
- C. Officers must be in good academic standing at the time of election or appointment and during term of office.
- D. A student may be judged ineligible for the office if found guilty of violating any Student Standards of Conduct, or if said student is on disciplinary probation.
- E. The Chapter shall have faculty advisor(s) as Member(s) Ex-Officio who is(are) full-time faculty or administrative official(s) at the University of Tennessee.
- F. The officers may serve as representatives on SIS committees or councils as deemed necessary or appropriate by the graduate administration or faculty.
- G. The officers shall have the following responsibilities:
 - 1. The President shall 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. As President Elect, he or she will assume the office of President upon the President's completion of his or her stated term. The Vice-President/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 vacated during the stated term of office.

3. The Secretary shall be responsible for correspondence and record keeping.
4. The Treasurer shall be responsible for financial matters pertaining to the organization.
5. The faculty advisor(s) shall act as liaison between the Student Chapter and the American Library Association and between the Student Chapter and the School of Information Sciences. The faculty advisor(s) shall also be responsible for the orientation of members to the American Library Association and the election of the officers.

ARTICLE VI: Elections and Terms of Office

A. Elections:

1. All members of the Chapter are entitled to vote for the officers of the organization.
2. Nominations and elections of officers shall be coordinated by the faculty advisor(s) as needed.
3. All elections shall take place by secret ballot and will be publicly posted not less than one week prior to the election.
4. Vacancies in offices other than President that occur during the normal term of office shall be filled by election.

B. Terms of Office:

1. The term of all offices shall be for not more than one year, beginning with the fall semester, with no restrictions on the number of incumbencies.
2. The term of Vice-President/President Elect shall be for not more than two years. The first term shall be served as Vice-President and the second as President. At which point the office of the President becomes vacant, the Vice-President will assume the Presidency for the remainder of that term and continue to serve as President through his or her elected term.

ARTICLE VII: Frequency of Meetings

Meetings of the Student Chapter shall be held once each full month during which school is in session, as needed.

ARTICLE VIII: Financial Statement

- A. Membership dues of \$5 shall be collected from each chapter member upon joining the chapter.
- B. In the event of the dissolution of the group, Student Chapter funds will be donated to Hodges Library, UTK, to be used at their discretion.

ARTICLE IX: Committees

Committees shall be appointed as necessary by the officers. The Program Coordinator may work with an ad hoc planning committee as needed.

ARTICLE X: Parliamentary Procedure

All questions of Parliamentary procedure shall be decided in accordance with the forms laid down in the most current edition of *Robert Rules of Order*.

ARTICLE XI: Amendments

Proposed amendments to this 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 XII: Ratification

Ratification of this Constitution shall be determined by a show of hands in a special election.