

(2) Vote

All decisions by the Museum and Library Services Board with respect to the exercise of its duties and powers shall be made by a majority vote of the members of the Board who are present and authorized to vote.

(h) Quorum

A majority of the voting members of the Museum and Library Services Board shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of business at official meetings, but a lesser number of members may hold hearings.

(i) Compensation and travel expenses**(1) Compensation**

Each member of the Museum and Library Services Board who is not an officer or employee of the Federal Government may be compensated at a rate to be fixed by the President, but not to exceed the daily equivalent of the maximum annual rate of pay authorized for a position above grade GS-15 of the General Schedule under section 5108 of title 5, for each day (including travel time) during which such member is engaged in the performance of the duties of the Museum and Library Services Board. Members of the Museum and Libraries Services Board who are full-time officers or employees of the Federal Government may not receive additional pay, allowances, or benefits by reason of their service on the Museum and Library Services Board.

(2) Travel expenses

Each member of the Museum and Library Services Board shall receive travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, in accordance with applicable provisions under subchapter I of chapter 57 of title 5.

(j) Coordination

The Director, with the advice of the Museum and Library Services Board, shall coordinate the development and implementation of policies and activities as described in subsections (f) and (g) of section 9103 of this title.

(Pub. L. 94-462, title II, §207, as added Pub. L. 108-81, title I, §104(2), Sept. 25, 2003, 117 Stat. 993; amended Pub. L. 111-340, title I, §104, Dec. 22, 2010, 124 Stat. 3597; Pub. L. 112-166, §2(r), Aug. 10, 2012, 126 Stat. 1288; Pub. L. 115-410, §4, Dec. 31, 2018, 132 Stat. 5413.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 207 of Pub. L. 94-462 was renumbered section 208 and is classified to section 9106 of this title.

Another prior section 207 of Pub. L. 94-462 was classified to section 966 of this title prior to the general amendment of title II of Pub. L. 94-462 by Pub. L. 104-208.

AMENDMENTS

2018—Subsec. (b)(2)(A)(i)(II). Pub. L. 115-410, §4(1), inserted “, including rural communities” after “underserved communities”.

Subsec. (b)(3). Pub. L. 115-410, §4(2), in first sentence, inserted “, and the needs of,” after “persons from” and “, including rural areas” after “United States”.

Subsec. (b)(4). Pub. L. 115-410, §4(3), substituted “the Deputy Director of the Office of Museum Services, and the General Counsel of the Institute” for “and the Deputy Director of the Office of Museum Services”.

Subsecs. (f) to (j). Pub. L. 115-410, §4(4), (5), added subsec. (f) and redesignated former subsecs. (f) to (i) as (g) to (j), respectively.

2012—Subsec. (b)(1)(D), (E). Pub. L. 112-166 struck out “, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate” after “President”.

2010—Subsec. (b)(1)(D) to (F). Pub. L. 111-340, §104(1)(A), redesignated subpars. (E) and (F) as (D) and (E), respectively, and struck out former subpar. (D) which read as follows: “The Chairman of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science.”

Subsec. (b)(2)(A). Pub. L. 111-340, §104(1)(B)(i), substituted “(1)(D)” for “(1)(E)” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (b)(2)(B). Pub. L. 111-340, §104(1)(B)(ii), substituted “(1)(E)” for “(1)(F)” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (b)(4). Pub. L. 111-340, §104(1)(C), inserted “and” after “Library Services,” and struck out “, and the Chairman of the National Commission on Library and Information Science” before “shall”.

Subsec. (c)(1). Pub. L. 111-340, §104(2)(A), substituted “Each” for “Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, each” and “(D) or (E)” for “(E) or (F)”.

Subsec. (c)(2). Pub. L. 111-340, §104(2)(B), substituted “Authority to adjust terms” for “Initial Board appointments” in heading, struck out subpars. (A) and (B) related to treatment of members serving on effective date and first appointments and subpar. (C) designation and heading, and substituted “The terms of the members” for “The terms of the first members”.

Subsec. (d)(1). Pub. L. 111-340, §104(3)(A), substituted “relating to museum, library, and information services” for “relating to museum and library services, including financial assistance awarded under this chapter”.

Subsec. (d)(2). Pub. L. 111-340, §104(3)(B), added par. (2) and struck out former par. (2). Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “The Museum and Library Services Board shall advise the Director in making awards under section 9107 of this title.”

Subsec. (i). Pub. L. 111-340, §104(4), substituted “coordinate the development and implementation of policies and activities as described in subsections (f) and (g) of section 9103 of this title” for “take steps to ensure that the policies and activities of the Institute are coordinated with other activities of the Federal Government”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2012 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 112-166 effective 60 days after Aug. 10, 2012, and applicable to appointments made on and after that effective date, including any nomination pending in the Senate on that date, see section 6(a) of Pub. L. 112-166, set out as a note under section 113 of Title 6, Domestic Security.

