



Constitution, Bylaw, Standing Rule – What’s the Difference?

Constitution	Bylaws	Standing Rules
The ALA Constitution is the ALA’s Articles of Incorporation	How it governs itself	More specific , administrative, and “process focused”
Core purpose and structure	Fundamental rules	Provide details about provisions in Bylaws
Rarely Amended	Amended every 5-10 years, if needed	Can be amend as frequently as needed to keep the organization up to date
Supported by Bylaws	Supported by Standing Rules	Implemented in the spirit of good will!