

Appendix A: Articles & Sections Not Included in DRAFT 4 of the General Revision of the ALA Bylaws

This Appendix lists Articles and Sections from the ALA Constitution and ALA Bylaws not included in DRAFT 4 of the General Revision of the ALA Bylaws because, either, a) they are considered no longer relevant, or, b) they are being recommended for inclusion in the ALA Policy Manual.

ARTICLES AND SECTIONS CONSIDERED NO LONGER RELEVANT

ALA Constitution

Weblink: <https://www.ala.org/aboutala/governance/constitution/constitution>

Article IV. Divisions and Round Tables

Section 1. Divisions and Round Tables of the Association may be organized and supported as provided in the Bylaws.

Article V. Meetings

Section 1. Meetings shall be held as provided for in the Bylaws.

Article VI. Council

Section 2. Councilors shall be chosen as specified in the Bylaws of the Association.

ARTICLES AND SECTIONS RECOMMENDED FOR INCLUSION IN THE ALA POLICY MANUAL

ALA Constitution

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Article III. Membership

Section 1. "... after hearing ..."

Article IX. Endowment Funds

Section 2. "... The principal of and income from endowment funds shall be expended under the directions of the Executive Board but no such expenditures shall be made except in accordance with any... nor for any purposes which are not in consonance with the approved policies of the Association, nor shall principal be expended unless expressly permitted by the terms of the gift, or any amendment or modification thereof. No action shall be taken with reference to investment, reinvestment, or other principal transaction with respect to securities held in the endowment fund, except upon a resolution adopted by or written order signed by a majority of the trustees."

Article XII. Amendments

Section 1. All proposals for amending the Constitution shall originate in the Council. A proposed amendment shall become effective when it shall have been approved by a majority of the members of the Council present and voting at two consecutive meetings held not less than two months apart, followed by ratification by the members of the Association either by a vote by mail of a majority of the members of the Association voting, or by a majority vote of the members present and voting at a membership meeting of the Association. The Council, on approving a proposed amendment for the second time, shall specify whether a vote on ratification shall be taken at a membership meeting of the Association or by mail, and if a mail vote is ordered, the Council shall fix the time for the beginning and closing of the balloting. If a vote at a membership meeting is ordered, at least one month's written notice shall be given to the Association of the text of the proposed amendment.

ALA Bylaws

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Article I. Membership

Section 1. Chapter Members: any legally constituted state, territorial, or regional library association that has been granted chapter status by action of Council under Article V, Section 1(c) of the Bylaws.

Section 2. Members falling into two or more categories of membership shall pay the highest applicable dues and shall receive corresponding privileges.

Section 4. Upon approval of the Executive Board, special promotional membership rates may be made available from time to time.

Section 5. The category to which any personal member belongs, except Honorary and Life Members, shall be regarded as confidential.

Section 6. Lapsed members shall be reinstated upon payment of dues for the current membership year. (Note for PMC the addition to this sentence was recommended for clarification: Lapsed memberships shall be reinstated upon payment of outstanding dues for the current membership year *to maintain continuous membership years, otherwise lapsed members shall join as new members.*)

Article II. Meetings

Section 5. e. In the case of a vote by mail by the Association, the Executive Board may designate publication of the ballot or question submitted in the official journal of the Association as the appropriate method of submitting the matter to the members for their determination.

General Comment: PMC should consider the membership actions taken at a membership meeting. For example: The request of reports from the Council and its committees to the membership; the referral of resolutions to the Council with recommendations; and the creation of resolutions. In addition, voting/balloting during and outside membership meetings.

Article III. Nominations and Elections

Section 1. a. "...upon recommendation of the Committee on Appointments"

Section 1. c. "... The number of nominees shall not be fewer than one-and-one-half times the anticipated number of member-at-large vacancies to be filled at the next election."

Section 1. d. The position of candidates on the ballot shall be randomized. No person may be nominated for or serve on the Council unless that person is a personal member of the American Library Association. No candidate may run for more than one Council position in the same election.

Section 2. a. The ALA Nominating Committee shall report its nominations at the midwinter meeting of the Council. The final list of the candidates' names shall be reported in American Libraries.