§ 9106. Contributions

The Institute is authorized to solicit, accept, receive, and invest in the name of the United States, gifts, bequests, or devises of money and other property or services and to use such property or services in furtherance of the functions of the Institute. Any proceeds from such gifts, bequests, or devises, after acceptance by the Institute, shall be paid by the donor or the representative of the donor to the Director. The Director shall enter the proceeds in a special-interest bearing account to the credit of the Institute for the purposes specified in each case.

(Pub. L. 94-462, title II, §208, formerly §207, as added Pub. L. 104-208, div. A, title I, §101(e) [title VII, §702], Sept. 30, 1996, 110 Stat. 3009-233, 3009-295; renumbered §208 and amended Pub. L. 108-81, title I, §104(1), title V, §504(e), Sept. 25, 2003, 117 Stat. 993, 1004.)

AMENDMENTS

2003—Pub. L. 108-81, §504(e), which directed substitution of “property or services” for “property of services”, could not be executed because the words “property of services” did not appear in text.

§ 9107. Awards and medals

The Director, with the advice of the Museum and Library Services Board, may annually award national awards and medals for library and museum services to outstanding libraries and museums that have made significant contributions in service to their communities.

(Pub. L. 94-462, title II, §209, as added Pub. L. 108-81, title I, §105, Sept. 25, 2003, 117 Stat. 996; amended Pub. L. 111-340, title I, §105, Dec. 22, 2010, 124 Stat. 3598.)

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2010—Pub. L. 111-340 amended section catchline and text generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “The Director, with the advice of the Museum and Library Services Board, may annually award National Awards for Library Service and National Awards for Museum Service to outstanding libraries and outstanding museums, respectively, that have made significant contributions in service to their communities.”

§ 9108. Policy research, data collection, analysis and modeling, evaluation, and dissemination**(a) In general**

The Director shall regularly support and conduct, as appropriate, policy research, data collection, analysis and modeling, evaluation, and dissemination of information to extend and improve the Nation’s museum, library, and information services.

(b) Objectives

The objectives of the policy research, data collection, analysis and modeling, evaluation, and dissemination of information carried out under this section include the following:

- (1) To enhance and expand the capacity of museums, libraries, and information services to anticipate, respond to, and meet the evolving needs of communities and the public, including by identifying trends and developments that may impact the need for and delivery of services.
- (2) To provide information and data on the role, value, and impact of museum, library, and information resources, including the identification of trends and potential gaps in the availability and use of museum and library services by their communities and the public.
- (3) To measure the effectiveness of museums, libraries, and information services throughout the United States, including the impact of Federal programs authorized under this chapter.
- (4) To identify indicators and outcomes that can be used to create enhancements to the efficiency and efficacy of museum, library, and information services.
- (5) To promote advancement and growth in museum, library, and information services through sharing of best practices and effective strategies in order to better serve the people of the United States.

(6) To facilitate planning for, and building of, institutional capacity in order to improve—

- (A) museum, library, and information services at the national, State, local, and regional levels; and
- (B) international communications and cooperative networks.

(7) To support and enhance collaborative professional networks and consortia that use shared, meaningful, and actionable data analysis and modeling to advance museum, library, and information services and address community needs.

(c) Authority to contract and enter into other arrangements

The Director is authorized to enter into grants, contracts, cooperative agreements, and other arrangements with Federal agencies, public and private organizations, and other entities with expertise the Director determines appropriate, to further the objectives described in subsection (b) and to carry out the responsibilities under subsection (f).

(d) Consultation and public engagement

In carrying out subsection (a) and in furtherance of the objectives described in subsection (b), the Director—

(1) shall conduct ongoing collaboration (as determined appropriate by the Director) and consult with—

- (A) State library administrative agencies; and
- (B) National, State, tribal, and regional museum and library organizations; and

(2) may also collaborate or consult with—

- (A) cooperative networks of geographic- or discipline-based museums and libraries; and
- (B) other applicable agencies, organizations (including international organizations), entities (including entities with expertise in the fields of data collection, analysis and modeling, and evaluation), and community stakeholders.

(e) Assistance to museums and libraries

The Director shall provide technical support and assistance (and other resources, to the extent practicable) to ensure consistency in data reporting and help the museum and library fields with meeting the objectives of this section.

(f) Dissemination**(1) In general**

Each year, the Director shall widely disseminate, as appropriate to further the objectives described in subsection (b)—

- (A) the results, data, reports, findings, studies, surveys, and other information obtained under this section;
- (B) the means and approaches by which the objectives described in subsection (b) were accomplished; and
- (C) information regarding the manner and extent to which collaboration and consultation were conducted, as required by subsection (d).