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QUESTION:

Our library is in the process of reviewing/updating our Policies and Procedures and came across a requirement for the librarian to be a member of the Area Library Forum (ALF).

Do you know what this is?

Nancy Merrow, Trustee
Northumberland Public Library, Groveton

ANSWER:

Hi Nancy -

The Area Library Forums (ALFs) were created by statute in 1981 as a part of the Statewide Library Development System. They still exist in law but have not existed in fact in perhaps a decade. You can see the law in RSA 201-D

<http://gencourt.state.nh.us/rsa/html/XVI/201-D/201-D-mrg.htm>

I think you are safe to remove the requirement from your policies and perhaps include attendance at your North Country Library Cooperative meetings. [List is on the State Library website: <https://www.nh.gov/nhsl/lds/cooperatives.html>]

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