

**Missouri Library Association
2008 Proposed Bylaws Revision**

The Bylaws and Handbook Committee proposed the following bylaws changes. These changes were presented and the Executive Board approved them at the July 25, 2008 Board Meeting. The Bylaws will be presented to the membership and voted on at the MLA Annual Business Meeting to be held on October 2nd in St. Louis, MO.

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The proposed bylaws changes are as follows:

ARTICLE II. Finances

Sec. 1. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of MLA shall be the calendar year.

Sec. 2. Dues. Dues for each category of membership shall be set, from time to time, in an amount approved by the Executive Board, subject to a majority vote at the Annual Business Meeting. Prior notification of not less than thirty days is required. The membership year of MLA shall be the calendar year.

Sec. 3. Non-Renewal and Reinstatement.

A. Members whose dues have not reached MLA Executive Offices by March 15 shall be considered non-renewed.

B. A non-renewed member or former member may apply for membership upon full payment of annual Association dues. Dues received after the Annual Business Meeting or October 1 (whichever is later) of a given year shall be recorded as payment of membership for the following calendar year.

Sec. 4. Special Dues. The Executive Board shall have the authority to adopt or suspend special membership dues for limited promotional purposes only.

Sec. 5. Registration Fees. There shall be a registration fee for those who attend the Annual Conference, determined annually by the Executive Board.

Sec. 6. Annual Audit. There shall be an annual audit of the Association's accounts by an Auditor or CPA. The President, with the approval of the Executive Board, shall engage the services of an Auditor or CPA following the end of the fiscal year. **DELETE THIS WORDING AND REPLACE WITH THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONS INDICATED BY UNDERLINING):**

Sec. 6. Annual Audit. There shall be an annual audit, or official financial review of the Association's accounts by an Auditor or CPA. The President, with the recommendation of the Budget and Finance Committee and the approval of the Executive Board, shall engage the services of an Auditor or CPA following the end of the fiscal year.