

**DRAFT CONSTITUTION
OF THE
INTEREST GROUP FOR RESEARCH, EDUCATION AND TRAINING (RETIG)
OF THE
LIBRARY AND INFORMATION ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA (LIASA)**

ARTICLE 1

NAME

1. The name of the body shall be: Research, Education and Training Interest Group (RETIG), an Interest Group of the Library and Information Association of South Africa (LIASA).
2. In this constitution, this body is hereinafter referred to as “the Interest Group” and the Library and Information Association of South Africa (LIASA) as “the Association”.

ARTICLE 2

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The aims and objectives of the Interest Group shall be to:

- Support and promote the aims and objectives of the Association;
- Unite all teachers, trainers, students, and researchers in all institutions that offer Library and Information Studies education and training and researchers in Library and Information Science and related disciplines;
- Promote the exchange of ideas, research results and experience among members;
- Co-operate with National and International Groups and Organizations in the advancement of Library and Information Science and related disciplines;
- Provide researchers, teachers and trainers with the opportunity to meet on a professional basis to plan, share ideas and exchange views on how research, teaching and training in Library and Information Studies and related disciplines should be undertaken and prioritized in South Africa;
- Encourage, promote and publicize research, teaching and training and scholarly work amongst members of the Library and Information Studies profession, related professions and the general public;
- Promote human resource development of existing and prospective members of the Library and Information profession through:
 - Continuing professional education;

- Co-operation with statutory bodies such as the National Departments of Education and Labor, provincial and local governments, SAQA, NQF, SETA's and the NRF;
- Organized labor such as employee organizations, trade unions, trade union federations;
- Employers and employers associations such as SALGA;
- Act as a quality control mechanism for education and training of Library and Information Studies professionals through compiling standards, accrediting educational and training programs, Assessors, guidelines for Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL), etc.

ARTICLE 3

MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Interest Group shall be open to:

1. Members of the Association interested in the aims and objectives of the Interest Group;
2. Researchers, teachers, trainers and students of various institutions in the fields of Library and Information Studies and related disciplines.

ARTICLE 4

BRANCHES

1. The Interest Group shall consist of branches in the various Provincial branches of the Association;
2. The Interest Group shall consist of provincial and national committees;
3. A local branch committee shall co-operate and liaise with the Provincial branch of the Association. The chairperson of the local Branch committee should be co-opted or at least consulted on a regular basis by the Provincial Branch of the Association
4. The role and purpose of the Branches are to:
 - a. Support the aims and objectives of the Interest Group through member participation in special interest fields or various institutions;
 - b. Provide for the exchange of ideas and experiences among members;
 - c. Provide input to the Executive Committee on issues of concern.

ARTICLE 5

MANAGEMENT

1. Management of the Interest Group shall be vested in an Executive Committee;

2. The executive Committee of the Interest Group shall be composed of the following elected members:
 - a. Chairperson
 - b. Vice-chairperson
 - c. Secretary
 - d. Treasurer
 - e. Representatives of the 9 provinces.
3. The Chairperson of the Interest Group is a member of the Council of the Association.
4. All members of the Executive Committee shall be individual members of the Association in good standing
5. The Executive Committee shall determine all policies and projects of the Interest Group. These policies, proposals and projects shall be presented to members at an Annual General Meeting of the Interest Group. Decisions taken at the Annual General Meeting shall be carried as motions to the Business Meeting of the Association.

ARTICLE 6

AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION

1. The Executive Committee or 20 voting members of the Interest Group may propose amendments to the constitution. Proposed amendments shall be submitted to the Chairperson in writing, not less than sixty days before the Annual General Meeting.
2. All proposed amendments should be considered legitimate, unless they are found contrary to the constitution of the Association.
3. All legitimate amendments shall be distributed to the membership no less than fourteen days prior to the Annual General Meeting.
4. To be passed, an amendment to the Constitution shall require a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at the Annual General Meeting. It shall not be enforced or acted upon until approval is obtained from the Council of the Association.

ARTICLE 7

DISSOLUTION

1. The membership of the Interest Group may by three-quarters vote of the members present and voting at an Annual General Meeting dissolve the Interest Group.
2. In the event of the dissolution of the Interest Group, the Council of the Association shall be empowered to act as trustee on the Association's behalf.