TO: ALA Executive Board

RE: Association of Jewish Libraries, Inc. (AJL) Application for ALA Affiliation

ACTION REQUESTED/INFORMATION/REPORT:
The ALA Executive Board is requested to review the application and forward to the ALA Constitution & Bylaws Committee for review at the 2010 Midwinter Meeting.

ACTION REQUESTED BY:
Keith Michael Fiels, ALA Executive Director

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DRAFT OF MOTION:
Move that the ALA Executive Board approve and forward the Association of Jewish Libraries, Inc. (AJL) Application for ALA Affiliate Status to the ALA Constitution and Bylaws Committee for review.

DATE: January 7, 2010

BACKGROUND:
The Association of Jewish Libraries, Inc. (AJL) has applied for affiliate status with the American Library Association. In compliance, they have submitted the appropriate documents to support ALA Affiliation.

I recommend to the Executive Board, based on this information that the request be forwarded to the ALA Constitution & Bylaws Committee for review of AJL's charter and bylaws. The Committee will then determine if this request should be forwarded to ALA Council at the 2010 Midwinter Meeting. My review suggests that the Constitution & Bylaws Committee will favorably accept this application.

An affiliate organization of the American Library Association is defined as a group having purpose or interests similar to those of the Association or its Divisions/Round Tables which has made formal application for affiliate status to Council (national or international group) or Division/Round Table (local, state or regional groups). According to ALA Constitution, Article X, Affiliated Organizations and Chapters: Section 1, The Council may by vote affiliate with the American Library Association or with any subdivision thereof upon its request, any national or international organization having purposes similar to those of the Association or its subdivision. The dues of affiliated organization shall be as provided in the Bylaws.

At the 1993 Fall Executive Board Meeting, the Board voted to reaffirm the Affiliate Guidelines after the Administrative Subcommittee reported to have reviewed the guidelines to be sure they were in accordance with current ALA policy. Currently 27 organizations are affiliates with ALA.

Attachments:
Association of Jewish Libraries, Inc. Application for ALA Affiliation
January 7, 2010

Dear Ms. Bastl:

The Association of Jewish Libraries, Inc. wishes to apply for affiliate status with the American Library Association. Enclosed are our supporting documents as well as our statement of intent to affiliate. Because our organizations have similar goals, we believe that working together we can help provide the support and encouragement those in the library field need right now. We also feel that our mutual cooperation will help provide the public with the information it needs to value library service and have access to the widest possible resources of information.

Thank you for reviewing these documents. We hope to hear from you as soon as you have reviewed them and made a decision. Of course, I am available if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Susan Dubin
President, Association of Jewish Libraries, Inc.
sdubin@socal.rr.com
818-606-0793
Application for ALA Affiliate Organization

The Association of Jewish Libraries, Inc. is hereby applying to be an affiliate organization of the American Library Association.

The Association of Jewish Libraries (AJL) was founded in 1966 with the merger of Jewish Librarians Association and the Jewish Library Association. There are currently 1,097 members world-wide. AJL publishes a scholarly journal, *Judaica Librarianship*, and a quarterly *Newsletter* which contains current topics and book reviews. In addition, AJL holds annual conventions and regional seminars as well as conducting continuing education programs and opportunities for professional development. The Association maintains a website that links to various bibliographies, booklists and other resources for Judaic librarians. The *Jewish Valuesfinder* is also a website and print publication of AJL. In addition, the Association of Jewish Libraries recognizes excellence in children's literature with a Judaic theme that is written for a general audience through its Sydney Taylor Awards for younger readers, older readers, and teens. A manuscript award is also given out to encourage new authors in the field. Awards for Judaic bibliography and research are presented through the Research, Archives, and Special Libraries division of the Association. The association supports those interested in becoming Judaic librarians through scholarships and stipends to attend conventions.

Along with this statement, there is a copy of a brief history of the organization, a statement of its mission and goals, a copy of its non-profit status, a copy of its charter, the Constitution and By-laws, and a list of officers.

