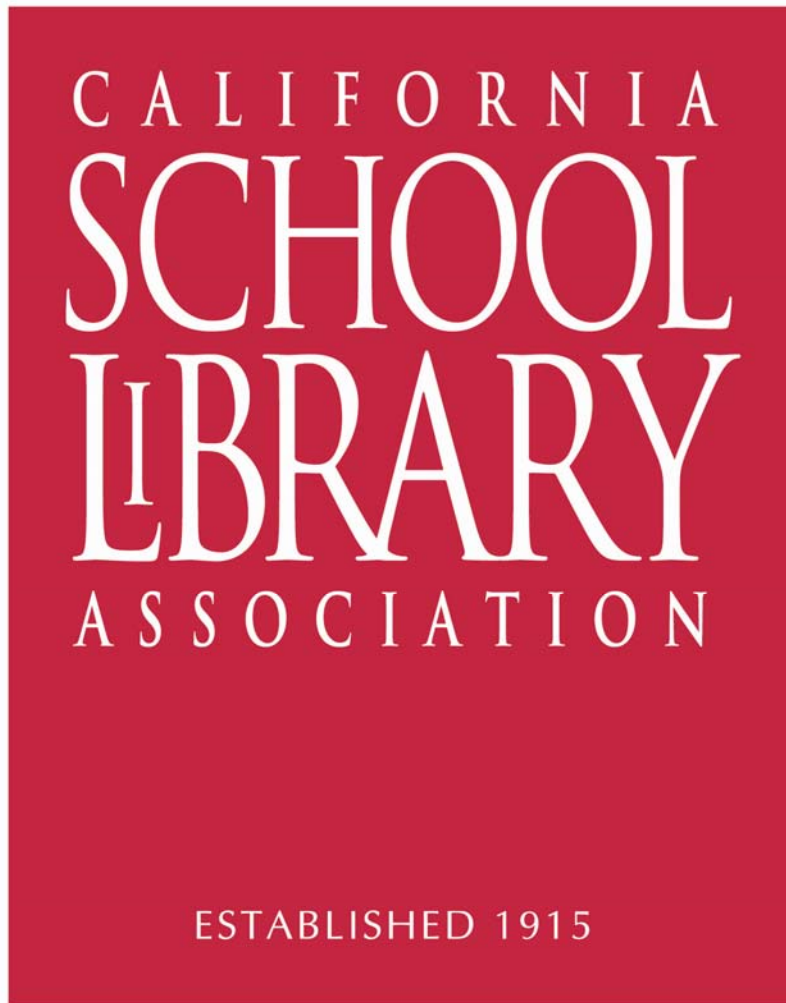


Southern Section



*Learning through
Books, Media and Technology*

By-Laws

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SOUTHERN SECTION BYLAWS

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this Section shall be the California School Library Association, Southern Section.

ARTICLE II - MISSION AND GOALS

The mission of this Association is to provide leadership to ensure that all California students and educators are effective users of ideas and information. To accomplish this mission, the Association will:

- Promote the effective use of and equitable access to learning resources, including print and non-print media, and technology in the teaching/learning process.
- Promote and provide professional growth opportunities.
- Promote diversity in both membership and leadership, as well as in programs for students.
- Promote and implement national guidelines for quality library and media programs that meet the needs of California's students, including its multicultural population.
- Initiate and support legislation and regulations that promote quality library and media programs and educational applications of information technology.
- Work actively with key state agencies.
- Develop partnerships with associations having similar goals.

ARTICLE III TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP

Members of this Section shall be as defined in the State Association Bylaws and as assigned geographically or otherwise in the State Handbook.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

Section 1. The elected officers of the Section shall be:

- President
- President-Elect
- Immediate Past President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Regional Representatives

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Section 2. There shall be two Regional Representatives for each region in Southern Section. They shall be nominated from geographical areas and elected by the entire membership of the Section. The Section Handbook shall delineate the geographical areas which shall be designated to reflect regional interests with lesser consideration being given to number of members represented. (Rev. 1/92)

Section 3. All persons holding elective or appointive positions in the Section organization shall be active members of the Association.

Section 4. A plurality of the votes cast by mail shall be necessary for election.

Section 5. The term of office for all State and Section officers shall begin and end at the State Annual Conference in November. Specific transition dates and times will be determined by the Section Board in consultation with the Executive Board. All officers shall be elected for a one year term, except that the Treasurer and the regional representatives shall be elected for two year terms. (Rev. 1/92)

Section 6. In the event that an elected Section officer shall be unable to serve out his term, the Executive Board shall appoint a successor to complete that term. If the office of President becomes vacant, this office shall be filled by the President-Elect. A vacancy in the office of President-Elect shall be filled by the election process.

Section 7. Duties of the officers shall be as described in the Section Handbook.

ARTICLE V - MEETINGS

No business meetings of the membership of the Association shall be required, but meetings may be called by the Executive Board. Such meetings shall be announced at least one month prior to the date of the meeting and ten percent of the professional membership shall be necessary for a quorum. Any business of the Association may be transacted at a meeting of the Association, with the exception of the final mail ballot on amendments to these Bylaws.

ARTICLE VI- EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1. The elected officers shall comprise the Executive Board.

Section 2. The duties and authority of the Executive Board shall be enumerated in the Section Handbook.

Section 3. A majority of the members of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum to conduct business of the Section.

Section 4. The Executive Board shall adopt the Section Handbook. The Section Handbook shall include standing rules and regulations of the Section, duties of officers and descriptions and duties of committees. Any additions or changes in the Handbook shall be presented at one meeting and approved by a majority vote at a subsequent meeting of the Executive Board, or it may be amended by a 2/3 majority vote at any meeting of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VII- COMMITTEES

Section 1. Committees may be established by the Executive Board as needed. The Chairs of such committees shall be appointed by the President with Executive Board approval.

Section 2. The President shall be an ex officio non-voting member of all committees.

Section 3. The composition, duties, and responsibilities of committees shall be specified in the Section Handbook.

SOUTHERN SECTION BYLAWS ARTICLE VIII- PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Section 1. Roberts Rules of Order (most recent edition) shall be the basis for the official proceedings and duties of this Section.

ARTICLE IX -AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Amendments to these Bylaws may be made in either of the following ways:

A. Amendments to these Bylaws may be submitted in written form by any member of the Association to the Executive Board and acted upon at the next meeting of the Executive Board. Upon approval by a majority of the Executive Board, a ballot shall be prepared which shall be mailed to all members of the Section. Said ballot will be accompanied by a summary of statements for and/or against such amendments. A majority of votes cast shall be necessary for passage.

B. Amendments to these Bylaws may be submitted at any time to the President by petition signed by fifty active members. The President shall be responsible for conducting an election by mail within not more than 90 days after the petition is received by the President. Said ballot shall be accompanied by a summary of statements for and/or against such amendments and by a record of any Executive Board action. A majority of votes cast shall be necessary for passage.

Section 2. Procedures for conducting elections shall be specified in the Section Handbook.