

Proposal to Amend Bylaws

| Proposal # | Title | Article | Section | Proposed by |
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| FY19-01 | Section Dissolution Amendment | VI | 1 | MiALA IG Coordination Task Force |

| <u>Current Language:</u> | <u>Proposed Changes:</u> | <u>If Adopted:</u> |
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| <p>ARTICLE VI – SECTIONS</p> <p>Section 1: Sections. The Sections will be the major subdivision under the Board and will have elected officers and board members. Each section board will have a chair, a chair-elect, a secretary, and two at-large members. Elections for the section board's chair-elects, secretaries, and at-large members will occur each spring, and will be recruited through a call for nominations from the membership. Any section officers and board members serve at the pleasure of the Section membership and may be removed at any time as deemed necessary, with or without cause, upon a vote of two-thirds members of the Section. An Association officer or Board member will be assigned to serve on each section, providing a link to the Board. The Board may fill any vacancies by appointing an interim Board member to serve out the term of the vacancy until the next regularly scheduled election for the position.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collections (CL). The CL Section will be concerned with everything related to the print, non-print, and electronic materials that academic libraries collect and steward. The CL Section board will be responsible for approving applications for relevant CL Interest Groups and coordinating their activities. Areas that would be part of the Collections Section include copyright, metadata, conservation, archives, digital preservation, resource sharing, technical services and acquisitions. These are meant only as a representative sample and not an exhaustive list. | <p>ARTICLE VI – SECTIONS</p> <p>Section 1: Sections. The Sections will be the major subdivision under the Board and will have elected officers and board members. Each section board will have a chair, a chair-elect, a secretary, and two at-large members. Elections for the section board's chair-elects, secretaries, and at-large members will occur each spring, and will be recruited through a call for nominations from the membership. Any section officers and board members serve at the pleasure of the Section membership and may be removed at any time as deemed necessary, with or without cause, upon a vote of two-thirds members of the Section. An Association officer or Board member will be assigned to serve on each section, providing a link to the Board. The Board may fill any vacancies by appointing an interim Board member to serve out the term of the vacancy until the next regularly scheduled election for the position.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collections (CL). The CL Section will be concerned with everything related to the print, non-print, and electronic materials that academic libraries collect and steward. The CL Section board will be responsible for approving applications for relevant CL Interest Groups and coordinating their activities. Areas that would be part of the Collections Section include copyright, metadata, conservation, archives, digital preservation, resource sharing, technical services and acquisitions. These are meant only as a representative sample and not an exhaustive list. • User Experience (UX). The UX Section will be concerned with all the ways that libraries help users find research, library materials, and other | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There will no longer be sections in MiALA. |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • User Experience (UX). The UX Section will be concerned with all the ways that libraries help users find research, library materials, and other information, whether it is located within the library, outside the library on campus, or in remote online repositories and databases. The UX Section board will be responsible for approving applications for relevant UX Interest Groups and coordinating their activities. Areas that would be part of the User Experience Section include web site development, digital content stewardship, embedded librarianship, digital humanities, data mining and information literacy. These are meant only as a representative sample and not an exhaustive list. • Administration (AD). The AD Section will be concerned with all administrative and managerial aspects of academic libraries. The AD Section board will be responsible for approving applications for relevant AG Interest Groups and coordinating their activities. Areas that would be part of the Administration Section include budgeting, personnel management, and leadership development. These are meant only as a representative sample and not an exhaustive list. <p>Sections may be added or deleted as Association evolves and the profession changes by a positive vote of two-thirds members of the Board.</p> | <p>information, whether it is located within the library, outside the library on campus, or in remote online repositories and databases. The UX Section board will be responsible for approving applications for relevant UX Interest Groups and coordinating their activities. Areas that would be part of the User Experience Section include web site development, digital content stewardship, embedded librarianship, digital humanities, data mining and information literacy. These are meant only as a representative sample and not an exhaustive list.</p> <p>• Administration (AD). The AD Section will be concerned with all administrative and managerial aspects of academic libraries. The AD Section board will be responsible for approving applications for relevant AG Interest Groups and coordinating their activities. Areas that would be part of the Administration Section include budgeting, personnel management, and leadership development. These are meant only as a representative sample and not an exhaustive list.</p> <p>Sections may be added or deleted as Association evolves and the profession changes by a positive vote of two-thirds members of the Board.</p> | |
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Comments and Recommendations:

This amendment to the bylaws would eliminate the three sections (Administration, Collections, and User Experience) from MiALA. While sections currently house interest groups, they have few other defined roles as far as programming or involvement in MiALA initiatives. As the larger organization has matured, it has become clear that most of the programming for members has been driven by the interest groups rather than the sections. Feedback from members, section and IG leadership, and the board consistently points to confusion about the sections and their role in the larger MiALA organization.

Discussion Pro:

- Streamlines organization, and provides clearer channels for communication and collaboration
- Allows MiALA to respond to membership feedback and create opportunities for meaningful leadership.
- Creates opportunity for collaboration among interest groups since they will no longer be sorted into silos

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| <u>Discussion Con:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Removes some currently existing elected leadership roles within MiALA. The number of leadership roles available in MiALA overall could increase, decrease or remain the same depending on the number of Interest Groups. Since the formation of IGs is dependent on member initiative and interest, the number of leadership roles available is member-driven. | |
| Other areas of impact in MiALA if known: {budget, sections, HQ, procedures, etc.} | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Changes to website and procedure manualChanges to section areas of budgetChanges to nominations/election procedure |
| Board of Directors Recommendation: | <ul style="list-style-type: none">The Board of Directors recommends an approval of this bylaw amendment. |