

The following proposed changes were presented to, and approved by, the GODORT Membership during the Membership Meeting at the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Philadelphia, January 14, 2008.

Bylaws

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ARTICLE XII Policies & The name of the Organization shall be the Government Documents of the American Library Association.
Section 2. Relationship to the American Library Association.
The Government Documents Round Table is a unit of the American Library Association. The constitution and bylaws of that organization, to the extent they are applicable, take precedence over the bylaws of this Round Table.

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Article II PURPOSE

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Article III MEMBERSHIP

Section 1.

Any member of ALA may elect to become a personal member of the Round Table upon payment of Round Table annual dues. Only Round Table members who are personal members of ALA receive the right to vote and hold office.

Section 2.

Any organization concerned with issues relating to government information shall be welcome to associate with the Round Table as an affiliate member upon submission of a statement of membership and purpose. Affiliate membership shall entitle the group to receive publications of the Round Table and to participate by reporting on activities for dissemination to ~~all~~ the **entire** membership; it shall not entitle members of the group who are not personal members of ALA and members of the Round Table to vote or hold office in the Round Table. The functions and responsibilities of affiliates shall be defined in the *GODORT Policies and Procedures Manual*.

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Article IV OFFICERS

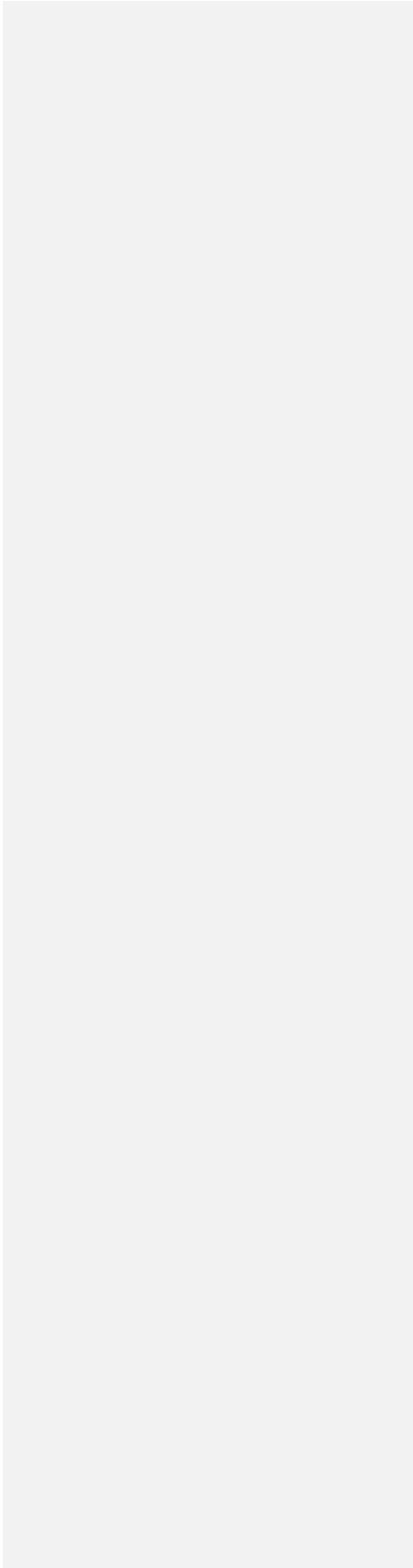
Section 1.

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. These officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these Bylaws ([Article V](#)), the *GODORT Policies and Procedures Manual*, and by the parliamentary authority as adopted by the Round Table ([Article XIV](#)).

