

75-2546. State library of Kansas board; membership; officers; terms; duties; meetings; compensation and allowances. (a) There is hereby created the state library of Kansas board, which shall consist of 14 members as follows:

(1) Seven members shall be professional librarians appointed by the governor. The professional organizations representing the following types of librarians shall each submit a list of three nominees for appointment to the board and the governor shall appoint one member from each such list: (A) Public librarians; (B) school librarians; (C) regents' librarians; (D) community college librarians; (E) private college librarians; (F) regional library systems librarians; and (G) special librarians. It shall be the responsibility of the state librarian to collect the names of nominees from the professional organizations of the librarians and to transmit them to the governor.

(2) Four members shall be appointed by the governor as follows: (A) One member who is a trustee of a public library; (B) two members representing the general public; and (C) one member who shall be a qualified member of the Kansas federation of women's clubs.

(3) Three members shall be members ex officio and shall not be entitled to vote. Such members shall be: (A) The executive officer of the board of regents or the designee of the executive officer; (B) the commissioner of education or the designee of the commissioner; and (C) the state librarian.

(b) Each appointed member of the board shall serve for a term of four years and until a successor is appointed and qualifies except members first appointed to the board shall serve the following terms, as designated by the governor: Three shall serve for terms of four years, three for terms of three years, two for terms of two years and three for terms of one year. The appointed members of the board shall not serve more than two consecutive four-year terms.

(c) It shall be the duty of the governor to make appointments in the manner provided by subsection (a) to fill vacancies on the board as they occur. Any person appointed to a vacancy shall serve for the unexpired term until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

(d) The board shall organize annually by electing a chairperson and a vice-chairperson. The vice-chairperson shall preside at meetings in the absence of the chairperson. The state librarian shall serve as secretary of the board. The board shall meet at least quarterly and at such other times as meetings are called by the secretary.

(e) The board shall:

(1) Advocate for statewide library services and resources, encouraging cooperation among libraries and promoting and encouraging innovative library services;

(2) advise and counsel the state librarian on policies and management and the state library strategic plan;

(3) review and approve the annual plans of regional systems of cooperating libraries;

(4) perform such other duties and functions as provided by law; and

(5) recommend statewide priorities for interlibrary cooperation and resource sharing.

(f) Members of the board attending meetings of the board, or attending a subcommittee meeting thereof authorized by the board, shall be paid amounts provided in subsection (e) of K.S.A. 75-3223, and amendments thereto. Amounts paid under this section shall be paid from appropriations to the state library upon warrants of the director of accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the state librarian or a person designated by the state librarian.

History: L. 1963, ch. 422, § 14; L. 1974, ch. 348, § 89; L. 1975, ch. 416, § 19; L. 1983, ch. 281, § 1; L. 2007, ch. 114, § 1; L. 2012, ch. 173, § 3; June 7.