Section 3. a. "... which shall be prepared under the direction of the Nominating Committee and which shall be known as the "Official Ballot."

Section 3. b. "... at least four months before the annual conference, provided written consent of these nominee"

Section 3. c. The professional address of each nominee shall be given on the Official Ballot.

Section 4. a. The Executive Board shall appoint a Committee on Election which shall have charge of the conduct of the regular elections of the Association, the divisions and the roundtables and the counting and tabulation of all votes cast.

Section 4. c. At least six weeks prior to the annual conference the executive director shall mail a copy of the ballot to each member of the Association in good standing.

Section 6. b. "... from a list of eight candidates submitted by the president-elect and included in the agenda mailed to Councilors before the annual conference."

Section 6. c. "... who are serving by virtue of election to it, as provided in Article IV, Section 2.b., c., d., and e. of the Bylaws, and who will have served at the midwinter meeting and the annual conference immediately preceding their prospective terms as Executive Board Members."

Section 6. c. "... thereafter as a voting member ex-officio for the duration of the term for which elected to the Executive Board."

Article IV. Council

Section 1. b. Meetings. "...The latter shall be called the midwinter meeting. Other meetings may be called by the president and shall be called upon request of twenty members."

Section 2. d. For the purposes of this section, the Personal Membership of each round table and the Personal Membership of ALA shall be fixed as of August 31st of each year.

Article V. Chapters

Section 1. b. "... however, that the total number of persons voting on the issue shall not be less than ten percent of the total number of ALA members residing within the area. A regional chapter may consist of any area composed of three or more contiguous states or provinces."

Section 1. c. Any legally constituted state, provincial, territorial, or regional library association may, at its request, be designated a chapter of the American Library Association provided the membership of the association applying for chapter status has expressed approval of the application; and providing a majority of the ALA members residing in the area involved voting on the issue is in favor of such action; provided, however, that the total number of persons voting on the issue shall not be less than ten percent of the total number of ALA members residing within the area involved, and provided that there is no conflict in principle between the constitution and bylaws of the association involved and the Constitution and Bylaws of the American Library Association, and that copies of the chapter constitution and bylaws, and subsequent amendments to them are filed with the American Library Association and dues are paid in accordance with Article I of the Bylaws.

Section 3. Each state, provincial, territorial, or regional chapter shall be the final authority within the American Library Association with respect to all programs and policies which concern only the area for which the chapter is responsible provided they are not inconsistent with any programs and policies established by the ALA Council. (Note to PMC: legal advice to reword if kept in the policy since chapters are legal separate entities and should not have the final authority within ALA.) Any chapter may establish committees and boards which parallel national committees and boards in order to carry out overall programs within its own area and to maintain liaison between its members and the national committees and boards. State, provincial, and territorial chapters may establish local chapters within the respective areas involved.

Article VI. Divisions

Section 3.

b. Type-of-library divisions focus attention upon planning in and evaluation of all functions as they contribute to the services of the library. Type-of library divisions are interested in the general improvement and extension of service to the clientele and agencies served. Each such division has specific responsibility for: (1) Planning of programs of study and service for the type-of-library as a total institution; (2) Evaluation and establishment of standards in its field; (3) Synthesis of the activities of all units within the Association that have a bearing on the type-of-library represented; (4) Representation and interpretation of its type-of-library in contacts outside the profession; (5) Stimulation of the development of librarians engaged in its type- of-library, and stimulation of participation of members in appropriate type-of-activity divisions; and (6) Conduct of activities and projects for improvement and extension of service in its type-of-library when such projects are beyond the scope of type-of-activity divisions, after specific approval by the Council.

c. Type-of-activity divisions focus attention upon study and development of such functions as reference, cataloging, personnel administration, etc., as they apply to all types of libraries. Type-of-activity divisions are interested in the improvement and extension of their functions. Each such division has specific responsibility for: (1) Continuous study and review of the activities assigned to the particular division; (2) Conduct of activities and projects within its area of responsibility;(3) Synthesis of the activities of all units within the Association that have a bearing on the type of activity represented; (4) Representation and interpretation of its type of activity in contacts outside the profession; (5) Stimulation of the development of librarians engaged in its type of activity, and stimulation of participation by members in appropriate type-of-library divisions; and (6) Planning and development of programs of study and research for the type of activity for the total profession.

d. Type-of-activity divisions may develop and adopt technical standards as official ALA standards. Type-of-activity divisions may participate in the development of nontechnical standards by type-of library divisions but nontechnical standards may be adopted, or approved as official ALA standards, only by type-of-library divisions.