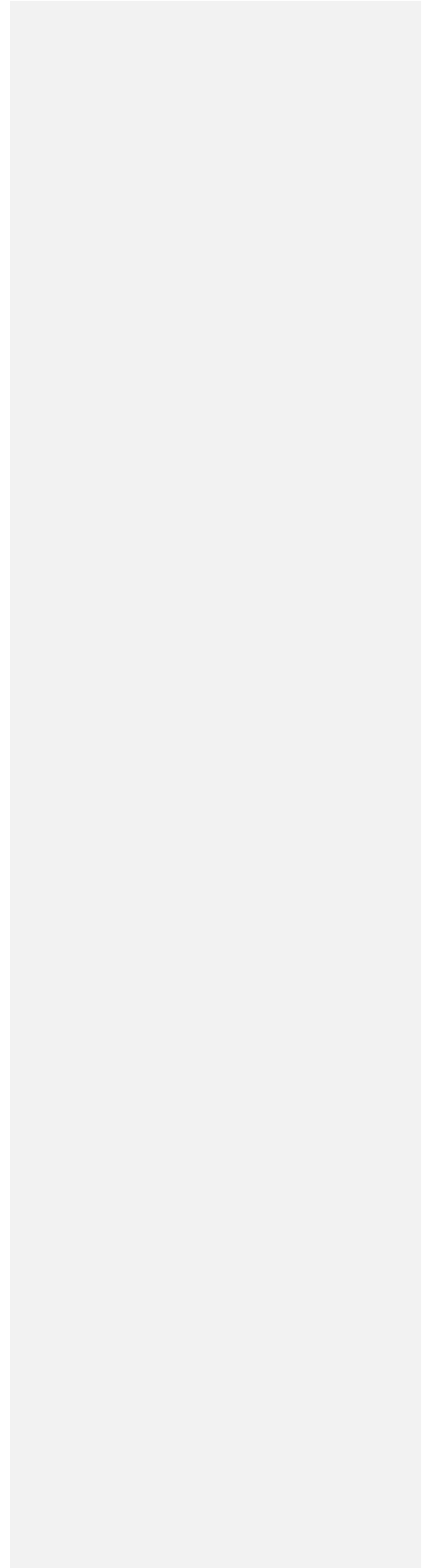
Section 2.

Officers of the task forces and standing committees shall be designated in these

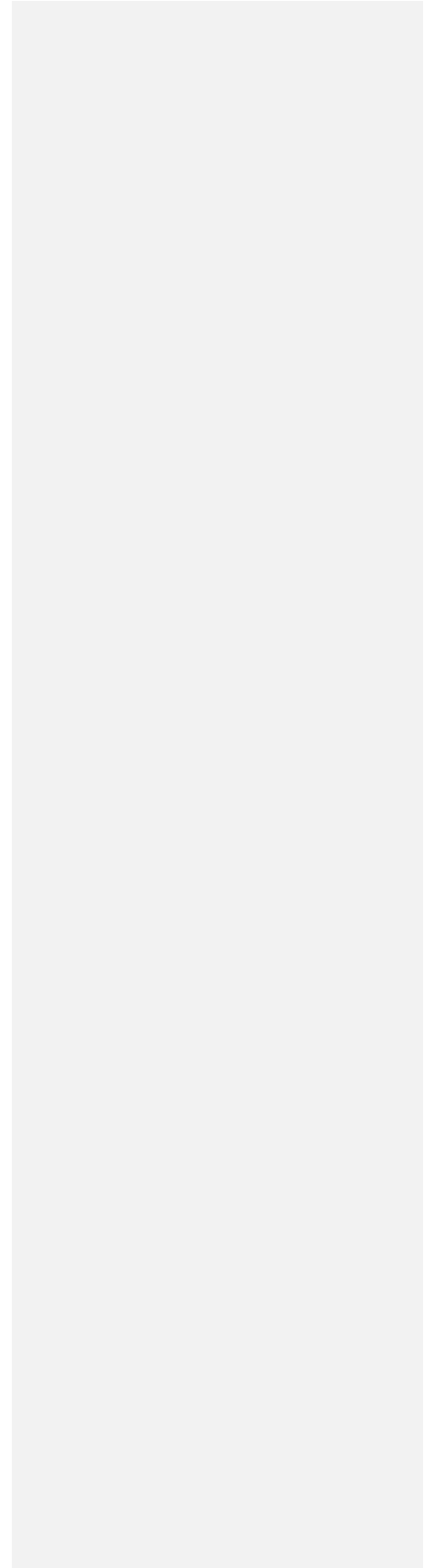
eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office. No member



Section 4. **Secretary.**



- b. The Steering Committee and Task Forces will meet at **ALA** Midwinter **Meetings** and Annual ~~ALA~~ Conferences. |
- c. The Nominating Committee will meet at least once prior to submitting a slate



