

2023 Proposed OLA Bylaws Amendments

Markup Text

Below is the actual proposed wording for the bylaws amendments proposed by the Executive Board on the OLA 2023 ballot. You can review the entire OLA bylaws here:
https://www.olaweb.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=237

Question 1

Shall the OLA Bylaws be amended to allow for only one candidate instead of two for Executive Board positions (Vice-President/President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and ALA Councilor), in extenuating circumstances, with OLA Executive Board approval?

2.06 NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

2.062 Nominations

2.0621 ~~The Committee Candidates~~ shall be nominated ~~two candidates~~ each year for the positions of Vice-President (President-Elect) and Secretary. In odd-numbered years, ~~the Committee candidates~~ shall be nominated ~~two candidates~~ for Treasurer ~~for a two-year term of office commencing in the fall of the year~~. Every three years or when the position is vacant, ~~the Committeecandidates~~ shall be nominated ~~two candidates~~ for American Library Association Councilor. The Past President shall make effort to nominate at least two candidates for each position. With Executive Board approval, one candidate may be nominated in extenuating circumstances.

Question 2

Shall the OLA Bylaws be amended to allow Divisions to appoint a person other than their Chair to serve as the division's representative to the OLA Executive Board?

2.05 OFFICERS

2.052 Duties

2.0521 All officers, ~~representatives~~, and Division ~~chairpersons~~ representatives shall perform the duties pertaining to their respective offices and such other duties as may be approved by the Executive Board. Specific duties of officers are delineated in Chapter 5 of the Procedure Manual.

2.08 EXECUTIVE BOARD

2.081 Composition

2.0811 There shall be an Executive Board consisting of the *[President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer]*, the immediate Past President, the ALA Councilor, and the ~~presiding officer~~ representative of each Division organized under 2.041. The State Librarian, Parliamentarian, and Association Manager shall serve as ex-officio, non-voting members.

2.083 Proxy Representation

2.0831 ~~A chair of a~~Each Division ~~may shall~~ designate a member of the Division's board ~~to serve as proxy for that year in order~~ to represent the Division ~~at an on the~~ Executive Board ~~meeting~~. The OLA President must be notified of ~~proxy the~~ appointments prior to the first Executive Board meeting of the year. If a Division needs to appoint a temporary proxy for a specific Executive Board meeting, the OLA President must be advised ~~of a proxy's attendance in advance of the Board meeting where the proxy will represent his/her Division~~.

Question 3

Shall the OLA Bylaws be amended to add a voting representative from the Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Antiracism Committee to the Executive Board?

2.08 EXECUTIVE BOARD

2.081 Composition

2.0811 There shall be an Executive Board consisting of the officers named in 2.051; the immediate Past President; the ALA Councilor; a representative from the Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Antiracism Committee; and the presiding officer of each Division organized under 2.041. The State Librarian, Parliamentarian, and Association Manager shall serve as ex-officio, non-voting members.

Question 4

Shall the OLA Bylaws be amended to allow people who are not OLA members to serve on committees if those individuals bring a perspective that would aid in the committee's work?

2.09 COMMITTEES

2.091 Standing Committees

2.0912 All Chairpersons and committee members shall be Active or Honorary Life members in good standing. However, by request of the committee, the President may appoint committee members who are not members of the Association if those individuals bring a perspective that would aid in the committee's work.

Question 5

Shall the OLA Bylaws be amended to create the OLA Quarterly Editorial Board as a standing committee?

2.09 COMMITTEES

2.091 Standing Committees

2.0911 There shall be the following standing committees: Communications; Awards; Conference; Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Antiracism; Finance/Investment; Intellectual Freedom; Leadership; Library Development and Legislation; Membership; Nominations; OLA Quarterly Editorial Board; Oregon Authors; and Resource Sharing. Specific responsibilities of these committees are delineated in the OLA Policies Manual.

Question 6

Shall the OLA Bylaws be amended to make various technical and language fixes as described?

