

Waupaca Area Public Library
Board of Trustees By-Laws

Article I. Membership

Pursuant to the requirements of the Wisconsin Statutes chapter 43, the Board of Trustees of the Waupaca Area Public Library shall consist of nine members, seven of whom shall be appointed by the mayor with the approval of the City Council, one of whom is a student and one a City Council member. One shall be appointed by the Superintendent of Schools to represent the public school district. One additional member will represent the Waupaca County Board of Supervisors. Four members shall be residents of the City of Waupaca.

The Library Director is responsible for orientating new library board members.

Article II. Officers

I. OFFICERS. The officers of the library board shall be a president, a vice-president, and a treasurer.

II. ELECTIONS. Election of officers shall be held at the May meeting. Nominations shall be taken from the floor. Officers shall not serve more than four consecutive terms in their elected office.

III. PRESIDENTIAL DUTIES. The principal duties of the president shall be to preside at the regular and special meetings of the board, to have the usual powers of supervision and management, and to perform such other duties as may be designated by the board. The president may be an ex-officio member of all committees.

IV. VICE PRESIDENTIAL DUTIES. The vice-president shall discharge the duties of the president in the event of absence, or of a vacancy in that office, and in addition, assume any other duties as designated by the board.

V. TREASURER'S DUTIES. The treasurer shall maintain an accurate record of monthly expenditures. Each month the treasurer shall sign a voucher presented by the Director for the total monthly bills. Treasurers records shall be kept in the Library Director's office, unless specified by the board.

Article III. Meetings

Section 1.) Regular meetings of the Library Board shall be held on the second Tuesday of each month or upon an alternate date designated by the Board President or presiding officer. Members shall be expected to attend all meetings except as they are prevented by a valid reason. Members should notify the Library Director if unable to attend a meeting. Meetings may be cancelled or rescheduled by the Board President if a quorum is not available. If more than three consecutive unexcused absences occur, a Board member will automatically be required to resign from the Board.

Section 2.) Special meetings may be called by the President at any time deemed advisable, or upon written request to the President by three board members for the transaction of business stated in the request.

Section 3.) The Library Director shall prepare an agenda for the monthly meetings, which shall be sent through the City Clerk's Office to board members at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the meeting.

Section 4.) A quorum at any meeting shall consist of five voting Library Board members.

Section 5.) Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the parliamentary procedure of the board.

Section 6.) The Library Director shall appoint a staff member to attend all Library Board meetings and maintain a true and accurate record of those meetings. All records and correspondence, unless specified by the board, shall be kept in the Library Director's office.

Article IV. Committees

The President shall appoint four standing committees, which are Planning, Finance, Policy and Personnel and any other committees deemed necessary. Appointments to the standing committees will take place after election of Library Board Officers in May. The committees shall report progress to the Library Board at their next monthly meeting. Ad hoc committees will be disbanded after giving a final report to the Library Board on their respective purpose.

Article V. Library Director & Staff

The Board of Trustees shall appoint a qualified Library Director. The Library Director shall be the executive and administrative officer of the Library on behalf of the Board and operate under its review and direction. The Library Director shall recommend to the board for approval the appointment of the other employees and shall specify their duties. The Library Director shall be held responsible for the proper direction and supervision of the staff, for the care and maintenance of Library property, for the selection of materials, for the efficient provision of library services to the public and for its financial operation within the limitations of the Library's budgeted appropriation. In the case of part-time or temporary employees, the Director shall have interim authority to appoint without prior approval of the Library Board provided that any such appointment shall be reported to the board at its next regular meeting. The Library Board will also abide by the those portions of the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual of the City of Waupaca that apply to all city employee's except for those powers, procedures and policies provided for in Wis. State Statute Chapter 43.

Article VI. General

Section 1.) An affirmative vote of the majority of all voting members of the Library Board present at any legally constituted meeting shall be necessary to approve an action before the board. The President may vote upon and may move or second a proposal before the board.

Section 2.) The by-laws may be amended by the majority vote of all voting members of the library Board provided that the change had been proposed by a board member or the Library Director at the preceding regular meeting, and the notice of the proposed amendment was included as a separate statement in the agenda of the meeting at which it is to be acted upon.

Section 3.) Any rule or resolution of the Library Board may be suspended temporarily in connection with business at hand. Such suspension, to be valid, may be taken only at a meeting at which two-thirds of the members of the board shall be present and two-thirds of those present shall so approve.

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