Because the goals of AJL and ALA overlap in many ways, an affiliation between the two organizations would be of mutual benefit. AJL has co-sponsored several programs at ALA conventions in the past, as well as presenting a joint session when the conventions of the two organizations were in the same city. AJL can share its expertise in Judaica with ALA members while working with ALA on the common goals of promoting literacy and service in the library profession.

AJL has a strict policy of non-discrimination. The Association welcomes members of all races, creeds, colors, sex, age, physical handicaps, and national origin. The current membership is very diverse with people from all backgrounds who work with or have an interest in Judaica.
A Brief History of the Association of Jewish Libraries
Adapted from an article by Lee Wixman

In January, 1966, the Jewish Librarians Association and the Jewish Library Association decided to combine to form the Association of Jewish Libraries. These groups each had chapters in New York City, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Cincinnati, and other cities in the United States and Canada. Plans for the merger were initiated by Mae Weine and Miriam Leikind. The first president of the Association of Jewish Libraries was Herb Zaffren, librarian at the Klaus Library, HUC-JIR, in Cincinnati. During its term, it was decided to hold annual conventions at different locations.

The Association of Jewish Libraries currently publishes two periodicals, Judaisca Librarianship and the AJL Newsletter. The first editors and staff of Judaisca Librarianship included Dr. Bella Haas Weinberg, Pearl Berger, Hazel Karp, and Linda Lerman. The AJL Newsletter was established in 1974 as a 2-sheet mimeographed publication, sent to 50 members. The founding editor was Irene Levin. Florida-based Irene collected the copy and gave it to a graphic layout person, who sent it to Atlanta to Hazel Karp and her husband Dr. Herb, who arranged for offset publication and mailing. In the mid-1990s, Nancy Sack and Jean Alexander took over and gave the newsletter the look it has today.

AJL membership is open to individuals and libraries, library workers, and library supporters. AJL appeals to wide interests. There are two divisions, the SSC (School, Synagogue, Center) and RAS (Research, Archives, and Special Libraries). AJL serves libraries in temples, synagogues, centers, Hebrew schools, yeshivot, colleges, and universities. All branches of Judaism are covered. Prestigious institutions, such as Harvard, Yale, Oxford, Cambridge, and the Library of Congress, are affiliated. St. Vincent's in Florida is noted for its collection of Spanish language Judaisca. The Marshall Meyer Seminary, in Buenos Aires, the largest Judaisca library in South America, is headed by Rita Saccal, a former president of RAS. In Israel, Hebrew University, the National Library of Israel, and Bar-Ilan are members. AJL is a truly international group: members reside and work in Holland, Spain, Italy, Switzerland, the Czech Republic, Hong Kong, Abu Dhabi, Canada, and Mexico.

Speaking geographically, the northernmost member is Naomi Nachami of Temple Beth Shalom in Anchorage. Heading far south, we have members in Melbourne, Australia, and Veronica Belling at University of Capetown, South Africa. Honors for the member located at the greatest distance from AJL headquarters appear to go to Brenda Yi, librarian at the Jewish Center in Hong Kong, China. Historic synagogues housing libraries affiliated with AJL or served by members include Temple Emmanu-El, in New York City; Beth Israel, in Boise, Idaho, the oldest synagogue west of the Mississippi River; Kahal Kedosh, in Charleston, SC; Mikve Israel, in Savannah, Georgia; and Mikve Israel, in Caracas. Thus far, AJL has no members in only one of the US states—North Dakota!

AJL strives to improve the quality of Jewish libraries, librarianship, and literature. Its programming, publications, and communications are directed to those ends. AJL sponsors awards for authors and illustrators, the ASydney Talor Awards and Research and Bibliography Awards, as well as awards for contributions to the profession. AJL also makes available scholarships for education and convention attendance. Hasafra, AJL's electronic discussion list, is a valuable networking tool. A wiki was just started in 2009. The organization also has a presence on Facebook, Goodreads, and LinkedIn as well as a Blog, People of the Books. Convention proceedings are available online, and Judaisca Librarianship is indexed through Ebsco. Plans are being made to also provide the Newsletter online.
I, HARRIET SMITH WINDSOR, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THE ATTACHED IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION OF "THE ASSOCIATION OF JEWISH LIBRARIES, INC.", FILED IN THIS OFFICE ON THE SIXTEENTH DAY OF MAY, A.D. 2003, AT 2 O'CLOCK P.M.