Section 4. a. "... with overlapping terms ..."

Section 4. b. "... but no committee, section, or other unit devoted to an activity assigned to a type-of-activity division shall be established in a type-of-library division."

Section 4. c. “Such groups may admit members who are not members of the division or of the Association.”

Section 5. a. “Only members of this Association may be members of a division.”

Section 6. b. “... upon recommendation of the Budget Analysis and Review Committee.”

Section 8. a. “... Divisions shall exercise editorial and managerial control over their periodicals. The ALA Publishing Committee will be informed of plans for any new division periodical prior to publication. Materials prepared for publication by a division not intended for inclusion in a division periodical must be offered to ALA Publishing Services for first consideration.”

Section 9. a. “Such documents shall provide appropriate rules governing the holding of meetings, the conduct of mail votes, the constitution of a quorum, the conduct of nominations and elections, the establishment and appointment of committees, the procedure for their own amendment.”

Article VII. Round Tables

Section 1. b. “... the usefulness of that round table has ceased.”

Section 3. “... limit their membership, and may, subject to approval of the Publishing Committee, issue publications.”

Section 4. “... Such groups may admit members who are not members of the round table or of the Association.”

Section 5. Any member of the Association may become a member of any round table by complying with the requirements for membership. The members of each round table shall, either by a mail ballot or at its final session at each annual conference, choose officers to serve until the close of the next annual conference. Only personal members shall have the right to vote and hold office.

Article VIII. Committees

Section 1. A. “In order to carry out the business of the Association, Council, on the recommendation of the Committee on Organization,...”

Section 2. A. i. There shall be a Committee on Appointments to be comprised of the presidents-elect of the divisions and the president-elect of the Association, who shall serve as chair to advise the president-elect of the Association on nominations for committee appointments.

Section 2. a. iii. The standing committees shall include administration, general and advisory committees."

Section 2. b. i. "... at the end of which the new members will take up their duties."

Section 2. b. i. "... The committee size and length of terms shall follow the policy in force at the time appointments are made."

Section 2. b. ii. "... Such committee shall define the functions of each division, round table, and committee subject to the approval of the Council. The Committee on Organization shall also authorize membership initiative groups."

Section 2. b. iv. "Membership of the committees of the Council may consist of both Councilors and non-Councilors. No member, either Councilor or non-Councilor, shall serve on more than one of the committees or subcommittees of the Council simultaneously except as that member represents the parent committee as a member of the subcommittee. Subcommittees of the committees of the Council shall exist at the will of each Council Committee."

Section 2. b. v. "If the committee member creating the vacancy is a member of Council, the new appointee must also be a Councilor."

Section 3. a. "... The term of appointment for members of a special committee shall end with the adjournment of the Annual Conference unless the Council or Executive Board, whichever has authorized such Committee, shall provide for a different or a longer term. Members of special committees whose terms expire shall be eligible for reappointment, except for the members of the Nominating Committee. Members of juries charged with making selections for awards shall be eligible for reappointment, but the number of members to be reappointed shall be limited to a minority in any single year."

Section 3. b. The special committees shall include administration committees with functions and size to be determined by the Council.

Section 5. b. Joint committees of the divisions or Round Tables with organizations outside the Association may be established only with the approval of the Council and upon the recommendation of the Committee on Organization.

Section 7. a. The Executive Board shall designate the chair of each committee annually except for the committees of council, which chairs are designated as set out in Article VIII, Section 2(b) of the Bylaws.

[Article XI. Voting by Mail](#)

Section 1. Votes of the Association membership by mail shall be deemed to be by postal services or electronic means as determined by the executive director who shall be responsible for ensuring the integrity of the ballot.