

**ALA CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT  
TO THE  
ALA COUNCIL  
2013 ALA ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

**Topic:** Application for Affiliate Status from Library and Information Association of New Zealand Aotearoa (LIANZA)

**Action Requested:** Approval

**Action Requested By:** Carlen Ruschoff, Chair, Constitution & Bylaws Committee

**Date:** July 1, 2013

**Background:**

The Constitution & Bylaws Committee was directed to review the documents accompanying an application for affiliate status from the from the Library and Information Association of New Zealand Aotearoa (LIANZA). Affiliate status is covered by the ALA Constitution, Article X, Section 1, which authorizes affiliation with organizations whose purposes are similar to ALA's. Affiliate status is also covered by Policy 9.2, which provides guidance for Council in making decisions concerning affiliation. That policy specifies the following criteria for an organization requesting affiliation status:

- The organization is not for profit
- The organization has interests consistent with those of ALA
- The organization has a sufficiently large membership and length of existence to ensure continued support
- The constitution and bylaws are not in conflict with ALA and its policies
- The organization does not discriminate in membership on the basis of race, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, age, disabilities or national origin.

After a review of the LIANZA governing documents, policies, and procedures, the Constitution and Bylaws Committee voted unanimously to recommend that the application for affiliate status from the Library and Information Association of New Zealand Aotearoa (LIANZA) be approved.

The Constitution and Bylaws Committee is empowered to make editorial changes to the bylaws, pursuant to Article XI, Section 2 of the ALA Bylaws. Two editorial changes are proposed:

Under Article I, Membership, Section 5: “The category to which any personal member belongs, except Honorary and Life Members, shall not be specified in the Directory and shall be regarded as confidential.” Since ALA no longer has a directory, C&B proposes that the phrase: “shall not be specified in the Directory” be removed. The section will now read:

“The category to which any personal member belongs, except Honorary and Life Members, shall be regarded as confidential.”

Under Article IV, Council, Section 6: “A vacancy in the membership of Council representing a state, provincial or territorial chapter, division or round table of the Association may be filled by the chapter or division on an interim basis.” For consistency the C&B proposes inserting the words, “or round table” in the last portion of the sentence. The section will now read: “A vacancy in the membership of Council representing a state, provincial or territorial chapter, division or round table of the Association may be filled by the chapter, division or round table on an interim basis.”

Respectfully submitted,  
Constitution & Bylaws Committee

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Constitution and Bylaws Committee Action, June 29, 2013  
Submitted by Carlen Ruschoff, Chair on behalf of the Committee

**Motion**

On behalf of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, I move that the Council approve the application for affiliate status from LIANZA.

**Editorial Changes to the Bylaws:**

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