A FILED COPY OF THIS CERTIFICATE HAS BEEN FORWARD TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY RECORDER OF DEEDS.
CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION
OF
THE ASSOCIATION OF JEWISH LIBRARIES, INC.
(A Delaware Non-Profit Non-Stock Corporation)

The undersigned, a natural person of the age of eighteen or over, desiring to form a non-profit non-stock corporation and without authority to issue capital stock under the provisions and subject to the requirements of the laws of the State of Delaware (particularly Chapter 1, Title 8 of the Delaware Code and the acts amendatory thereof and supplemental thereto, and known, identified, and referred to as the "General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware"), hereby certifies:

1. The name of the corporation is THE ASSOCIATION OF JEWISH LIBRARIES, INC. (the "Corporation").

2. The registered office of the Corporation in the State of Delaware is 2711 Centerville Road, Suite 400, Wilmington, Delaware 19808, County of New Castle; and the name of the registered agent of the Corporation in the State of Delaware at such address is Corporation Service Company.

3. The Corporation is formed for the purpose of promoting Jewish literacy through the enhancement of libraries and library resources and through leadership for the profession and practitioners of Judaica Librarianship. In furtherance of these charitable purposes, the Corporation shall:

   (a) maintain high professional standards for Judaica librarians and recruit qualified individuals into the profession;

   (b) encourage quality publication in the field of Judaica literature for adults and children in all formats including, but not limited to, media, print, and digital formats;

   (c) facilitate and encourage the establishment and expansion of Judaica library collections;

   (d) increase and stimulate awareness, interest and access to Judaica library services and information concerning the Jewish experience amongst the general public, library professionals and Judaica librarians, and

   (e) conduct any and all lawful activities which may be useful in accomplishing the foregoing purposes.

4. In furtherance of its not-for-profit corporate purposes, the Corporation shall have all of the authority to exercise all of the general powers conferred upon corporations organized not-for-profit and without authority to issue capital stock under the provisions of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware, and such other powers as are hereafter permitted by law for a corporation organized for the foregoing purposes, including, without
limitation, the power to solicit grants and contributions for any corporate purpose and the power to maintain a fund or funds of real and/or personal property in furtherance of such purposes, provided, that the exercise of any such powers shall be in furtherance of any one or more of the aforesaid exempt purposes of the corporation.

5. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the Corporation is organized exclusively for religious, scientific, literary, charitable and educational purposes, and intends at all times to qualify and remain qualified as exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as it may be amended (the "Code") and in connection therewith:

(a) the Corporation is not formed for and shall not be conducted or operated for pecuniary profit or financial gain, and no part of its assets, income, or profit shall be distributed to or inure to the benefit of any private individual or individuals; provided that nothing herein shall prevent the Corporation from paying reasonable compensation to any person for services rendered to or for the Corporation in furtherance of one or more of its purposes.

(b) no substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be devoted to carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, except as otherwise provided by the Code, whether pursuant to an election under Section 501(h) or otherwise; and no part of the activities of the Corporation shall be devoted to participating or intervening in (including the publication or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

(c) the Corporation shall not engage in or include among its purposes any activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3), as it may be amended.

6. The name and the mailing address of the incorporator are as follows:

   Pamela A. Mann
   225 Broadway, Suite 2501
   New York, NY 10007

7. The Corporation shall be operated by a board of directors, the number of which is to be fixed by the bylaws. The initial board of directors shall consist of fourteen directors. The names and addresses of the initial directors, each of whom is of full age, are as follows:

   Name                  Address
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   Pearl Berger          Yeshiva University Library
                         500 West 185th Street
                         New York, NY 10033
   Toby Rossner          167 Emeline Street
**AJL Mission and Goals**

**Mission**

The **Association of Jewish Libraries** promotes Jewish literacy through enhancement of libraries and library resources and through leadership for the profession and practitioners of Judaica librarianship.

