

RUSA RSS Bylaws Proposal Changes

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BYLAW AMENDMENT ITEM # 1:

BYLAW AMENDMENT TO CHANGE RULES OF ORDER FROM STURGIS STANDARD CODE OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES TO ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER NEWLY REVISED.

ACTION: To amend the RSS Bylaw Article IV Officers and Duties, Section 3, Duties and Article IX Parliamentary Authority, Section 1 by replacing [Sturgis Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedures] with Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised.

CURRENT LANGUAGE:

Article IV Section 3 - The duties of the officers are those customarily performed by such officers as specified in [Sturgis Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedures] unless otherwise specified by vote of the Section.

Article IX Section 1 - The rules in the latest edition of [Sturgis' Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedures] shall govern the Section in all cases to which they are applicable, provided they are not inconsistent with the Bylaws of the Division of the American Library Association.

PROPOSED LANGUAGE:

Article IV Section 3 - The duties of the officers are those customarily performed by such officers as specified in Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised unless otherwise specified by vote of the Section.

Article IX Section 1 - The rules in the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the Section in all cases to which they are applicable, provided they are not inconsistent with the Bylaws of the Division of the American Library Association.

BYLAW AMENDMENT ITEM #2:

BYLAW AMENDMENT TO ALLOW THE IMMEDIATE PAST CHAIR OF RSS TO SERVE ON THE RSS NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

ACTION: To amend the RSS Bylaw, Article V Nominations and Elections, Section 1, Nominating Committee.

CURRENT LANGUAGE:

The vice chair/chair-elect will appoint a Nominating Committee of three members to present a slate of candidates for election to offices of the Section and for the elected members-at-large of the Executive Committee. [No member of the Executive Committee may be appointed to the Nominating Committee.]

PROPOSED LANGUAGE:

The vice chair/chair-elect will appoint a Nominating Committee of three members to present a slate of candidates for election to offices of the Section and for the elected members-at-large of the Executive Committee. Only the immediate past chair may serve on the Nominating Committee. No other members of the executive committee may serve on the Nominating Committee.

BYLAWS AMENDMENT ITEM #3

BYLAW AMENDMENT TO REMOVE REFERENCE TO DIVISION'S JOURNAL

ACTION: To amend the RSS Bylaw Article VII Executive Committee, Section 1, Composition, to refer to the Division's newsletter instead of the Division's journal.

CURRENT LANGUAGE:

The Executive Committee consists of the officers, the immediate past chair, and three members-at-large elected by the Section for three-year terms. The members-at-large terms shall overlap so as to ensure continuity of policy. The Section webmaster, the archivist, the editor of the Section's column in the Division's [journal], and the President and Executive Director of the Reference and User Services Association shall be ex-officio, non-voting members of the Executive Committee.

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BYLAWS AMENDMENT ITEM #4

BYLAW ADMENDMENT TO UPDATE DUTIES OF RSS WEBMASTER

ACTION: To amend the RSS Bylaw Article VII Executive Committee, Section 2, Duties.

CURRENT LANGUAGE:

The Executive Committee acts for and by the authority of the Section during the period between meetings. It reports on its work at the regular meetings of the Section, publishes a summary of the Executive Committee's actions in the Section's column in the Division's newsletter, through required reports for RUSA, and via the RSS e-mail discussion list. The Executive Committee regularly leads the assessment of the section's effectiveness in meeting its responsibilities.

Webmaster

The Webmaster is appointed by the vice-chair for a two-year term and may be reappointed for a second term. The duties of the Webmaster are to maintain the RSS website and either chair or be a member of the RSS [Web Advisory] Committee.

Archivist

The Archivist is appointed by the vice-chair for a two-year term and may be reappointed for a second term. The duties of the Archivist are to maintain and preserve all archives, records, and related materials concerning the Section and its activities.

Editor

The Editor is appointed by the vice-chair for a two-year term and may be reappointed for a second term. The duties of the Editor are to gather, solicit, write and edit copy for the quarterly section column according to the deadlines provided by the editor of RUSA Update, to establish deadline schedules for receiving copy from Section officers and committee chairs and to circulate the schedule to RSS Board.

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Webmaster

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