

PROPOSED GODORT BYLAWS CHANGES FOR 2018 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Due to changes in the ALA conference scheduling and from the recommendation by GODORT Steering to convert some GODORT steering officers from elected positions to appointed positions, the following changes in the *GODORT Bylaws* are necessary to enact the proposed changes. There are five areas within the *Bylaws* that will need to be changed.

Text to be removed is indicated by ~~strike through~~. Proposed new text is **bolded** and underlined.

I. Changing from two Steering committee meetings per conference to one meeting:

- 1.) Art. IV, Sect. 1, 3rd sentence – Remove the word “second” from the sentence.

Article IV. OFFICERS

Section 1.

... Term of office shall begin at the start of new business at the ~~second~~ Steering Committee meeting of the Annual Conference. ...

Rationale: With the reduction of meeting times through ALA scheduling and the increased use of on-line meetings for the Steering committee, it was deemed unnecessary for the committee to meet more than once during the conference.

II. Reducing the number of officers that need to be elected:

- 2.) Art. IV, Sect. 1, 1st sentence – Specify which officers will be elected.

The executive Officers of the Round Table are elected and shall be Chair, Assistant Chair/Chair-Elect, Immediate Past Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, GODORT Councilor, ~~and~~ Publications Committee Chair, and Bylaws and Organization Coordinator. ...

- 3.) Art. IV, Sect. 2, 1st sentence – Indicate which officers will be appointed by removing the words “elected or” from this section.

Art. IV. OFFICERS

Section 2.

~~All other~~ Officers of the task forces and standing committees will be elected or appointed. ...

- 4.) Art. VIII, Sect. 1a (Task Forces), 5th sentence – Change the word “elected” to “appointed”.

Article VIII. TASK FORCES, COMMITTEES, DISCUSSION GROUPS, AND INTEREST GROUPS

Section 1. Task Forces

Paragraph a.

... Officers of task forces shall be Coordinator and Assistant Coordinator and shall be ~~elected~~ **appointed** as provided in these *Bylaws*. ...

- 5.) Art. VIII, Sect. 2 (Standing Committees), 7th sentence – Change the wording to show the positions will be made by appointment only.

Article VIII. TASK FORCES, COMMITTEES, DISCUSSION GROUPS, AND INTEREST GROUPS

Section 2. Standing Committees

New Committee chairs (**with the exception of the position for Publications Committee Chair**) ~~may be elected or~~ **shall be** appointed **by the GODORT Chair with the concurrence of a majority of the Steering Committee members.**

Rationale: This model of switching from elected to appointment status should simplify the recruiting for all positions within the Round Table. It would also allow more opportunities for volunteers to serve in leadership roles.