2.03 MEMBERSHIP

2.031 Classification

2.0311 The Oregon Library Association (OLA) shall have the following membership classifications:

1. Active. Any person interested in library service and librarianship may become a member upon payment of dues.
2. Associate. Any institution, association, or firm interested in library service and librarianship, or a member of another library association, may become a member upon payment of dues.
3. Life. Any person who has made a significant contribution to the advancement of the library service may be given Honorary Life membership. Honorary Life membership entitles the person to all rights and privileges of the Association and the sub-division(s) of their choice without payment of dues. Nominations for Honorary Life membership will be made to the ~~Honors, Awards, and Scholarship~~ Committee. The names of persons recommended by the Committee and approved by the Executive Board for the honor will be reported to the membership ~~at the Annual Meeting~~ of the Association.

2.032 Dues]

2.0321 Annual dues shall be set forth in the OLA ~~Procedure Manual~~Policies. Changes to dues shall require a majority vote of the membership in a meeting or via electronic means.

2.04 DIVISIONS AND ROUND TABLES

2.042 Round Tables

2.0421 The Executive Board may authorize the formation of Round Tables. Any special group desiring Round Table status may request approval of the Executive Board, subject to the following provisions:

1. Submit a petition requesting Round Table status demonstrating interest by at least twenty-five Active or Honorary Life members.
2. Receive a majority vote of the Executive Board and the Round Table.
3. Round Tables shall be structured as delineated in the ~~Round Tables chapter of the OLA Procedures Manual~~Policies.

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2.0521 All officers, representatives, and Division chairpersons shall perform the duties pertaining to their respective offices and such other duties as may be approved by the Executive Board. Specific duties of officers are delineated in ~~Chapter 5 of the Procedure Manual~~OLA Policies.

2.053 Terms of Office

2.0531 All officers other than Treasurer shall hold offices for one year or until their successors are elected. The Treasurer shall hold office for two years. They shall assume their duties at the beginning of the administrative year. The Vice-President shall assume the office of President after

~~his/her~~their initial term ends.

2.054 Vacancies

2.0541 In the case of a vacancy in the office of President, the Vice-President shall succeed to the office. ~~S/he~~They shall remain as President the following year if ~~his or her~~their predecessor has vacated the office after March 1.

2.06 NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

2.061 Nominations ~~Committee~~

2.0611 ~~The President, with the approval of the Executive Board, shall appoint a Nominations Committee of at least two members to nominate candidates for all elective positions. The immediate Past President shall be responsible for nominating candidates for all elective Executive Board positions will serve as chair of the Nominations Committee. They may enlist assistance from the Executive Board and other Active or Honorary Life members. The Nominations Committee shall have charge of the conduct of the regular and special elections and counting and tabulating votes.~~

2.062 Nominations

2.0621 The ~~Committee Past President~~ shall nominate two candidates each year for the positions of Vice-President (President-Elect) and Secretary. In odd-numbered years, the ~~Committee Past President~~ shall nominate two candidates for Treasurer for a two-year term of office commencing in the fall of the year. Every three years or when the position is vacant, the ~~Committee Past President~~ shall nominate two candidates for American Library Association Councilor.

2.0622 A member's consent must be obtained in writing before his or her name may be placed on the ballot ~~by the Nominations Committee.~~

2.063 Elections

2.0631 ~~The Association Manager shall have charge of the conduct of the regular and special elections and counting and tabulating votes.~~ Ballots shall be ~~mailed or be made available by electronic means distributed~~ to each Active and Honorary Life member not later than six weeks after the Annual Meeting. These ballots shall be returned ~~to the Nominations Committee~~ within three weeks of the date they were made available. The candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected. In case of a tie vote, the successful candidate shall be determined by the nominating committee by lot.

2.0632 Announcement of the results shall be made by the ~~Past~~ President ~~at the first Executive Board meeting after the election results are known and shall be published~~ in a timely and appropriate ~~OLA publication~~manner.

2.08 EXECUTIVE BOARD

2.082 Meetings

2.0821 ~~Two or more meetings of~~ The Executive Board shall meet at least quarterly or more at the discretion of the President or Executive Board ~~be held each conference year on the call of the President.~~ A quorum shall be considered a majority of the voting members of the Executive Board.

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