

Standing Committees

Awards

Select recipients for TLA Awards. Review and revise award criteria, rubric and application. At least four virtual meetings a year and encouraged attendance at TLA Annual Conference for award presentations. Appointment term commitment is 3 years.

Bylaws

Review and study the Bylaws and Standing Rules and recommend amendments and changes to Council. Can exercise a deep understanding of TLA practices and suggest association best practices. At least four virtual meetings a year and encouraged attendance at all Council meetings. Appointment term commitment is 3 years.

Disaster Relief

Coordinates TLA's response to all types of disasters that severely affect libraries in Texas, updates Disaster Relief grant application and rubric as needed; reviews and determines grant awards. Required two virtual meetings, with the understanding that in case of an emergency disaster, more meetings may be required. Encouraged attendance at TLA Annual Conference to help with the raffle for the Disaster Relief Endowment. Appointment term commitment is 3 years.

Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion

Create, guide, and recommend structures and policies to help meet the TLA Strategic Plan for diversity and inclusiveness. The committee will be responsible for the continuous monitoring, evaluation, assessment, improvement and updating of the TLA Diversity Action Plan.

Intellectual Freedom

Work with the Legislative Committee to watch proposed legislation which would restrict or interfere with the selection and acquisition of materials and other professional activities of libraries. Required two virtual business meetings a year and encouraged year-round advocacy for the protection of intellectual freedom in libraries. Appointment term commitment is 3 years.

Lariat Reading List

The Lariat Adult Fiction Reading List is compiled for use by the general reader and librarians who work with adult readers. Its purpose is to call attention to outstanding fiction published during the year that merits special attention from readers. List published in January. Committee begins work in February to publish the list by the following January. Required at least four virtual meetings a year. Appointment term commitment is 3 years.

Legislative

Establish and maintain an effective network for contacting legislative representatives and keep the association informed on state and federal legislation affecting libraries. Work closely with Director of Communication and Advocacy to promote legislative support for library legislation. Required four virtual meetings, with the understanding that more meetings may be required depending on the Texas State Legislative session. Appointment term is 4 years.

Public Relations & Marketing

Promote libraries and the maximum use of libraries and expansion of library services throughout Texas by encouraging strong community involvement, cooperative relationships among libraries of various types and non-library partners. Produces the Libraries Transform Texas podcast and manages the TLA Branding Iron Award program. Required four virtual meetings. Appointment term is 3 years.

Scholarship & Grants

Review and approve rubrics and applications. Publicizes the availability of scholarships, and other such awards in the Fall. Encourage nominations and applications during the winter. Determine recipients in the early Spring prior to conference. Required four virtual meetings, with the possibility of more depending on the committee scope of work. Encouraged attendance at TLA Annual Conference. Appointment term is 3 years.

TALL Texans Selection

Review TALL Texans rubrics and application. Review and select TALL Texans students from pool of applicants. Required at least two virtual meetings, with an understanding that outside work will be required to review and grade applications. Appointment term is 3 years.

Tejas Star Reading List

The Tejas Star Reading List is a recommended reading list intended for recreational reading and to encourage children ages 5-12 to explore multicultural books and discover the cognitive and economic benefits of bilingualism and multilingualism. Committee members must be able to speak, read and write in Spanish. List published in January. Committee begins work in February to publish the list by the following January. Required at least four virtual meetings a year. Appointment term commitment is 3 years.

Texas Bluebonnet Award Program

The Texas Bluebonnet Award Program Committee coordinates the activities with the Texas Bluebonnet Award Program (TBA). This committee administers a reading award program designed for Texas children in grades 3-6, who vote for a favorite book from a selected reading list prepared by the TBA Committee. Required four virtual meetings a year and required attendance at the TLA Annual Conference. Appointment term commitment is 3 years.

Texas Bluebonnet Selection Program

The Texas Bluebonnet Award Selection Committee will participate in guiding and directing the educational focus of the TBA Program in conjunction with the TBA Program Committee. Prepares a selected reading list for the TBA Program, based on extensive reading and outside suggestions submitted to the Committee. Required four virtual meetings, and consistent work throughout the year. Encourage attendance at the TLA Annual Conference. Appointment term commitment is 3 years.

Texas Book Festival

Promote and provide assistance to the Texas Book Festival, as needed, including publicizing the Texas Book Festival to the library community and helping to broaden the participation through the state in festival activities. Participate in scoring Texas Book Festival Grants. Required two virtual meetings and attendance at the Texas Book Festival. Appointment term is 3 years.

Texas Topaz Nonfiction Reading List

The Texas Topaz Nonfiction Reading List is a recommended reading list for children and adults with recommended nonfiction titles and stimulate reading for pleasure and personal learning. List published in January. Committee begins work in February to publish the list by the following January. Required at least four virtual meetings a year. Appointment term commitment is 3 years.

Texas Youth Creator Awards

The Texas Youth Creator Award Committee will administer the annual competition and monitor the production and distribution of all publicity and promotional materials associated with the program. Coordinate arrangements for the Awards ceremony at Annual Conference. Required four virtual meetings a year and encouraged attendance at the TLA Annual Conference. Appointment term is 3 years.

Conference Planning Committee

The Conference Planning Committee works to plan the TLA Annual Conference. Members will meet virtually and in-person throughout the year to determine the programs and local arrangements at the annual conference. Required attendance at Annual Assembly and Annual Conference with monthly virtual meetings throughout the year. Appointment term is 1.5 years.