

Proposed GODORT Bylaws changes on the 2012 Ballot

This year the GODORT ballot contains several changes to the organization's Bylaws. The purpose of this document is to summarize the rationale behind these changes and explain how they affect the organization.

In accordance with our Strategic Plan, the goal for these changes is to provide for greater flexibility for membership participation as issues arise.

Membership will vote either yea or nay to the revisions. The proposed revisions will become the new Bylaws upon majority approval.

There are four main areas of change within the proposed new Bylaws. These changes are not new within the ALA organization. In looking at Bylaws of other ALA Round Tables and units, similar language can be found.

(1) The following changes are made to meetings and quorums.

- ! Meetings are now defined as in person, virtual, or a combination thereof.

As the number of members who can attend the Midwinter Meeting and the Annual Conference continues to drop, changes to the meetings section were made to allow for more flexibility for committee and task forces to meet officially outside of ALA conferences.

- ! Task forces are required to meet only once a year at the Annual Conference rather than twice a year.

Lack of a requirement for a task force meeting at the Midwinter Meeting does potentially mean one less opportunity for GODORT members during the Meeting. However, the changes do not preclude holding in-person meetings then.

- ! For Task Force meetings, a quorum is the number of people attending the meeting, rather than a specific number.

The Bylaws currently state that a quorum is 15 people. This has not been met at some recent Task Force meetings. Without a quorum

