### Policy Statement:
Affiliate organizations formed by persons active in the field of school librarianship may be recognized by AASL. Each affiliate must conform to guidelines approved by the AASL Board of Directors.

### Focus:
**Primary:** AASL Affiliated Organizations  
**Secondary:** AASL Board of Directors, AASL Members

### Definitions:
Affiliate: Any state-wide, territorial, District of Columbia, or multi-state regional organization whose purposes are compatible with those of AASL as verified by the organization's constitution or bylaws (AASL Bylaws Article XI, Section 1).

### Purpose:
To define the guidelines for obtaining affiliated organization status.

### Procedure:
1. An organization must meet the following criteria to apply for affiliation status:  
   a. The organization holds regular conferences or meetings.  
   b. The organization has a systematic channel of communication with its members.  
   c. The organization includes 25 personal members of AASL or ten percent of the organization’s membership, whichever is smaller.  
   d. The president and affiliate assembly representative(s) are personal members of AASL.  
   e. An organization that is not a school library association that does not have a separate school library section within it may request a waiver to the requirement for the President to be a personal member.  
2. An organization shall submit all required information to AASL Staff at least 30 days prior to an AASL Board of Directors meeting.  
3. AASL staff will verify that all criteria listed in this policy have been met.  
4. AASL staff will prepare a report, including a copy of the organization’s bylaws or constitution, for the Board of Directors to determine whether the organization’s purpose is compatible with AASL’s.  
5. Organizations that are under consideration may attend the AASL Affiliate Assembly meetings but will not be given voting privileges until the AASL Board of Directors has voted to approve affiliate status for the organization.