

**NORTH GEORGIA ASSOCIATED LIBRARIES
BYLAWS**

**ARTICLE 1
Governing Procedures**

Robert's Rules of Order shall govern Decorum and Debate.

**ARTICLE II
Dues, Rights, Privileges, Tax Status**

Section 1. Libraries or organizations having libraries in the North Georgia area shall be eligible for membership.

a. The North Georgia area shall be defined as those counties associated with the following Regional Development Centers as defined by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs: Atlanta Regional Commission, Chattahoochee Flint, Coosa Valley, Georgia Mountains, McIntosh Trail, North Georgia, and Northeast Georgia. The counties included are Banks, Barrow, Bartow, Butts, Carroll, Catoosa, Chattooga, Cherokee, Clarke, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, Dade, Dawson, DeKalb, Douglas, Elbert, Fannin, Fayette, Floyd, Forsyth, Franklin, Fulton, Gilmer, Gordon, Greene, Gwinnett, Habersham, Hall, Haralson, Hart, Heard, Henry, Jackson, Jasper, Lamar, Lumpkin, Madison, Meriwether, Morgan, Murray, Newton, Oconee, Oglethorpe, Paulding, Pickens, Pike, Polk, Rabun, Rockdale, Spalding, Stephens, Towns, Troup, Union, Upson, Walker, Walton, White, and Whitfield.

Section 2. The membership year for the Association shall be July 1 through June 30 of each year.

Section 3. Dues shall be \$35.00 per membership. An additional registration fee may be charged each participant, as necessary, to provide for workshops and programs.

Section 4. Members whose dues are unpaid on January 1st of each year shall be dropped from membership, and this fact reported at the next regular meeting of the Association.

Section 5. Each membership shall have the right to one vote.

Section 6. Notwithstanding, the purposes for which the Association is organized are exclusively literary and educational within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.

Section 7. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal income tax section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.

Section 8. In the event of dissolution, the residual assets of the organization will be turned over to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt as organizations described in sections 501(c)(3) or 170(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or the corresponding

sections of any prior or future United States Internal Revenue Code, or to the Federal, State, or local government for exclusive public purpose.

ARTICLE III Meetings

Meetings will be held in July, October, January, and April—specific dates and time set by the Executive Board—and announced 4 weeks or more in advance.

ARTICLE IV Officers

Officers shall be elected biennially at the spring meeting. The Chair and Vice-Chair/Chair Elect shall serve one-year terms. The Secretary-Treasurer will serve a two-year term. In the event that an elected office is vacated during the term, the Chair shall appoint a replacement to serve until the next election. In the event the office vacated is that of Vice-Chair, it shall be understood that the appointee will succeed to the Chair in the next term. The Executive Board shall decide on each occasion whether or not there will be a fee and travel expenses provided for a speaker.

ARTICLE V Finances

An annual audit of the books shall be made in May and a written report given at the July meeting to the membership by the Secretary-Treasurer detailing receipts and expenditures and explaining the Association's fiscal status. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be bonded for an amount established by the Executive Board. The Executive Board shall appoint a committee to audit the books and records of the Association.

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