The Association fosters access to information, learning, teaching and research relating to Jews, Judaism, the Jewish experience and Israel.

**Goals**

1. Maintain high professional standards for Judaica librarians and recruit qualified individuals into the profession.
2. Facilitate communication and exchange of information on a global scale.
3. Encourage quality publication in the field in all formats and media, print, digital, etc.; stimulate publication of high quality children's literature.
4. Facilitate and encourage establishment of Judaica library collections.
5. Enhance information access for all through application of advanced technologies.
6. Publicize the organization and its activities in all relevant venues:
   a. Stimulate awareness of Judaica library services among the public at large
   b. Promote recognition of Judaica librarianship within the wider library profession
   c. Encourage recognition of Judaica library services by other organizations and related professions.
7. Ensure continuity of the Association through sound management, financial security, effective governance and a dedicated and active membership.
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a. The Council shall determine policy for the Association and its decisions shall be binding upon the Association.
b. Any action of the Council may be set aside by a three-fourths vote at any meeting of the Association or by a majority vote by mail, email, or other electronic means in which one-fourth of the members of the Association have voted. Such vote shall be held upon petition of twenty members of the Association.
c. The Association by a vote at a meeting held during the annual convention may refer any matter to the Council with recommendations and may require the Council to report on such matters at any specified meeting of the Association.
d. Any questions of policy may, by a majority of the Council, be submitted to the Association to be voted on either at an annual conference or by mail, email or other electronic means as the Council may determine.
e. The Council shall hold at least one meeting each year at the time and place of the annual convention of the Association. Other meetings may be called by the president or upon the request of seven members of the council.
f. Officers of the Association shall serve as officers of the Council. The presiding officer may vote only in the case of a tie.
g. A member of Council may serve simultaneously in more than one capacity but only has one vote.
h. All elected or appointed Councilors shall serve for terms of two years or until their successors take office.

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a. The Executive Board shall act for the Council in the administration of established policies and programs. It shall serve as the central management board for the Association subject to review by Council, and shall
make recommendations with respect to matters of policy and operations. The Parliamentarian shall be an ex-officio member of the Executive Board.
b. The Executive Board shall report not later than the next meeting of the Council.
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a. The corresponding secretary, recording secretary, treasurer, vice-president of membership and vice-president of publications may stand for reelection and serve up to three consecutive terms.
b. All other officers shall not serve consecutive full terms in office.

Section 3. Officers shall perform the duties of their respective office and such other duties as may be approved by the Executive Board.

Section 4. Vacancy in an office may be filled for the period of the unexpired terms by appointment by the Executive Board with the exception that should the vacancy occur in the office of the president, the vice-president (president-elect) will succeed to the office of the president, to complete that term. He or she will automatically succeed himself or herself to serve his or her regular term as president.

ARTICLE VII - MEETINGS
Section 1. There shall be an annual convention of the Association at such time and place as may be determined by the Executive Board.

Section 2. Special meetings of the Association may be called by the Executive Board, the president or upon request of no less than twenty members. At least two weeks notice shall be given.

ARTICLE VIII - VOTING
Section 1. Each individual and life members shall be entitled to one vote.

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Section 3. The Executive Board shall have authority to set the time limit during which votes will be recorded; but if no such time limit is set, no vote shall be counted unless received within thirty days from the day the text of the ballot or question voted upon was mailed properly addressed to those entitled to vote on the matter involved. In the case of a vote by mail, email or electronic means by the Association, the Executive Board may designate publication of the ballot or question submitted in the official newsletter of the Association as the appropriate method of submitting the matter to the membership.

ARTICLE IX - PROVISION FOR BYLAWS
Bylaws may be adopted, amended or rescinded by a majority vote of the members present and voting at any regular meeting of the Association, or by mail, email, or other electronic means, providing the entire membership has received ten days prior written notification.

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS
Section 1. Proposals for amending the Constitution may originate in the Council or from any member who presents a petition signed by not fewer than seven members.

