

**BYLAWS**  
**of United for Libraries:**  
**Association of Library Trustees, Advocates, Friends and Foundations (United for**  
**Libraries)**  
a Division of the American Library Association (ALA)

**Article I. Name**

**Section 1.** The name of this organization shall be United for Libraries: Association of Library Trustees, Advocates, Friends and Foundations, a division of the American Library Association (ALA).

**Article II. Purposes and Responsibilities**

**Section 1.** The purpose of United for Libraries is to support the development of effective library service for all people in all types of communities and in all types of libraries.

**Section 2.** In the discharge of this purpose United for Libraries will assist the efforts of all those



**Section 5. *Terms of Office.*** Executive Committee members shall serve until the adjournment of

vacancy in any other elected office, the Board of Directors will elect a person from among United for Libraries membership to serve the un-expired term.

**Section 6. *Duties of Members.*** Each member of the Board of Directors shall perform the specific duties attached to membership on the Board. If a director has two absences, or if a director is otherwise unable to fulfill the responsibilities of his or her office as defined in United for Libraries bylaws, that director's office may be declared vacant by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

**Section 7. *Executive Director.*** The Executive Dir

ALA Elections Committee.

### **Article VIII. Committees**

**Section 1. *Authorization.*** Standing and special committees may be authorized by the Board of Directors and may be discontinued in the same manner. Special committees or task forces may also be authorized by the President to meet important, time-sensitive needs.

**Section 2. *Appointments.*** Beginning February 1 of the fiscal year preceding his or her  
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special circumstances, limited meetings may be held via telephone, electronically or by email. Members of the Board of Directors or of any committee designated by the Board of Directors may participate in a meeting of the Board or committee by means of conference telephone or similar communications equipment whereby all persons participating in the meeting can hear and communicate with each other, and participation in a meeting in this manner shall constitute presence in person at the meeting.

#### **Article X. Amendments**

**Section 1.** These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members voting in the annual election or by special election. The proposed amendment must have approval of the Board of Directors before being presented for vote, or must have originated by written petition of not fewer than fifty members and, in either case, notice of the proposed change must be given to the membership no less than one month before such vote.

#### **Article XI. Parliamentary Authority**

**Section 1.** *The Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure*, by Alice Sturgis, current edition, shall govern United for Libraries in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the bylaws of United foStharh