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Subject: Educators of School Librarians Section (ESLS)

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Policy Statement:

The general purpose of the Educators of School Librarians Section (ESLS) shall be to focus attention on programs in higher education that prepare candidates to develop and manage library and information services in a PreK-12 school library setting.

Focus:

Primary: Educators of School Librarians Section

Secondary: AASL Board of Directors, AASL Members

Purpose:

To define the purpose of the Educators of School Librarians Section.

Procedure:

1. Specific purposes of ESLS are:
 - 1.1. To promote, nurture, and disseminate research relevant to the education of school librarians.
 - 1.2. To provide opportunities for the exchange of information relevant to the education and career paths of school librarians.
 - 1.3. To provide opportunities for the development of leadership among educators of school librarians.
 - 1.4. To provide opportunities for the professional development of educators of school librarians
 - 1.5. To provide opportunities among educators of school librarians to discuss and recommend curriculum components of programs for school librarians.
2. Any individual interested in promoting the purposes of the Section may become a member by paying the prescribed dues to the American Library Association (ALA) and American Association of School Librarians (AASL).
3. Library schools, libraries, publishers and other interested agencies and organizations may become members of the Section by paying the prescribed dues to the American Library Association (ALA) and American Association of School Librarians (AASL).
4. Membership Meetings
 - 4.1. Membership meetings will be held during the ALA Annual Conference and the ALA Midwinter Conference.
 - 4.2. Additional meetings may be called by the ESLS Chair with the approval of the Executive Committee, or, by petition of 25 or more ESLS members.
 - 4.3. A minimum of thirty days' notice, including an agenda, shall be provided to all ESLS members.
 - 4.4. Only business included on the agenda may be transacted at a special meeting.
5. Nominations and Elections
 - 5.1. Elections shall be conducted as a component of the ALA/AASL election ballot.
 - 5.2. The Leadership Development Committee shall nominate candidate(s) for each office and that slate shall be submitted in accordance with AASL election procedures.

- 5.3. Candidates may also be nominated by a petition bearing at least fifteen signatures of members of ESLS.
- 5.4. A signed consent document of the candidate must be filed with the AASL office at least three months prior to the annual membership meeting.
- 5.5. A plurality of legal votes cast by members will determine a candidate's selection. In the event of a tie, the winner shall be determined by lot by the Election Committee of ALA.
6. Policy changes
 - 6.1. All policies or procedures of sections are considered AASL policies and therefore are submitted to, and approved by, the AASL Board of Directors. (Bylaws, Article XII. Sections, Section 2. Organization.)
 - 6.2. Recommended changes will be submitted to the ESLS Executive Committee for review and approval prior to being sent to the AASL Board of Directors for approval.
7. Parliamentary Procedure
 - 7.1. As a Section of AASL, a division of ALA, ESLS will approve and endorse only activities consistent with the structural documents of its parent organization.