

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign School of Information Sciences Alumni Association Bylaws

ARTICLE I: NAME

This association shall be called the University of Illinois School of Information Sciences Alumni Association at Urbana-Champaign, herein referred to as the iSchool Alumni Association (ISAA).

ARTICLE II: AFFILIATION

The ISAA shall be chartered by the University of Illinois Alumni Association, herein referred to as the UIAA, as a Constituent Association.

ARTICLE III: OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the ISAA shall be to:

- advance the interests of the profession of library and information science;
- promote the interests of the University of Illinois School of Information Sciences (the iSchool, formerly the Graduate School of Library and Information Sciences);
- foster a cooperative relationship between the iSchool, the UIAA, and the alumni of the iSchool;
- maintain communications among alumni.

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. QUALIFICATIONS

All persons who are graduates of the iSchool, members of the faculty, friends, or supporters, are eligible to become members of this Association. Enrollment as a member of the UIAA is a requirement for membership in the iSchool Alumni Association.

SECTION 2. TYPES

Graduates of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign are eligible to be regular life members. No special categories of membership may be created by this ISAA, except those authorized by the UIAA.

SECTION 3. ISCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION LIFE MEMBERS

Persons completing life memberships in the ISAA prior to affiliation with the UIAA shall remain life members of the ISAA with voting privileges but may not also be considered life members of the UIAA without payment of the required dues to the UIAA.

ARTICLE VI: THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

SECTION 1. MEMBERSHIP

The executive board shall consist of the following officers: a president, a vice-president/president elect, past president, a secretary, a treasurer, and four directors. Subject to the approval of the executive board, the Dean of the iSchool shall appoint: a member of the iSchool faculty or staff to serve as a liaison between the iSchool, the ISAA, and the UIAA office; and one or more students currently enrolled in the iSchool to serve as student members. The Dean of the iSchool, and the iSchool faculty-staff liaison are ex officio without vote; the student members shall be members ex officio with vote.

SECTION 2. QUALIFICATIONS

Officers and directors must be members in good standing of the ISAA.

SECTION 3. TERMS

Officers and directors shall be elected for three-year terms with elections held at the annual meeting. The term of office begins at the close of the annual meeting. Officers and directors may be elected for no more than two consecutive terms. The vice-president shall serve a one-year term as vice-president, a one-year term as president, and a one-year term as immediate past president.

SECTION 4. DUTIES

The officers and directors shall perform the duties usually incumbent upon the positions to which they have been elected and additional duties as the Board may direct.

SECTION 5. AUTHORITY

The executive board shall have the power to carry on the regular business of the ISAA between meetings.

SECTION 6. MEETINGS

The executive board shall meet at least twice each fiscal year (July 1 – June 30). The meetings may be virtual or in person. The executive board may utilize e-mail or other electronic means for discussion and voting. Such actions must be subsequently ratified at the next board meeting and recorded in the minutes.

SECTION 7. QUORUM

A quorum shall consist of a simple majority of the voting members of the executive board.

SECTION 8. VACANCY

A vacancy in any position on the executive board may be filled until the next annual meeting by vote of the remaining members of the board.

SECTION 9. REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

The officers and directors shall serve until they are replaced by a duly constituted election, resign, or are voted out of office by a two-thirds majority of the voting members of the

Executive Board. A director's absence from two consecutive board meetings may be grounds for removal.

ARTICLE VII: COMMITTEES

Committees of ISAA shall be authorized by the Board of Directors. The president of the ISAA shall appoint members to committees, as necessary, to meet the needs of the organization.

ARTICLE VIII: ELECTIONS

SECTION 1. NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The president of the ISAA shall appoint three members to serve on the nominating committee. One member shall be the past president.

SECTION 2. ELECTIONS

The committee shall present a single slate of officers and directors at the annual meeting to fill the terms of the expiring offices/directors.

ARTICLE IX: MEETINGS

SECTION 1. ANNUAL

A regular business meeting of the ISAA shall be held annually. This may be a virtual or in person meeting.

SECTION 2. SPECIAL

Special meetings of the ISAA may be called by the president upon request of the executive board or of ten members. No business shall be transacted at such meetings except that mentioned in the call.

SECTION 3. NOTICE

Due notice of the time and place of meetings and the purpose of special meetings shall be given to all members.

SECTION 4. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the ISAA in all cases to which they are applicable and in all cases in which they are consistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order adopted by the ISAA.

ARTICLE X: QUORUM

Fifteen members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of association business. A simple majority of those members present and voting will carry the vote, except as provided in Article XI: Amendments.

ARTICLE XI: AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws may be amended by a three-fourth vote of those present at any regular meeting, provided the proposed amendment shall have been specifically set forth in the call for such meeting.

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