

Bylaws of the SALSA Consortium / New Mexico State Library

Article I: Name of Organization

This body shall be known as the “The SALSA Consortium” within the New Mexico State Library Division, Department of Cultural Affairs. The SALSA Consortium is a member-driven group of libraries that was founded by the New Mexico State Library (NMSL) to support an Integrated Library System (ILS) and to establish standard practices for resource sharing and cataloging among libraries participating in the Consortium.

Article II: Purpose

The SALSA Consortium is designed to provide online search and discovery capabilities for resources (print, non-print, electronic and any other objects that participants might catalog) held by NMSL and participating libraries. SALSA allows library patrons to access a broad array of information resources easily and in a timely and seamless manner, regardless of the location of the library patron or of the location of the resource. (from our Memorandum of Understanding)

Article III: Membership Participating Libraries

Membership Participating Libraries are libraries that join the SALSA Consortium by signing its Memorandum of Understanding and agreeing to its terms. Membership also includes the New Mexico State Library.

Article IV: Executive Committee

The SALSA Consortium Executive Committee shall be comprised of one person from each participating library, in addition to the State Librarian, who shall be an ex-officio non-voting member. The State Library shall establish such committee according to the Memorandum of Understanding. The Executive Committee's charge is listed in the Memorandum of Understanding.

Article V: New Members

The Executive Committee will consider the applications of new members, and will approve their membership. Subject to sufficient appropriations the State Library will fund the migration costs for moving the cataloging and patron records of new members into the Consortium database. Subject to sufficient appropriations the State Library will fund the cost of migrating the entire consortium to any future ILS systems.

Article VI: Membership Termination

At any time, Participating Libraries may withdraw as members of the Consortium. Also, the Executive Committee can recommend termination of a Participating Library's membership due to noncompliance with the Consortium's Memorandum of Understanding and/or these Bylaws. The Participating Library would be required to pay for a copy of its database records, if it wants a copy of them. Participating Libraries have the right to receive at cost and in a timely manner a complete and current copy of its catalog database with attached bibliographic, patron and transaction records extracted from the SALSA database in a useful format. In an effort to give adequate time for withdrawing the Executive Committee shall work with each terminating Participating Library to accommodate scheduling the suppression and deletion of the participant's database records.

Article VII: Meetings

Section 1. The Consortium shall meet at least twice a year, at such time and place as set forth in meeting notices. The Consortium will comply with the Open Meetings Act (NMSA 1978, Sections 10-15-1 to 10-15-4).

Section 2. A quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of a majority of SALSA participating libraries, each participating library being represented by at least one person.

Section 3. Minutes of the meetings shall be available on the State Library's website.

Article VIII: Voting Between Meetings

Between meetings, a vote of the Executive Committee may be taken by mail, email, or telephone.

Article XI: Committees

As deemed necessary for the success of the Consortium the Executive Committee shall form ad hoc advisory committees and task forces.

Article X: Parliamentary Procedure

Robert's Rules of Order, latest edition, shall constitute the authority on all matters not covered by the bylaws.

Article XI: Amendments

Amendments to these bylaws may be adopted by a majority vote of Executive Committee members, subsequent to notification of the proposed change.

Article XII: Effective Date

These bylaws shall take and be effective on and after January 1, 2017.