

Proposed changes to the Mid-Hudson Library System Bylaws

Under Article IV: Board of Trustees

- Add clarifying text to Section 1: "General Powers and Objectives."
- Add a new Section 6: "Qualifications."
- Revise wording of Section 7: "Disqualification."

Sec. 1. General Powers and Objectives

The Board of Trustees, hereinafter referred to as the Board, is entrusted with the governance of the System. It shall adopt Bylaws, adopt a Plan of Service and amend it as necessary, establish such policies as will insure the achievement of the System's objectives, employ a Director, and employ and appoint other staff upon the recommendation of the Director and as the Board deems necessary, supervise the expenditure of the System's funds, discharge all such responsibilities as provided for in these Bylaws and exercise such other responsibilities as may be appropriate.

Sec . 6. Qualifications

Each trustee is required to have attended a library trustee education workshop offered by the Mid-Hudson Library System or a comparable trustee education provider within three years preceding their election to the board or within their first year as a trustee. Trustees appointed or elected before 2013 shall have until December 31, 2015 to meet this requirement.

Sec. 7. Disqualification

Without an excuse accepted as satisfactory by the Board, any trustee who fails to meet the Qualifications of Section 6 shall be declared to have resigned, or any trustee who fails to attend four Board or Committee meetings per annum, without an excuse accepted as satisfactory by the Board shall, at the next regular meeting following the fourth absence, be declared to have resigned.

***Note: Proposed changes are underlined**