

SECTION BYLAWS

CONNECTICUT LIBRARY ASSOCIATION, INC CHILDREN'S SERVICES SECTION

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ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this section shall be the Children's Services Section of the Connecticut Library Association, Inc.

ARTICLE II – OBJECT

The Section is established to encourage and promote the objectives of the Connecticut Library Association, Inc. and to work actively toward the development and improvement of library services to people in Connecticut Libraries. The Section shall strive to keep members informed on developments in children's services in libraries and to provide a forum for the exchange of ideas related to those areas of library service.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Any member of the Connecticut Library Association, Inc. in good standing who is concerned with or interested in the objectives of this section may become a member and is thereby entitled to vote and hold office in this section.

ARTICLE IV – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee of the Children's Services Section is composed of the current section Chair (or Co-Chairs) and the Chair-Elect. The immediate Past Children's Section Chair(s) becomes Chair of the Faith Hektoen Award Committee. The committee will sponsor an annual professional development workshop and programs at the Connecticut Library Association, Inc.'s Annual Conference, and may sponsor a preconference and other events throughout the year.

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of the section are a Chair or Co-Chairs and a Chair-Elect. The Immediate Past Chair(s) will remain available for consultation, but does not have any duties other than to chair the Faith Hektoen Award Committee.

- a. Duties. The officers shall be members of the Executive Committee and shall perform duties similar to those performed by similar officers of other organizations. These duties may include, but are not limited to, membership on the Nutmeg Book Award Steering Committee and representation at

relevant Connecticut events. In addition, the Chair and the Chair-Elect shall attend board meetings in order to represent the Section and serve as the Children's Section vote on the Board of the Connecticut Library Association, Inc.

- b. The Past Chair will chair the Faith Hektoen Award Committee and report the results to the Executive Committee prior to the announcement at the CLA Annual Conference.

Section 2. The Chair will serve a two-year term beginning July 1.

Section 3: The Chair-Elect serves successively: a one-year term as Chair-Elect; a two-year term as Chair; and a one-year term as Past-Chair/Faith Hektoen Award Committee Chair. (See the By-Laws of the Faith Hektoen Award Committee.)

Section 4. In case of a vacancy in the office of Chair, the Chair-Elect shall assume the duties of the Chair. In the case of a vacancy in the Chair-Elect, the Chair shall appoint a member of the Section to perform the duties of that office until the end of that fiscal year. These officers will have the option of continuing in these capacities for the next fiscal year.

ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS

Section 1. If there is a need for one, the annual meeting will be held at the Children's Section's professional development workshop.

Section 2. All additional meetings shall be scheduled at the discretion of the Chair (or Co-Chairs).

Section 3. A quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of the Chair (or Co-Chairs) and those other members present and voting at a regular or special meeting.

ARTICLE VII – NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1. A nominating committee shall be composed of the officers of the Executive Committee. Nominations from the membership will also be accepted.

Section 2. If there are multiple nominations for Chair Elect the Executive Committee will take a vote and announce the Chair Elect by May 30th.

ARTICLE VIII – COMMITTEES

All committees, with the exception of the Faith Hektoen Award Committee, shall be appointed by the officers of the Executive Committee. Members of the Faith Hektoen Award Committee shall be appointed by the immediate Past Chair.

ARTICLE IX – ARCHIVES

The Archivist of the Connecticut Library Association, Inc. shall be the recipient of all minutes, papers, archives, annual reports, and correspondence of the Children's Services Section in accordance with Article XIII of the CLA Bylaws.

ARTICLE X – AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended by a majority of votes by Section members provided notice of the proposed amendment shall have been communicated to all members prior to the voting. Amendments also have to be approved by the CLA Executive Board.

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Approved by CLA Board 11/3/2016