Section 2. A proposed amendment shall become effective when it shall have been approved by a majority of the members of the Council present and voting, followed by ratification of the membership either by a mail, email, or other electronic vote of the majority of the members voting, or by a majority vote of the membership present and voting at a special meeting of the Association.

Section 3. The Council, on approving a proposed amendment shall specify whether a vote on ratification shall be taken at a meeting of the Association or by mail, email, or other electronic means. If a mail or electronic vote is ordered, the Council shall fix the time for the beginning and closing of the balloting. If a vote at a meeting is ordered, at least thirty days written notice shall be given to the membership of the text of the proposed amendment.
BYLAWS

ARTICLE I - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS
Section 1. a. Prior to the annual convention, held in odd years, the president shall appoint a Nominating Committee of at least three members, representative of the general membership, including at least one member of each division.
b. Such committee shall nominate candidates from among the general membership for the positions of president-elect, vice-president for membership, vice-president for publications, recording secretary, corresponding secretary and treasurer.
Section 2. a. The nominating committee shall report its nominations in the official newsletter of the Association not less than three months before the annual convention.
b. In any national election, additional names may be placed in nomination for any office by any member in good standing. These nominations must be submitted to the chair of the nominating committee no later than two weeks after the proposed slate of officers is officially transmitted to the membership. Nominations must have the support of five members in good standing, and the consent of the nominee.
Section 3. The elections shall be held by mail, email, or other electronic means and the candidate receiving a majority of the votes for each office shall be elected to that office.

ARTICLE II - COMMITTEES
Section 1. a. The standing committees of the Association shall be: Constitution and Bylaws, Finance, and Membership.
b. Chairpersons of the above mentioned committees shall be appointed by the president.
Section 2. Special Committees may be authorized by the Council or the Executive Board. Chairpersons of such committees shall be appointed by the president with approval of the Board.
Section 3. No committee shall incur expense on behalf of the Association except as authorized, nor shall any committee commit the Association by any declaration of policy.
Section 4. The Treasurer shall be a permanent member of the Finance Committee.
Section 5. The president and/or vice-president/president-elect shall be ex-officio members of all committees.

ARTICLE III - QUORUM
Section 1. Twenty members shall constitute a quorum at any regular or special meeting of the Association.
Section 2. A majority shall constitute a quorum for meetings of the Executive Board and eleven members shall constitute a quorum for Council.

ARTICLE IV - DUES
Section 1. The Council of the Association shall have the power to determine various classes of membership and to set the annual dues.
Section 2. Members whose dues are unpaid on November 1 of each year and who shall continue such delinquency for one month after notice of the same has been sent, shall be dropped from membership. Lapsed members may be reinstated upon payment of dues for the current year.
Section 3. Membership year of the Association shall be July 1 - June 30.
Section 4. Dues remitted after April 1 shall be applicable to the following year.

ARTICLE V - FISCAL POLICY
Section 1. The fiscal year of the Association shall be July 1 - June 30.
Section 2. An audit of all accounts shall be made annually by a professional auditor.
Section 3. A report shall be made annually to the membership, by a duly authorized member of the Executive Board, detailing receipts and expenditures, explaining the Association’s fiscal status and reporting on the audit.
Section 4. A budget must be approved by Executive Board no later than the annual meeting preceding the new fiscal year.
Section 5. Any expenditure not allocated in the budget exceeding $100.00 must be approved by a majority vote of the Executive Board.
Section 6. In the event that the Association is dissolved, all funds and property belonging to the Association, shall be transferred in accordance with the wishes of the Council to institutions or organizations which qualify for tax exemption under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
Section 7. In no event shall any of the funds of the Association inure to the benefit of any individual.

