

Bylaws

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of the organization shall be the Colorado Public Library Association (CoPLA). CoPLA is an Association of The Colorado Association of Libraries (CAL).

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

To support the purpose of CAL. To promote public library service, to work for the continued improvement of public libraries, to contribute to the professional growth of its members, and to strive for the further improvement of the profession of librarians in the State of Colorado.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1.

Any person or organization interested in the purpose of CoPLA shall be encouraged to become a member.

Section 2.

All members of CoPLA shall have the right to vote and to hold office.

Section 3.

Any member of CAL may select to be a member of the CoPLA.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

Section 1.

The elected officers of CoPLA shall be: President, President-Elect, Immediate Past President, and Secretary.

Section 2.

The Executive Committee shall consist of the elected officers.

Section 3. Duties of the President

3.1 Calls and presides at all meetings of CoPLA's Executive Board and general membership meetings.

3.2 Serves as a voting member of the CAL Executive Board.

3.3 Establishes committees and appoints committee members.

3.4 Prepares the budget requests and submits an annual budget request to the CAL Executive Board.

3.5 Orients new CoPLA Officers.

3.6 Prepares an annual report for presentation to the membership and submits an annual report to the Executive Board.

Section 4. Duties of Chair-Elect:

4.1 Performs the duty of the Chair in the absence of the Chair.

4.2 Performs other duties as requested by the Officers.

Section 5. Duties of Secretary:

5.1 Records and distributes minutes of the meetings of CoPLA and of CoPLA's Executive Board.

5.2 Distributes minutes to the CAL office.

Section 6. Duties of Past Chair

6.1 Serves on the Executive Board.

Section 7.

The Executive Committee shall be responsible for determining the major area of emphasis and program concentration of the Association.

ARTICLE V - ELECTIONS

Section 1.

The nominating committee, chaired by the President-Elect, shall have charge of the CoPLA election and shall prepare a ballot listing the candidates for each officer with provision for write-in candidates. Nominations will be sent to the CAL Nominating Committee Chair in accordance with CAL election deadlines.

Section 2.

All officers shall take office at the annual business meeting of CoPLA.

Section 3.

The President-Elect shall be elected to a three-year term, one year as President-Elect, one as President and one as Immediate Past President.

Section 4.

The Secretary shall be elected for a two-year term, in odd numbered years.

Section 5.

The officers shall not serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office.

Section 6.

In the event the President is unable to serve the full term, the President-Elect shall succeed to the office and continue through the elected term.

Section 7.

In the event the person in the office of President-Elect, Past President, or Secretary is unable to

serve a full term, the Executive Committee is empowered to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term.

Section 8.

CoPLA is responsible for nominating a President of CAL in accordance with the rotation schedule established by CAL.

ARTICLE VI - AFFILIATIONS

Section 1.

The Executive Committee on behalf of CoPLA may establish affiliate and liaison relationships for the intent of expediting the purposes of the Association.

Section 2.

The Executive Committee may appoint official representatives to activities of value to CoPLA.

ARTICLE VII - MEETINGS

Section 1.

There shall be an annual meeting of CoPLA to be held at annual CAL Conference.

Section 2.

The Executive Committee may call special meetings of CoPLA.

Section 3.

The Executive Committee shall meet at least two (2) times a year.

Section 4.

All meetings will be cleared through the CAL office to avoid conflicts with other CAL activities.

ARTICLE VIII - PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY/QUORUM

Section 1.

The current edition of the Sturgis Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure is in force when it is not in conflict with these bylaws.

Section 2.

The assembled members at a regularly scheduled business meeting shall constitute a quorum.

Section 3.

A simple majority of the voting members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum at the meetings of that body.

ARTICLE IX - Dissolution

CoPLA shall use its funds only to accomplish the purposes specified in these bylaws. No part of said funds shall inure or be distributed to members of CoPLA. On dissolution of CoPLA, any funds remaining shall be turned over to CAL.

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS

Bylaws may be amended by two-thirds of those who vote during COPLA's annual meeting. Notice of proposed changes shall be given to the membership at least ten days prior to the annual meeting.