

**BYLAWS  
OF THE  
CENTRAL MISSISSIPPI LIBRARY COUNCIL (CMLC)**

**ARTICLE I. NAME**

The name of this Council shall be the CENTRAL MISSISSIPPI LIBRARY COUNCIL (CMLC).

**ARTICLE II. MISSION**

The mission of this Council shall be to promote optimal access to books and other informational materials, to provide reference services to patrons of member libraries and to further develop inter-library cooperation.

**ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP**

- Section 1. Membership is open to all Mississippi libraries.
- Section 2. Libraries interested in membership shall make application to the Chairperson.
- Section 3. Membership applications shall be voted upon by the Council with a simple majority of present voting members constituting approval. A library so approved shall be declared a Council member upon payment of dues and the return of the contract for membership appropriately signed by an authorized representative of the institution. A member library is required to pay a full year's dues each calendar year regardless of date of application.
- Section 4. Changes and dues will be voted upon each year at the October business meeting and will become effective the following January 1st. The Treasurer shall mail or transmit invoices to members in January of each fiscal year. Delinquent notices will be mailed or transmitted to members failing to make full payment by July

31st. Failure to pay dues by October 1st may result in suspension until full payment is received.

Section 5. Each member institution is entitled to one (1) vote.

Section 6. Any member wishing to resign from the Council shall resolve all debts and give notice in writing to the Chairperson for presentation to the membership. Non-payment of dues for a consecutive 18 month period also constitutes resignation from the Council.

#### **ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS**

Section 1. The officers of the Council shall be a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson/Chairperson-elect, Secretary, and Treasurer. These officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these bylaws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Council.

Section 2. At the annual meeting in October, the Council shall elect a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson/Chairperson-elect, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 3. The officers shall be elected by a simple majority of members present and voting. Their term of office shall begin at the end of the annual meeting. Consecutive terms in the same office are not limited.

Section 4. The officers shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Council between business meetings, shall set the hour and place of meetings, shall make recommendations to the full Council, and shall perform other duties as are specified in these bylaws.

Section 5. If an officer ceases to be part of a member library, he must notify the Chairperson of his resignation from the Council. The Chairperson shall appoint a replacement

for the remainder of the officer's term. Should the Chairperson resign, the Vice-Chairperson/Chairperson-elect shall assume the duties of the Chairperson.

#### **ARTICLE V. MEETINGS**

Section 1. The three meetings of the Council shall be held on the fourth Tuesday of January, April, and October at 10:00 a.m. Meetings are open to all interested parties.

Section 2. The third meeting in October shall be known as the annual meeting.

Section 3. The Secretary shall notify the membership of meetings two weeks prior to the meeting date. The Secretary will transmit two notices regarding the meeting to libraries listed on the contact list.

#### **ARTICLE VI. COMMITTEES**

Special committees shall be appointed by the Chairperson when necessary to conduct the business of the Council. Said committees shall submit minutes to the Chairperson and shall make reports to the Council during regular meetings.

#### **ARTICLE VII. PROJECTS**

Any project presented to the members shall require a simple majority vote of the total membership for adoption. The Secretary will note, by institution name, the voting responses of members present. The Chairperson will poll members not present and will announce the voting results, by institution name, at the next regular meeting of the Council.

#### **ARTICLE VIII. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

The rules contained in the current edition of ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER, NEW REVISED shall govern the Council.

**ARTICLE IX. AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS**

These bylaws can be amended at any regular meeting of the Council by a simple majority vote, provided the amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous meeting.

1978  
revised April 1979  
revised July 1987  
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