

CONSTITUTION OF THE NORTH AFRICA CAUCUS OF THE AFRICAN LITERATURE ASSOCIATION (NACALA)

ARTICLE I: NAME, OBJECTIVES, AND GOVERNANCE

Section 1. Name:

The name of this organization shall be the North Africa Caucus of the African Literature Association. The Caucus exists as an affiliated but separately administered organization of scholars who are also members of the ALA, and whose work relates to or intersects with North Africa.

Section 2. Objectives:

The objectives of this organization shall be:

1. To establish a network of scholars and teachers working on North Africa.
2. To promote scholarship on North African literatures, cultures, and related subjects.
3. To promote the engagement of scholars with North Africa across and/or beyond national, linguistic, and disciplinary boundaries.
4. To ensure the continued engagement of research on North Africa with the broader context of research on Africa.
5. To foster the development of scholarship on lesser-studied aspects of North African literatures and cultures.
6. To provide a collegial network of resources for the advancement of North African Studies to the African Literature Association, other related associations, universities, publishers, and institutions.

Section 3. Structure:

1. Executive Council

1. Chair
2. Vice Chair
3. Secretary

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP AND AFFILIATION

Section 1. Members:

Membership in the Caucus is open to ALA members interested in North Africa.

Section 2. Voting:

Elections will be held yearly for the designated officers at the annual meeting. Votes will be cast by secret ballot. Each financial member shall be entitled to cast one ballot, which may also be cast for that member by proxy or in written form.

Section 4. Activities:

- A. Holding annual meetings at the ALA's Annual Conference;
- B. Sponsoring meetings, panels, seminars, roundtables, etc. in conjunction with the annual meetings of the ALA;
- C. Titles suggested by the caucus through its Chair will supply panels and roundtables.

Section 5. Meetings:

- A. Notice of place of meeting shall be given in the program of the conference. When possible, the caucus' Executive chair will submit a preferred time to convene and will consult with members concerning possible time slots.
- B. Other meetings of the caucus will be convened upon request of members.

Section 6. Officers:

Officers shall be elected for a one-year term. The Vice Chair shall succeed to the office of Chair in the year following his/her term as Vice Chair. The Chair will be the caucus' representative on the ALA Executive Council.

ARTICLE III: COORDINATION AND MANAGEMENT DUTIES

Section 1. Chair:

The Chair shall preside over meetings and facilities and otherwise manage the affairs of the Caucus. The Chair shall call and coordinate meetings and shall work with the Secretary to make announcements public. The chair shall also be the representative of the caucus to other organizations and the public, and seek to recruit members.

Section 2. Vice Chair:

The Vice Chair shall perform all duties of the Chair in the event that the Chair is unable to do so.

Section 4. Secretary:

The Secretary shall keep all minutes, correspondence and records. The Secretary shall correspond with members concerning, and be responsible for, announcing meetings' times, dates and location.

ARTICLE IV: AMENDMENTS

Amendments to this constitution shall require prior notification of the proposed amendment in writing. Amendments will be adopted if approved by two thirds majority vote of members present.