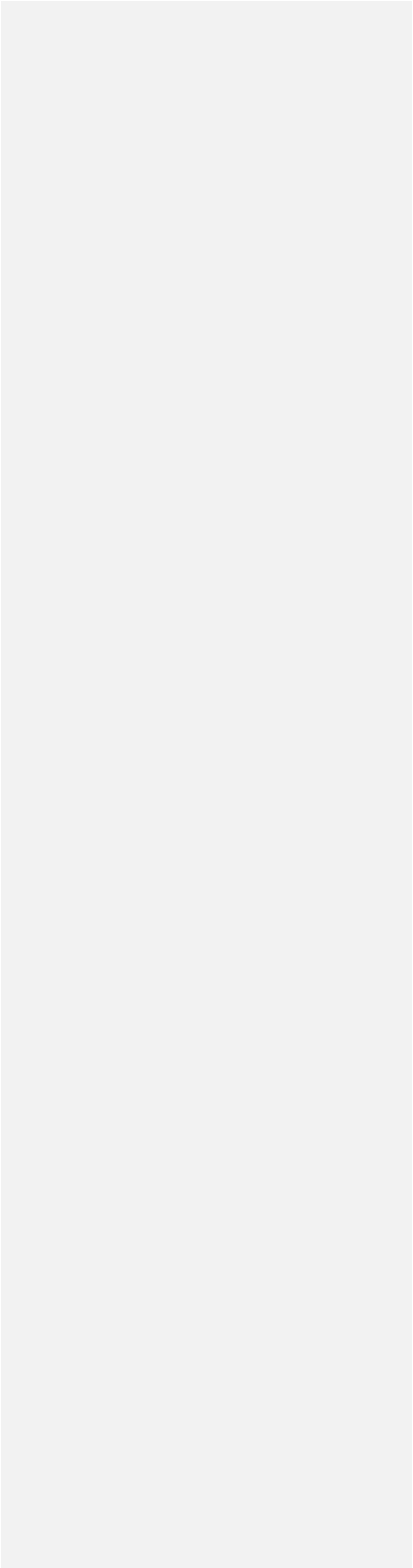
Section 2.

Vacancies on the Steering Committee and vacancies in other task force offices and committees caused by an incumbent's resignation, disability, etc. shall be filled for the remainder of the ~~unexpired term by appointment~~ by the Chair with ~~the~~ concurrence of a majority of the Steering Committee ~~members~~ either by mail vote or at the Midwinter Meeting. |

Section 3.

Invitations to name a representative to serve as an ex-officio, non-voting member

may be



force coordinators and coordinate meeting plans with GODORT ALA staff liaison and with ALA Conference Services.

n. **Conference Committee.** This committee is composed of 5 members appointed to staggered two-year terms. ~~Three~~ **The** members shall be appointed by the GODORT Chair ~~in consultation with the~~ **approval of the** GODORT Steering Committee (**three** during even years and two ~~members~~ during odd years). **The** 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.

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published in *DttP* at least thirty days prior to the meeting. These Bylaws may also be amended by a majority vote of those responding in a ~~mail~~ referendum to personal members, provided that notice of the proposed revision has been sent to members or published in *DttP* at least thirty days prior to the vote. |

Section 2.

Proposals for revision may be sent by any member of the Steering Committee to the Chair of the Bylaws Committee, which will review ~~and report on~~ the proposed revision **and report it** to the Steering Committee. Upon approval by the Steering Committee, the proposed revision shall be disseminated to the membership as provided for in this article. |

Section 3.

~~Any personal member(s) may propose amendments with twenty-five supporting signatures. In order to obtain the supporting signature a proposed amendment may be published in *DttP* with an accompanying form which supporters may sign and return to the Bylaws Committee Chair. Upon receipt of a proposal with twenty-five supporting signatures from personal members, the Bylaws Committee will review and report on the language and compatibility of the proposal with other provisions in these Bylaws to the GODORT membership. The proposed amendment will be republished in *DttP*, discussed and voted on as provided in [this Article, Section 1](#).~~

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Comment [JAS67]: Delete: "mail" as a referendum could be accomplished by mail or by using the ALA online ballot.

Comment [JAS68]: Add: "," delete "and report on" and add "and report it"

Comment [JAS69]: Replace description of process using *DttP*