Bylaws Proposal #1 – Article VIII, Executive Committee

A) Proposed language (Language in brackets is deleted. Language in italics is added):

Article VIII EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
This committee is composed of the Chair, the Assistant Chair/Chair-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, GODORT Councilor, Publications Committee Chair, and the Immediate Past Chair. This committee shall act for GODORT when time constraints prevent convening or canvassing the Steering Committee. It shall also assist the Treasurer in the preparation of the budget, ensure that the budget is based on complete and accurate information provided by all GODORT units, and conduct budget reviews as requested by the GODORT chair. No action taken by this committee shall conflict with action taken by the Steering Committee. All action taken will be reported to the Steering Committee.

B) Additional Sections Affected by the changes (Language in brackets is deleted. Language in italics is added)

Article X, section 1. (all deleted)
[Budget Committee.-This committee is composed of three members consisting of the GODORT Treasurer, the GODORT Assistant Chair/Chair-Elect, and the GODORT Past Chair, with the Treasurer serving as Chair of the Committee. The Budget Committee shall assist the Treasurer in the preparation of the budget, ensure that the budget is based on information as complete and accurate as possible from all units of GODORT, and conduct budget reviews as requested by the GODORT Chair.]

Article V Section 5. Treasurer.
The Treasurer shall perform the customary duties of this office and serve on the Executive Committee, and the Steering Committee, and as Chair of the Budget Committee.

C) Rationale for the changes
The Budget Committee has not met and produced minutes since prior to 1999. The Budget Committee members (the Treasurer, Past Chair and Chair-Elect) are also on the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee may delegate a subset to work on specific issues, or may work as a whole.
Bylaws Proposal #2 – Article X, Development Committee

A) Proposed language (Language in brackets is deleted. Language in italics is added):

ARTICLE X, SECTION ______ Development Committee:

This Committee is composed of the GODORT Treasurer and four members appointed by the Chair of GODORT to staggered two year terms. The Chair is appointed by the GODORT Chair with the approval of the Steering Committee from among the appointed members. The Committee chair shall appoint ad hoc, non-voting members with the approval of the Steering Committee, as needed to complete the committee task.

The Development Committee, working with other entities within GODORT, oversees creation and implementation of the Development Plan, with functions to include:

(1) Identifying and soliciting funds from external sources of support;
(2) Developing a list of potential individual and corporate donors, and private foundations;
(3) Researching and developing various fundraising projects for the purpose of support to the scholarship endowment and subsidizing group events, speakers and programs;
(4) Planning and implementing fund raisers for GODORT activities;
(5) Aiding the Chair with solicitations and contacts as needed;
(6) Coordinating with the ALA Development Office, as necessary.

B) Additional Sections Affected by the changes (Language in brackets is deleted. Language in italics is added):

Article V Section 5. Treasurer.
The Treasurer shall perform the customary duties of this office and serve on the Development Committee, Executive Committee, the Steering Committee, and as Chair of the Budget Committee.

C) Rationale for the changes
GODORT is at a point in its history where we need to create and implement a development plan to present a consistent face to vendors and members alike. We need to seriously view our responsibilities as a scholarship granter and work to fully fund the endowment. This committee will provide a focal point within GODORT for coordinating solicitations, fundraisers, and developing external sources of support and donors.
Bylaws Proposal  #3 – Article X, Conference Committee

A) Proposed language (Language in brackets is deleted. Language in italics is added.):

ARTICLE X Section _____

Conference Committee. This committee is composed of 5 members appointed to staggered two-year terms. Three members shall be appointed by the GODORT Chair in consultation with the GODORT Steering Committee during even years and two members during odd years. Chair of the committee shall be appointed from among the committee members by the GODORT Chair with the approval of the Steering Committee. The Committee chair may appoint ex-officio member(s), as needed, for local arrangements.

The Conference Committee plans and coordinates local arrangements for GODORT including relations with ALA and host city information. The Committee coordinates with the GODORT Immediate Past-Chair to ensure equipment is delivered as requested for meetings and programs.

B) Additional Sections Affected by the changes (Language in brackets is deleted. Language in italics is added.):

Article X Section d. Membership Committee. This committee is composed of [nine] four members appointed by the GODORT Chair to staggered two-year terms, and the immediate Past GODORT Chair. [Four] Two members shall be appointed in even years and [five] two in odd years. The Chair of this committee shall be appointed from among the committee members by the GODORT Chair with the approval of the Steering Committee. The Membership Committee shall actively promote membership in ALA and the Round Table and shall promote participation of Round Table members in ALA and Round Table activities. The Committee shall also maintain communication with state and local affiliates, assisting and/or advising with projects, interests and activities groups. The Chair of the Committee shall designate one member of the committee as coordinator of these activities.

C) Rationale for the changes:
The creation of a Conference Committee with responsibility for local arrangements would allow the Membership Committee to focus on membership recruitment and retention.
Bylaws Proposal #4 – Article XIII, Finances, Section 2.

A) Proposed language (Language in brackets is deleted. Language in italics is added.):

Section 2.
Dues for personal members, [and] affiliate groups, and others shall be proposed by the Steering Committee and presented to the membership for approval or revision at its annual meeting.

B) Additional Sections Affected by the changes (Language in brackets is deleted. Language in italics is added.):

None.

C) Rationale for the changes
This allows GODORT to add additional classes of members and establish appropriate dues.