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Section 1. The purpose of a division is to promote library service and librarianship of a particular type or interest. Each division shall represent a field of activity clearly and distinctly different from that of other divisions.
Section 2. a. Any group of not fewer than fifteen members of the Association may petition the Council for division status. Applications must be in writing accompanied by signatures of prospective members and a statement of goals and objectives.
   b. The Council by a vote taken at two consecutive meetings may discontinue division status when in the opinion of the Council the usefulness of that division has ceased.
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Section 4. The officers of each division shall serve on the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VII - CHAPTERS
Section 1. The purpose of a chapter is to promote Jewish library service and librarianship within a specific geographic area.
Section 2. Any group of not fewer than five members of the Association may petition the Executive Board for Chapter status. Applications must be in writing accompanied by signatures of prospective members and a statement of goals and objectives. All chapter officers must be members of National AJL.
Section 3. Each chapter may establish its own bylaws, structure and program, providing these areas in no way conflict with the constitution and bylaws of the Association.
Section 4. Each Chapter President shall serve on the Chapter Presidents Council.
Section 5. Any chapter may withdraw from chapter status provided the withdrawal has been submitted to a vote of the chapter membership and is favored by a majority of the members voting.
Section 6. Chapter status may be withdrawn by the Executive Board if the chapter becomes inactive or fails to comply with the provisions of this article.

ARTICLE VIII - PAST PRESIDENTS COUNCIL
All past Association presidents automatically become members of the Past Presidents Council.

ARTICLE IX - PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY
Business shall be conducted in accordance with the latest edition of Robert’s Rules of Order unless otherwise specified in the Constitution and Bylaws of the Association.

ARTICLE X - DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS
These duties shall be defined in a procedure manual to be adopted by the Council.
Revision history:
Adopted: June, 1973
Revised: June, 1998; June, 2006; June 2009

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membership has received ten days prior written notification.

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS
Section 1. Proposals for amending the Constitution may originate in the Council or from any member who
presents a petition signed by not fewer than seven members.

Section 2. A proposed amendment shall become effective when it shall have been approved by a majority
of the members of the Council present and voting, followed by ratification of the membership either by a
mail, email, or other electronic vote of the majority of the members voting, or by a majority vote of the
membership present and voting at a special meeting of the Association.

Section 3. The Council, on approving a proposed amendment shall specify whether a vote on ratification
shall be taken at a meeting of the Association or by mail, email, or other electronic means. If a mail or
electronic vote is ordered, the Council shall fix the time for the beginning and closing of the balloting. If a
vote at a meeting is ordered, at least thirty days written notice shall be given to the membership of the text
of the proposed amendment.
ARTICLE I - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS
Section 1. a. Prior to the annual convention, held in odd years, the president shall appoint a Nominating Committee of at least three members, representative of the general membership, including at least one member of each division.
b. Such committee shall nominate candidates from among the general membership for the positions of president-elect, vice-president for membership, vice-president for publications, recording secretary, corresponding secretary and treasurer.
Section 2. a. The nominating committee shall report its nominations in the official newsletter of the Association not less than three months before the annual convention.
b. In any national election, additional names may be placed in nomination for any office by any member in good standing. These nominations must be submitted to the chair of the nominating committee no later than two weeks after the proposed slate of officers is officially transmitted to the membership. Nominations must have the support of five members in good standing, and the consent of the nominee.
Section 3. The elections shall be held by mail, email, or other electronic means and the candidate receiving a majority of the votes for each office shall be elected to that office.

ARTICLE II - COMMITTEES
Section 1. a. The standing committees of the Association shall be: Constitution and Bylaws, Finance, and Membership.
b. Chairpersons of the above mentioned committees shall be appointed by the president.
Section 2. Special Committees may be authorized by the Councilor or the Executive Board. Chairpersons of such committees shall be appointed by the president with approval of the Board.
Section 3. No committee shall incur expense on behalf of the Association except as authorized, nor shall any committee commit the Association by any declaration of policy.
Section 4. The Treasurer shall be a permanent member of the Finance Committee.
Section 5. The president and/or vice-president/president-elect shall be ex-officio members of all committees.

ARTICLE III - QUORUM
Section 1. Twenty members shall constitute a quorum at any regular or special meeting of the Association.
Section 2. A majority shall constitute a quorum for meetings of the Executive Board and eleven members shall constitute a quorum for Council.

ARTICLE IV - DUES
Section 1. The Council of the Association shall have the power to determine various classes of membership and to set the annual dues.
Section 2. Members whose dues are unpaid on November 1 of each year and who shall continue such delinquency for one month after notice of the same has been sent, shall be dropped from membership. Lapsed members may be reinstated upon payment of dues for the current year.
Section 3. Membership year of the Association shall be July 1 - June 30.
Section 4. Dues remitted after April 1 shall be applicable to the following year.

