

Constitution of the
Student Organization of Library and Information Services (SOLIS)
University of Central Missouri
(ALA Student Chapter)
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ARTICLE I

Official Name

The official name of this organization shall be the Student Organization of Library and Information Services (SOLIS) at the University of Central Missouri.

ARTICLE II

Purpose

The purpose and aims of this organization are:

The purpose of this ALA Student Chapter at the University of Central Missouri is to enhance the learning experience of students beyond the classroom, network with professionals within the field of school librarianship, to provide a local forum for the exchange of ideas and information about trends, issues, and opportunities in the profession and to develop skills and relationships that will enable students to have a creative impact on the profession.

ARTICLE III

Membership Requirements

All students at the University of Central Missouri in the Library Science and Information Services program receive immediate membership to the ALA Student Chapter upon enrollment.

ARTICLE IV

Activities

The ALA Student Chapter shall hold a general membership meeting at the beginning of the Fall and Spring Semesters. Activities and programs will be planned in accordance with the purposes set forth in Article II. Activities and programs sponsored by the ALA Student Chapter will be open to all individuals.

ARTICLE V

Officers and Leadership

The officers of the organization shall consist of the President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer. The position of Secretary-Treasurer may be split into two positions as needed. The Leadership Board shall consist of the Officers, Faculty Advisor as Member Ex-Officio and Steering Committee Chairs, as set forth by the aforementioned officers.

The Officers shall have the following responsibilities:

The President shall have the ultimate responsibility for the functioning of the organization and its relationship with ALA headquarters. The President shall convene and conduct the general

membership meeting. The President shall solicit committee heads, work with other Student Organizations and liaison between the student body and LIS faculty.

The Vice-President shall aid the President. The Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President in the latter's absence and shall assume the office of the President should it become vacated during the stated term office. The Vice-President will oversee committees.

The Secretary-Treasurer shall be responsible for correspondence, record keeping, fundraising and for financial matters pertaining to the organization. In the event that the Secretary-Treasurer position expand to include two separate positions, the aforementioned duties shall be split accordingly.

The Faculty Advisor shall be approved by the members of the ALA Student Chapter. The Faculty Advisor shall act as liaison between the ALA Student Chapter and the American Library Association and between the ALA Student Chapter and the Library and Information Services program. The Faculty Advisor shall also oversee the election of officers and work with the President to coordinate the first meeting of the semester and summer session in association with any returning officers.

ARTICLE VI

Elections and Terms of Office

Elections:

The president, vice-president and secretary/treasurer shall be elected by the student body in the Fall semester. All current students are eligible to become an officer in the ALA Student Chapter at the University of Central Missouri. All students are entitled to vote for the officers of the organization. Nomination and elections of officers shall be supervised by the President and coordinated as needed by the Faculty Advisor for the Fall and Spring Semesters and the Summer Sessions. Nominations will be accepted by email or during the first meeting. Persons nominated must be willing to serve in that position if elected. All elections shall take place by secret ballot and nominations will be publicly posted not less than one week prior to the election. Vacancies in offices (see Article V) shall be filled by appointment of the Leadership Board.

Terms of Office: Terms for all officers shall be for one year (Fall, Spring and Summer semesters) with no restriction on the number incumbencies.

ARTICLE VII

Committees

Committees shall be assigned as necessary by the President and Leadership Board. Committees will be formed based on the programming and needs of the organization. Any committee formed will include a chair of the committee.

ARTICLE VIII

Parliamentary Procedures

All questions of parliamentary procedure shall be decided in accordance with the forms laid down in the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order.

ARTICLE IX

Amendments

Proposed amendments to this Constitution may be introduced by any member at any meeting, or by petition to the President. Ratification shall be determined by majority vote.

ARTICLE X

Ratification

Ratification of this Constitution shall be determined by the Leadership Board, in consultation with the ALA Student Chapter.