

## Literacy Round Table

### Bylaws

#### ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Literacy Round Table of the North Carolina Library Association.

#### ARTICLE II. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this organization shall be:

Section 1. To unite in this group North Carolina Library Association members who are interested in literacy issues in North Carolina libraries;

Section 2. To provide a forum for the discussion of literacy issues and concerns in librarianship and how these issues affect the profession as a whole;

Section 3. To provide for exchange of information among all components of the North Carolina Library Association with the goal of increasing understanding of current literacy issues;

Section 4. 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;

Section 5. To present programs and carry out other appropriate activities; to serve as a liaison for local and state literacy communities and organizations; 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 Round Table at the time of payment of the Association dues shall become members.

#### ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of this organization shall be: Chair, Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect, Secretary/Treasurer, a maximum of eight Directors, and the immediate Past Chair.

Section 2. The Vice-chair/Chair-elect, the Secretary/Treasurer, and the Directors shall be elected at the regular biennial meetings and shall serve for a two-year terms, or until their successors are elected and have assumed their duties.

#### ARTICLE V. EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1. The Executive Board shall consist of the officers.

Section 2. The Executive Board shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Literacy Round Table and shall have the power to act on administrative business of the Round Table 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 meeting. Ex-officio members may be appointed at the discretion of the Chair. They will be non-voting members.

#### ARTICLE VI. MEETINGS

The regular meeting of the full membership shall be held at the biennial meeting of the North Carolina Library Association. Special meetings may be called at the direction of the Chair, the Executive Board, or upon written request that is signed by 15 members and delivered to the Literacy Round Table Executive Board. A quorum for the transaction of the business of the Round Table shall be those members present plus one Executive Board member.

#### ARTICLE VII. ELECTIONS

Section 1. The Chair shall appoint a Nominating Committee. The Past Chair of the Literacy Round Table 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 Round Table may present a candidate(s) for the elective offices of this Round Table provided that they notify the Chair of the Nominating Committee of such action, in writing and that the content of the nominee(s) has been secured and so indicated on the notification. A majority vote of those attending a regular meeting shall constitute election.

#### ARTICLE VIII. SPECIAL DUTIES OF OFFICERS

The Chair shall, with the Executive Board, appoint such committees and define their duties as may be necessary to carry on the work of the Literacy Round Table. The Chair of the Literacy Round Table shall serve as an ex officio member on all committees with the exception of the Nominating Committee. The Chair of the Literacy Round Table shall also serve as the Chair of the Executive Board. The Chair of the Literacy Round Table is a member of the North Carolina Library Association Executive Board. New committees may be created and old committees discontinued by the Executive Board. New committees may be created and old committees discontinued by the Executive Board provided that such action is not contrary to the wishes of the membership as expressed at the most recent biennial meeting of the Literacy Round Table. 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 service as Chair during the two years following her or his term as Chair-Elect. The Secretary-Treasurer shall perform the duties normally accepted for such office. In the event of absence, death, disability or resignation of any officer during the interval between biennial meetings, the Executive Board 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. The officers will assume their duties at the end of the biennial conference of the North Carolina Library Association.

#### ARTICLE IX. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Robert's Rules of Order, latest edition, shall be the governing authority in any matter not specifically covered by these bylaws. Nothing in these bylaws shall conflict with the Constitution and Bylaws of the North Carolina Library Association.

## ARTICLE X. 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 Literacy Round Table 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 Board in writing and signed by 15 members of the Literacy Round Table 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 Literacy Round Table and two-thirds of the official ballots returned are affirmative.