ARTICLE V - FISCAL POLICY
Section 1. The fiscal year of the Association shall be July 1 - June 30.
Section 2. An audit of all accounts shall be made annually by a professional auditor.
Section 3. A report shall be made annually to the membership, by a duly authorized member of the Executive Board, detailing receipts and expenditures, explaining the Association’s fiscal status and reporting on the audit.
Section 4. A budget must be approved by Executive Board no later than the annual meeting preceding the new fiscal year.
Section 5. Any expenditure not allocated in the budget exceeding $100.00 must be approved by a majority vote of the Executive Board.
Section 6. In the event that the Association is dissolved, all funds and property belonging to the Association, shall be transferred in accordance with the wishes of the Council to institutions or organizations which qualify for tax exemption under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
Section 7. In no event shall any of the funds of the Association inure to the benefit of any individual.

ARTICLE VI - DIVISIONS
Section 1. The purpose of a division is to promote library service and librarianship of a particular type or interest. Each division shall represent a field of activity clearly and distinctly different from that of other divisions.
Section 2. a. Any group of not fewer than fifteen members of the Association may petition the Council for division status. Applications must be in writing accompanied by signatures of prospective members and a statement of goals and objectives.
b. The Council by a vote taken at two consecutive meetings may discontinue division status when in the opinion of the Council the usefulness of that division has ceased.
Section 3. Each division may establish its own bylaws, structure and program, providing that these in no way conflict with the constitution and bylaws of the Association.
Section 4. The officers of each division shall serve on the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VII - CHAPTERS
Section 1. The purpose of a chapter is to promote Jewish library service and librarianship within a specific geographic area.
Section 2. Any group of not fewer than five members of the Association may petition the Executive Board for Chapter status. Applications must be in writing accompanied by signatures of prospective members and a statement of goals and objectives. All chapter officers must be members of National AIL.
Section 3. Each chapter may establish its own bylaws, structure and program, providing these areas in no way conflict with the constitution and bylaws of the Association.
Section 4. Each Chapter President shall serve on the Chapter Presidents Council.
Section 5. Any chapter may withdraw from chapter status provided the withdrawal has been submitted to a vote of the chapter membership and is favored by a majority of the members voting.
Section 6. Chapter status may be withdrawn by the Executive Board if the chapter becomes inactive or fails to comply with the provisions of this article.

ARTICLE VIII – PAST PRESIDENTS COUNCIL
All past Association presidents automatically become members of the Past Presidents Council.

ARTICLE IX - PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY
Business shall be conducted in accordance with the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order unless otherwise specified in the Constitution and Bylaws of the Association.

ARTICLE X - DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS
These duties shall be defined in a procedure manual to be adopted by the Council.
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AJL Annual Conventions

The AJL convention is a valuable way for Judaica librarians to share ideas, learn, and network with their peers.

The 44th annual convention was held in Chicago, Illinois, from July 5 to 8, 2009. Online Proceedings are available to AJL members.

Unrestricted proceedings are available online for the conventions held in 2001-2008.

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Dear Applicant:

Our letter dated May 2004, stated you would be exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and you would be treated as a public charity, rather than as a private foundation, during an advance ruling period.

Based on the information you submitted, our letter dated May 2008 in which you were presumed to be a private foundation is hereby superseded. You are classified as a public charity under the Code section listed in the heading of this letter. Since your exempt status was not under consideration, you continue to be classified as an organization exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Code.

Publication 557, Tax-Exempt Status for Your Organization, provides detailed information about your rights and responsibilities as an exempt organization. You may request a copy by calling the toll-free number for forms, (800) 829-3676. Information is also available on our Internet Web Site at www.irs.gov.

If you have general questions about exempt organizations, please call our toll-free number shown in the heading.

Please keep this letter in your permanent records.

Sincerely yours,

Robert Choi
Director, Exempt Organizations
Rulings and Agreements