

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE CHAIR

Term Length:

This office is the first in a trilogy of annual offices; The Chair-Elect of the Legislative Committee shall serve the first year after election as the Chair-Elect of the Legislative Committee; the second year as the Chair of the Legislative Committee, as a member of the Board of Directors, and the Association's liaison with the Minnesota Legislature; and the third year as the immediate Past Chair of the Legislative Committee. The Chair of the Legislative Committee shall also be responsible for informing the membership of legislative action.

Duties and Responsibilities:

To promote the legislative policies of MLA.

Implements MLA legislative policy as determined by MLA membership. The MLA Board of Directors in the absence of the Membership, or the MLA President in the absence of the Board of Directors, has the authority to establish MLA legislative policy.

To encourage communication between the Minnesota library community and legislators and administrators at all levels of Government. (See Section 7.8 for more information about the Legislative Committee).

Provide for coordination of lobbying and information efforts at the State and Federal level.

Provide for a liaison with the ALA Washington Office.

Support cooperation among organizations within the State in efforts to promote library interests. Maintain communication with ITEM regarding legislative issues. Work cooperatively with affiliate members and their lobbyist to promote library legislation in Minnesota.

Provide for a delegation in Washington, D.C. during National Library Legislative Day. Serve as Chair of a subcommittee to plan annual Minnesota Library Legislative Day.

In coordination with the Chair-elect and committee, monitor activities of MLA legislative lobbyist on behalf of the MLA Board of Directors.

Conduct an annual evaluation of the MLA lobbyist with the President and Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee.

Negotiate lobbyist contract for submission to the MLA Board of Directors for approval biennially.

During legislative session communicate weekly with legislative network.

Estimated time commitment: 3-8 hours per month

Reports:

Reports to legislative network members as needed.

Reports to MLA members through the *MLA Round Up*, website and listserv

Reports to membership at the Annual Business Meeting.

Annually or as needed to the Board of Directors.