

# **School Librarians' Association of Western New York Constitution**

## **ARTICLE I NAME**

This organization shall be known as the School Librarians' Association of Western New York, an affiliate of the Section of School Librarians (SSL) of the New York Library Association (NYLA), hereinafter referred to as SLAWNY.

## **ARTICLE II PURPOSE**

The mission of the School Librarians' Association of Western New York is:

- to lead school librarians in advancing the profession
- to encourage, promote, and advocate the interests of the school library media programs and school librarians
- to insure that each student becomes an active reader, responsible information-seeker, critical thinker and life-long learner

## **ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP**

### **Section 1 Members**

The membership of this organization consists of those persons who pay annual membership dues.

### **Section 2 Qualifications of Voters**

All members of this organization are eligible to vote on all matters brought before the membership.

## **ARTICLE IV MEETINGS**

### **Section 1 Regular Meetings**

There will be at least three regular meetings of the members of this organization annually.

### **Section 2 Special Meetings**

A special meeting of the members of this organization may be called at any time by the President of the organization or on the written request to the President by a minimum of five members of the organization.

### **Section 3 Quorum**

Fifteen members of this organization shall constitute of quorum.

## **ARTICLE V OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS**

### **Section 1 Officers**

The officers of this organization shall be: President, President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, Past-President and Membership Chair.

### **Section 2 Terms of Office**

All officers shall be elected for a term of one year and their terms of office shall begin at the close of the meeting at which they are elected. It is understood that the President-Elect shall agree to a 3-year commitment (President-Elect, President, Past-President).

### **Section 3 Conditions of Elections**

The officers shall be elected by the members at the last meeting of the school year. The members will vote on a slate of officers submitted by the Executive Board and/or nominations from the floor.

### **Section 4 Vacancies**

In the case of a vacancy in any office, the unexpired term shall be filled by a member named by the Executive Board.

## **ARTICLE V COMMITTEES**

### **Section 1 Committees**

Committees will be formed as needed: Committee Chairs shall be appointed by the Executive Board.

### **Section 2 Standing Committee**

There will be four standing committees:

- Awards
- Mentoring
- Public Relations
- Web Site Management

### **Section 3 Executive Board**

The Executive Board shall consist of all the officers of the organization as well as a representative from the Buffalo School Librarians' Association (BLSA) and a student representative from the Department of Library and Information Studies (DLIS).

## **ARTICLE VII DUES**

The dues of this organization shall be determined by the Executive Board and be approved by the membership.

## **ARTICLE VIII AMENDMENTS**

### **Section 1 Amendments to the Constitution**

Amendments to the Constitution shall be adopted by a two-thirds vote of those members present at a regular meeting of the organization. Notification of the proposed amendment(s) shall be sent to all active members prior to the meeting at which the vote shall be taken.

### **Section 2 Amendments to the By-Laws**

Amendments to the By-Laws may be made at any regular meeting of the organization by a majority vote of those present.

## **ARTICLE IX PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall be the authority used for all business conducted by this organization.