

Consortium of Rhode Island Academic and Research Libraries

Procedures for Admission of New Members

1. Application for membership must be submitted in writing, and include the following:
 - a) An academic library must be within an institution which meets ACRL or other professional standards, and is accredited by NEASC through its Commission on Institutions of Higher Education or by another appropriate accrediting body. A non-academic library must demonstrate support for scholarly research. A prospective member library must also demonstrate continued support for development and improvement of collection, staff, and services. (CRIARL Bylaws, Article III, Sec. II)
 - b) Commitment and demonstrated capacity to cooperate with other Consortium members on current and future activities (CRIARL Bylaws, Article II).
 - c) Commitment to support development and improvement of collections, staff, and services. (CRIARL Bylaws, Article III, Sec. II)
 - d) Indication of the authority of the director to speak for the Library within the institution.
2. The written application will be referred to the Board of Directors at their next meeting. After discussion, it should be referred to a Membership Committee appointed by the President.
3. The Membership Committee will review the written application and verify the factual data contained therein through visit and discussion with the applying library's director and staff.
4. Based on its review of the written application and on-site visit and discussion, the Membership Committee will make one of the following recommendations to the Consortium: 1) accept; 2) reject; or 3) defer, pending the receipt of additional information.
5. Consortium members will vote on the application for admission. A 2/3 vote of the entire membership is required to admit a new member.
6. The normal time period for the admission process, from receipt of the written application to vote by the membership, should not exceed 120 days.

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