

Appendix A: Articles & Sections Not Included in DRAFT 2 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 2 of the General Revision of the ALA Bylaws because, either, they are considered no longer relevant, or, because they are being reviewed for inclusion in the ALA Policy Manual.

ALA Constitution

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Article III. Membership

Article III. Membership. Section 1. “....after hearing...”

Article IV. Divisions and Round Tables

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

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

Article VI. Council

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

Article IX. Endowment Funds

Article IX. 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

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.

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Article I. Membership

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.

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

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

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

Article II. Meetings

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.

Article III. Nominations and Elections

Article III. Nominations and Elections. 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.”

Article III. Nominations and Elections. 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.

Article III. Nominations and Elections. 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.

Article III. Nominations and Elections. Section 3. a. “...which shall be prepared under the direction of the Nominating Committee and which shall be known as the “Official Ballot.”

Article III. Nominations and Elections. Section 3. b. “..... at least four months before the annual conference, provided written consent of these nominee”

Article III. Nominations and Elections. Section 3. c. The professional address of each nominee shall be given on the Official Ballot.

Article III. Nominations and Elections. 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.

Article III. Nominations and Elections. 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.

Article III. Nominations and Elections. 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.”

Article III. Nominations and Elections. 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.”

Article III. Nominations and Elections. 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

Article IV. Council. Section 1. a. Council membership requirement. No person, including a representative of a state, provincial, or territorial chapter, may serve on the Council unless a personal member of the American Library Association.

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.”

Article IV. Council. 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

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.”

Article V. Chapters. 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.

Article V. Chapters. Section 3. 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

Article VI. Divisions. Section 1. b. “.... the usefulness of that division has ceased.”

Article VI. Divisions. Section 3.

- a. Divisions are of two distinct kinds: “Type-of-library” divisions and “Type-of-activity” divisions.
- 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.

Article VI. Divisions. Section 4. a. “....with overlapping terms...”

Article VI. Divisions. 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.”

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

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

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

Article VI. Divisions. Section 8. a. ~~A division may: Issue publications; hold meetings; organize sections; retain or adopt a distinctive name; appoint committees to function within the field of its activities; in general, carry on activities along the lines of its interests.~~ 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.

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Article VI. Divisions. 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 VI. Divisions. Section 9.b. A section shall be governed by the constitution and/or bylaws of the division of which it is a part. It may adopt bylaws of its own provided that they are not inconsistent with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Association or with those of the division.

Article VII. Round Tables

Article VII. Round Tables. Section 1. b. “.... the usefulness of that round table has ceased.”

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

Article VII. Round Tables. Section 4. “Such groups may admit members who are not members of the round table or of the Association. “

Article VII. Round Tables. Section 5. “Any member of the Association may become a member of any round table by complying with the requirements for membership.

Article VII. Round Tables. Section 5. “.....either by a mail ballot or at its final session at each annual conference,..”

Article VII. Round Tables. Section 5. “Only personal members shall have the right to vote and hold office.”

Article VIII. Committees

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,...”

Article VIII. Committees. 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.

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

Article VIII. Committees. Section 2. b. i. “... at the end of which the new members will take up their duties.”

Article VIII. Committees. Section 2. b. i. “The committee size and length of terms shall follow the policy in force at the time appointments are made.”

Article VIII. Committees. Section 2. b. ii. “Such committee shall define the functions of each division, round table, and committee subject to the approval of the Council.”

Article VIII. Committees. Section 2. b. ii. The Committee on Organization shall also authorize membership initiative groups.

~~Article VIII. Committees. Section 2. b. iii. There shall be such other committees as Council may establish.~~

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Article VIII. Committees. 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.”

Article VIII. Committees. Section 2. b. v. “If the committee member creating the vacancy is a member of Council, the new appointee must also be a Councilor.”

Article VIII. Committees. 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.”

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

Article VIII. Committees. 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.

Article VIII. Committees. 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](#)

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.