# History

Bylaws were approved by the Executive Board April 15, 2008, based on a petition from Jennifer Link Jones passed through Susan Morris, chair of the Interest Group Committee.

After a 2 year period of inactivity, amended bylaws expanding the scope of the interest group were approved by the Executive Board on February 12, 2016, based on a petition from Cristina Hernández Trotter passed through Emily Thornton, chair of the Interest Group Council.

## **Bylaws**

Adopted April 15, 2008. Revised February 12, 2016.

ARTICLE I. Name

The name of this organization shall be the Research and Assessment Interest Group of the Georgia Library Association.

## ARTICLE II. Objective

The objective of this organization is to foster and advance the skills and knowledge of its members and others in the practices of library assessment and library and information science research.

ARTICLE III. Membership

Members of the Georgia Library Association who are interested in the objectives of the interest group are eligible for membership.

# ARTICLE IV. Officers

Section 1.

The officers of this organization shall be a Chair, a Vice-Chair, and a Secretary-Treasurer. These officers shall perform the duties usually attached to these offices.

### Section 2.

Officers shall hold office for one year or until their successors are elected.

# **ARTICLE V. Elections**

# Section 1.

Officers shall be elected by majority vote at the annual business meeting, except for when the need to fill a position requires elections to be held at a regular meeting of the group or through an online election.

## Section 2.

Each member of the interest group, including officers, shall have the right to one vote.

# **ARTICLE VI. Committees**

## Section 1.

The interest group chair shall appoint such committees as are necessary to transact the business of the interest group.

# Section 2.

The committee members shall, by a majority vote, elect the chair of the committee during a regular meeting or through an online election.

# **ARTICLE VII. Meetings**

#### Section 1.

The annual business meeting shall be held in conjunction with GLA's annual conference.

## Section 2.

The interest group will meet at GLA's Midwinter Meeting to address any outstanding business and to discuss activities for the year.

#### Section 3.

Regular meetings, either face-to-face or online, may be called at the discretion of the officers.

#### ARTICLE VIII. Amendment to the Bylaws

The articles may be adopted, amended, or repealed at any regular meeting of the Research and Assessment Interest Group at which a quorum is present, provided such notice was given prior to the announcement of the meeting.

# ARICLE IX. Nominations

Section 1.

Nominations for elective positions shall be made prior to the election either at a previous meeting or through online communication.

Section 2.

Only when an elective position has no nominated candidates willing to fill the position shall a last-minute request for nominations be made on the floor immediately before an election.

Section 3.

All nominees shall be given an opportunity to share information about themselves, their qualifications, and/or their interest in the elective position before the election.

## ARTICLE X. Quorum

One-fourth of the membership shall constitute a quorum.

# ARTICLE XI. Current Membership

The secretary-treasurer shall maintain a list of current members.

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