ARTICLE 1
MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

1.1. Classification of Membership.

1.1.1. Membership in the Association shall consist of:
* Active Members
* Life Members
* Affiliate Members
* Organizational Members, and
* Friend and Supporter Members

1.1.2. Active Members: Any person who is a:
* Librarian/Library employee
* Retired Librarian/Library Employee
* Trustee
* Friend/MALF/Layperson
* Student currently enrolled in a library science, library media, or information management Program

1.1.3. Life Members: Any person who has: (1) paid a life membership fee before January 1, 1971; or,(2) received the Librarian-of-the-Year Award or the Trustee-of-the-Year Award prior to 1991; or,(3) completed the three-year term served by presidents of the Association on the Board of Directors prior to 1991.

1.1.4. Affiliate Member: Any person who is a member in good standing of:
* Information and Technology Educators of Minnesota (ITEM)
* Minnesota Chapter of the Special Library Association (SLA),
* Minnesota Chapter of the American Society of Information Science and Technology (ASIS&T),
* Minnesota Association of Law Libraries, (MALL),
* Health Sciences Libraries of Minnesota (HSLM), or
* Twin Cities Chapter of the American Society of Indexers (ASI)

1.1.5. Organizational Members: Any library, library agency, library association, educational institution or any company or organization having an interest in libraries or the activities of the Association.

1.1.6. Friend and Supporter Member: Any person having an interest in libraries or the activities of the Association.

1.2. Dues.

1.2.1. Dues for each classification of membership shall be proposed by the Board for approval by the membership at the annual meeting of the Association. A change in dues and dues structure shall require approval by two-thirds of the Active and Life Members in good standing present and voting at the meeting. The current dues and dues structure shall be listed in Appendix A to these Bylaws.

1.2.2. Membership dues are paid on an annual basis.

1.2.3. The membership year shall extend through the end of the twelfth month from the date of
payment of dues.

1.2.4. Membership shall cease if dues remain unpaid for one month from the end of the current membership year.

1.3. **Rights and Privileges of Members.**

1.3.1. Any member Active and Life members may join as many Subunits as align with their interests.

1.3.2. All members shall receive MLA publications and communications as the Board may authorize for general distribution.

1.3.3. Active and Life Members shall have the right to vote in business meetings, elections, and referenda of the Association. Active, Life, and Affiliate Members shall have the right to vote in business meetings and elections of any Subunit in which they hold membership.

1.3.4. Active and Life Members shall have the right to hold an elective office of the Association. Active, Life and Affiliate Members shall have the right to hold an elective office in any Subunit in which they hold membership.

1.3.5. Active, Life and Affiliate Members shall be entitled to participate in conferences, workshops, and other activities of the Association and its Subunits at member rates.

1.3.6. Organizational Members shall have the right to a preferential rate for programs and services of the Association and its Subunits as determined by the Board.