



ACRL Health Sciences Interest Group Policies

1. Name

ACRL Health Sciences Interest Group (IGHS)

2. Charge

The Health Sciences Interest Group provides an opportunity for academic librarians with health sciences responsibilities to have a place in ACRL to network, share information, ask questions, and work on special projects and programs relevant to the academic health sciences. The interest group also works to promote interest in the health sciences to potential and current academic librarians and to improve information literacy specifically in the area of the health sciences.

3. Membership

Any member of the Association of College and Research Libraries may elect membership in the Health Science Interest Group. Every member of the interest group has the right to vote and is eligible to hold office.

4. Governance

Sec. 1. Officers. The officers of this interest group shall be a chair, a vice-chair/chair-elect, and a past chair.

Sec. 2. Terms of Office. The chair shall serve for one year. The chair-elect shall serve for one year as vice-chair; at its expiration, or upon the occurrence of a vacancy, the vice chair shall become chair. The past chair shall serve for one year.

Sec.3 The vice-chair is elected by majority vote by the IGHS members. Election for the vice-chair shall be held annually one week prior to the ALA Annual Conference. Emergency elections resulting from a vacancy may be held at anytime.

5. Working Groups

Sec. 1. Authorization and Discontinuance. Working groups shall be authorized or discontinued as needed by the current officers.

Sec. 2. Appointment. Each working group will have a leader appointed by the officers. Working group leaders shall serve for a two year term.

Sec. 4. All working group members must be current IGHS members for the duration of their appointment.

Sec. 5. All working groups are required to report on their work. Minutes shall be taken and posted after any meeting on the IGHS ALA Connect Page (<http://connect.ala.org/node/75383>). Each group shall have a report of their work prepared for the ALA Midwinter Conference and the ALA Annual Conference. If no working group member is available to attend ALA Midwinter or ALA Annual, a copy of report will be read by the chair.

6. Interest Group Renewal or Termination

Sec. 1. Review. Health Sciences Interest Group officers shall conduct a review of the group every two years to prepare a recommendation for the ACRL Board of Directors. During this review, the officers will evaluate the current charge, procedures, working groups, and membership statistics. The review will determine whether the interest group should be renewed.

Sec. 2. Board Recommendation. Based on the aforementioned review, six months prior to the three year mark, the officers will submit a Board Action recommending that the interest group be renewed or terminated.