

SC/MLA Governmental Relations Committee Manual

Committee Charge:

The SC/MLA Governmental Relations Committee is charged with monitoring pending legislation and the implementation of public laws and actions by federal executive departments in accordance with the bylaws of the Medical Library Association's Governmental Relations Committee and in keeping with their established positions on issues affecting medical libraries. (See MLA Governmental Relations Committee website at www.mlanet.org/government. The Committee then disseminates information on upcoming legislation to the membership and, where appropriate, mobilizes the membership to contact their elected officials about relevant issues. The Committee Chair should either be on the MLA Governmental Relations Committee or should maintain close contact with that committee. He or she should also subscribe to the American Library Association's ALA-WON listserv to keep apprised of legislative issues involving libraries in general. (To subscribe to this list, send a "Subscribe ALA-WON" message to listproc@ala1.ala.org.)

Committee Structure:

The Governmental Relations Committee is composed of a chair and members representing each state in the Southern Chapter. The SC/MLA Chair appoints the Chair of the committee. The Committee Chair will appoint committee members.

This committee has members from each state including the Chair. Members serve 3 years, as does the chair. Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Puerto Rico.

Timeline:

October-November	Recruit new committee members
December	Submit Southern Expressions article
February	Submit Mid-year committee report
March	Submit Southern Expressions article
June	Submit Southern Expressions article
August	Submit Southern Expressions article
October	Submit Annual committee report