

## LEGISLATION DIVISION

### GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

#### **FUNCTION:**

To engage in on-going analysis of pending state, federal, and local legislation affecting library media services and personnel and to provide leadership in initiating, supporting, or opposing such legislation.

#### **COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP:**

**Chair:** Appointed by the President upon the recommendation of the Vice President, Legislation and approval of Executive Board for one year. Must have served as a member of the GRC.

**Members:** One representative from the Executive Board of each Section appointed by Section President and two representatives from each Section at large appointed by the GRC chair. Members serve two year terms, with appointments expiring in alternate years.

#### **PROCEDURES/GUIDELINES:**

1. Examine federal, state, and local legislation affecting school library media programs, services, and personnel; other libraries; and education.
2. Recommend, subject to President's approval, the positions of the association on individual items of legislation in accordance with the following categories:
  - a. SPONSOR/Initiate legislation, obtain author or co-authors, and assume responsibility for obtaining support for enactment.
  - b. SUPPORT/Actively lobby legislation introduced or proposed which is in the interest of the association.
  - c. APPROVE/Favor legislation but not actively lobby for it.
  - d. NEUTRAL or NO POSITION
  - e. DISAPPROVE/Disfavor legislation but not actively lobby against it.
  - f. OPPOSE/Actively lobby against legislation which is contrary to the interests of the association.
  - g. WATCH/Monitor legislation and bring any significant amendments to the GRC for possible change in position.
3. When a position on legislation is required before an Executive Board meeting is scheduled, the position may be approved by the State President, Vice President, Legislation, and GRC Chair.
4. Report to the Executive Board directly or through the Vice President, Legislation, and to the membership through existing publications, committee newsletters, workshops, or other means.
  1. Actively solicit membership response to committee direction and decisions.

2. Develop relationships with allied organizations to increase committee effectiveness.
3. Encourage the initiation of legislation favorable to educational matters related to the interests and purposes of CSLA.
4. Represent the Association before legally constituted bodies that may create, effect, support, or oppose legislation.
5. Submit a written report to the Vice President, Legislation for final Executive Board meeting with budget recommendations for the following fiscal year.