



STRUCTURES STUDY COMMITTEE

Membership questions for conversation

Please keep in mind these questions are offered as a framework for conversation; the questions may change as the conversation moves along.

A. How is membership defined?		
SELCO	SELS	Possibly in the Future
By statute	By statute	
Within organizational bylaws	Within organizational bylaws	
B. Who are the members?		
SELCO	SELS	Possibly in the Future
Public libraries	Public libraries, if members of SELCO	
Counties	Academic libraries	
	School media centers	
	Special libraries	
C. What is expected of members?		
SELCO	SELS	Possibly in the Future
Sign a Declaration of Intent to Participate	Sign a membership agreement with automatic annual renewal	
Receive > 50% from local tax support	Participate in cooperative activities	
Meet Maintenance of Effort	Share resources	
If statutory city, have a legally constituted library board	Participate in the development of a communication system	
Open 25 hours of public service or 40 for	Work towards the development of SELS	

T-1 capacity	databases	
Charge non-resident fee	Maintain financial support	
Meet criteria of applicable state and federal law	Abide by membership requirements as adopted by the SELCO/SELS Board	
Participate in statewide reciprocal borrowing		
Pay dues, fees, or assessments promptly		
Provided a duly appointed member to the SELCO/SELS Board		
Submit an annual report to the State Library		
Attend a majority of Advisory Committee meetings		
Attend at least six training events per year		
Provide full service to regional residents		
Provide public Internet service		
Participate in the SELCO ILS		
Abide by Board policies		
D. Are there membership levels?		
SELCO	SELS	Possibly in the Future
No	No	
E. Do all members have access to the same rights and privileges?		
SELCO	SELS	Possibly in the Future
Yes	Yes	
SELCO Online Libraries have access to more services and benefits	SELCO Online Libraries have access to more services and benefits	
F. How is the service catalog determined?		
SELCO	SELS	Possibly in the Future

Discussion with members while on site visits	Discussion with members while on site visits	
Input from organization committees	Input from organization committees	
Annual budget survey	Annual budget survey	
State requirements	State requirements	
G. Is membership voluntary or mandatory?		
SELCO	SELS	Possibly in the Future
Public libraries - voluntary	All libraries - voluntary	
Counties - mandatory		
H. What is the process for attaining and maintaining membership?		
SELCO	SELS	Possibly in the Future
Sign a Declaration of Intent to Participate	Sign a membership agreement with automatic annual renewal	
SELCO/SELS Board approval	SELCO/SELS Board approval	
I. How do members have a voice in the organization?		
SELCO	SELS	Possibly in the Future
SELCO/SELS Board of Directors	SELCO/SELS Board of Directors	
Participating on organizational committees	Participating on organizational committees	
Communication with staff	Communication with SELCO staff	
Responding to surveys & calls for input	Responding to surveys & calls for input	
Attending meetings and training events	Attending meetings and training events	