

2019-2020 ALA CD#39
2020 ALA Midwinter Meeting
ACTION ITEM

ALA Council
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TOPIC: Polish-American Librarians Association: ALA Affiliation

DRAFT MOTION:

The ALA Executive Director reviewed the application for affiliation in accordance with the American Library Association Affiliation Guidelines, adopted by the ALA Executive Board on October 5, 1957, and amended in 1961.

On October 16, 1957, on the recommendation of Mary Thomas, ALA Executive Director, and Leonard Kniffel, Immediate Past President of the Polish-American Librarians Association, the ALA Executive Board for

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Leonard 9niffel, :mmediate Past President, Polish-American Librarians
Association

American Library Association Affiliation Guidelines, adopted by the ALA Executive Board on October 5, 1958, and amended in 1961

The application includes:

- Request for affiliation
- Brief history of the Polish American Librarians Association
- Bylaws: Polish American Librarians Association
- Roster: PALA Board of Directors
- PALA statement of Proposed Cooperation with ALA
- PALA statement of Non-Discrimination

According to the Guidelines for Affiliate Membership, the ALA Constitution and Bylaws Committee must review the PALA Bylaws to confirm that no conflict exists between those Bylaws and ALA Bylaws

See Attachments

Application packet, including above components

Polish American Librarians Association

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I. NAME AND NATURE

SECTION 1. Name: The name of this organization shall be Polish American Librarians Association, hereafter referred to as PALA.

SECTION 2. Nature: The Association shall be a non-profit and non-political organization of librarians and others interested in supporting Polish American librarianship and library services. The organization is organized exclusively for professional, charitable, cultural or scientific purposes under section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code. The organization is incorporated in the state of Illinois.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

The vision of this organization shall be:

1. To enhance professional knowledge by developing forums for discussion and networks of communication among library staff working with Polish collections and patrons of Polish origin.
2. To promote understanding and respect among all cultures by expanding the means to access reliable, current information about Polish and Polish-American history and culture.
3. To promote Polish American librarianship and create opportunities for professional development.
4. To provide opportunities for cooperation with other library associations and related organizations.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. Membership shall be open to all individuals and organizations interested in supporting its purposes.

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Treasurer:

SECTION 6. A majority shall constitute a quorum of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE V. TERMS OF OFFICE

SECTION 1. The President shall serve for two years as President, and two years as Immediate Past President.

SECTION 2. The Vice-President shall serve for two years as President-Elect

SECTION 3. The Secretary and Treasurer, and five Directors-at-Large shall each serve for terms of two years and may serve for an unlimited number of two-year terms.

ARTICLE VI. ELECTIONS, VACANCIES AND RECALL OF OFFICERS

SECTION 1. The full Board, acting as the Nominating Committee of the PALA, shall nominate candidates for service on the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2. Officers of the board shall be appointed by the Board of Directors contingent upon approval by members at the annual meeting.

SECTION 3. The Webmaster, Graphics Designer and any member of the Board, except for the Officers, may be removed for cause by a vote of three-quarters of the members present at a Board meeting where a quorum is present. Any officer of the Board may be removed for cause by a vote of three-quarters present at a duly constituted membership meeting.

SECTION 4. If vacancies occur on the Board, the President in consultation with the Executive Board shall appoint a member to fill the position for the remaining period of term.

ARTICLE VII. MEETINGS

SECTION 1. An annual membership meeting shall be held in the spring. Notices of the general membership meetings shall be distributed to the entire membership.

SECTION 2. All decisions shall be made on the basis of simple majority vote of paid members in attendance unless otherwise stated in these Bylaws. Each PALA member has one vote.

SECTION 3. A slate of candidates nominated by the Board shall be presented at the annual meeting for approval.

SECTION 4. The Board shall have regular meetings to be announced on the PALA website. These shall be open to all PALA members.

ARTICLE VIII. COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. The Board can appoint Special Committees or Task Forces that will support the goals and purposes of the organization. The life of a special committee or task force shall be limited to one (1) year unless the Board shall otherwise provide.

ARTICLE XIII. DISSOLUTION

In the event of dissolution of the Association, the Officers of the Association, with the approval of

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STATEMENT OF PROPOSED COOPERATION WITH ALA

The Polish American Librarians Association is an organizational member of the American Library Association and of the Ethnic Materials & Information Exchange Round Table, with which we sponsored a program in 2013—a bus tour of the “Polish Triangle” in Chicago and a tour of the Polish Museum of America. PALA has also sponsored recruitment luncheons during or prior to ALA conferences in Chicago, New Orleans, Seattle, and Washington D.C.

There are more than 20 million people of Polish ancestry living outside Poland, making the Polish diaspora one of the largest in the world and one of the most widely dispersed. “Reasons for the displacement include border shifts, forced expulsions, resettlement by voluntary and forced exiles as well as political and economic emigration,” as stated in Wikipedia. “Major populations of Polish ancestry can be found in their native home region of Central Europe and in many other countries of Europe and also in the Americas, Australasia, and South Africa. There are also smaller Polish communities in most countries of Asia

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- That is the motherland of Chicago's largest European ethnic population
- That country established the first democratic constitution in Europe
- That nationality was the astronomer who first theorized that the earth revolved around the sun
- That ethnic group made the first civil liberty protest in America in 1776 in Jamestown
- That American ethnic group sacrificed the most lives and gave the most money to win World War II
- There was the only woman ever awarded the Nobel Prize in two different scientific fields born and raised
- That country established freedom of religion for Christians, Jews, and Muslims in 1689

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