

**Colorado Council of Medical Librarians
Advocacy Committee Chair**

Bylaws:

An Advocacy Committee, consisting of a chairperson and at least four members, shall monitor and selectively address major issues affecting the members.

Duties/Guidance:

1. Attend meetings of the membership and of the Executive Committee.
2. Committee plans/proposals must be presented to the Executive Committee prior to implementation.
3. Direct Committee in the exploration of issues affecting the closure, downsizing or absence of hospital libraries within the CCML membership area. Direction may suggested by the membership or the Executive Committee.
4. Guidance:
 - a. Be an active advocate of health sciences libraries and librarians especially at the state and local levels.
 - b. Increase the visibility of health sciences libraries
 - c. Educate administrators about the value of health sciences libraries
 - d. Address issues affecting the overall membership due to the closure, downsizing or absence of hospital libraries. These issues may overlap with other CCML committees, such as the Library Cooperation Committee.
 - e. Facilitate communication with other professional organizations, both library and non-library, to promote advocacy and improve library standards.
 - f. Monitor state and national factors which may have an impact on health sciences libraries
 - g. Provide assistance to librarians in approaching administrators when libraries may be facing downsizing or closure
 - h. Foster the development of expanding library services or skills which may increase the value of health sciences libraries
5. Prepare annual report to the membership for inclusion in April *Council Quotes*
6. Update this list of duties annually and present current list to incoming chair