

OLBA Annual General Meeting Friday February 3, 2012. Notice of By-Law Amendment.

Note: OLA is currently reviewing its by-laws with the purpose of updating language and aligning the laws with current practices. The following changes are proposed for these reasons. Italics represent new wording. Strikethrough represents removal of text.

CURRENT BY LAW	PROPOSED CHANGE	RATIONALE
<p>NAME</p> <p>1.The name of the division herein constituted shall be the Ontario library Boards' Association, a Division of the Ontario Library Association and shall hereinafter be referred to as the "Division" and the Ontario Library Association shall be referred to as the "Corporation"</p>	<p>and the Ontario Library Association shall be referred to as the "Corporation."</p>	<p>The phrase is not needed in By Law #5</p>
<p>OBJECTS</p> <p>2. The object of the Division is to foster, encourage and improve public library service for all the people in the Province of Ontario and promote the welfare of libraries.</p> <p>a. By Stimulating public interest in the establishment and support of libraries</p> <p>b. By securing needed legislation and improved government grants</p> <p>c. By furthering co-operation between trustees, members of the Ontario Library Boards' Association, other members of the Ontario Library Association and trustees of municipal, provincial and national governments to raise library standards, improve service and reduce costs</p> <p>d. By providing opportunities for trustees to discuss problems and exchange ideas with each other</p> <p>e. By working toward</p>	<p>OBJECTS</p> <p>2. The object of the Division is to foster, encourage and improve public library <i>boards' capacity to achieve excellence in library governance in order to provide optimal public library service for all people in Ontario.</i></p> <p>a. By Stimulating public interest in the establishment and support of libraries</p> <p>b. By securing needed legislation and improved government grants</p> <p>c. By furthering co-operation between trustees, members of the Ontario Library Boards' Association, other members of the Ontario Library Association and trustees of municipal, provincial and national governments to raise library standards, improve service and reduce costs</p> <p>d. By providing</p>	<p>The revised wording more clearly states the object or "purpose" of the Division.</p> <p>Subsections (a, b, c, d, e,) are action statements.</p> <p>Action statements should be part of a vision statement or a strategic plan.</p>

<p>improvement and extension of library services where needed in the Province of Ontario.</p>	<p>opportunities for trustees to discuss problems and exchange ideas with each other e. By working toward improvement and extension of library services where needed in the Province of Ontario.</p>	
	<p>Add: MEMBERSHIP: <i>The members of the Division are those personal members of the OLA who are also public library board members on public library boards in Ontario.</i></p>	<p>A definition of Membership is required in bylaws.</p>
<p>COUNCIL 3. The affairs of the Division shall be managed by the duly elected Council in a manner consistent with By-Law No. 1. a. The composition of the Council shall be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Past President ○ The President ○ The Vice President (President-Elect) ○ One representative from each duly constituted region ○ Executive Director (non-voting) <p>Provided that each of the foregoing, except the Executive Director, are personal members in good standing of the Division at the time of their election and throughout their term of office.</p>	<p>Add: <i>However, in the event that the vice-president or the president or the past president is no longer a board member on a public library board in Ontario, he shall remain on Council for the duration of his term.</i></p>	<p>This would eliminate the possibility of one of these people being removed from council because he was no longer on a public library board.</p>
<p>b. The vice –president shall serve the first year after election as Vice-President, the second year as President, the</p>		

<p>third year as Past President.</p> <p>c. Each councillor shall serve for the term of three years. One third of the council shall be retired annually.</p> <p>d. A secretary and Treasurer shall be chosen by the Council from the Councillors each year. If there is no candidate from the Councillors, the existing Executive Committee may appoint member-at-large to the positions.</p> <p>e. No councilor shall serve as a councilor for more than two consecutive terms.</p>	<p>c. <i>The term of office of a councillor is three years.</i> One third of the council shall be retired annually.</p> <p>d. A Secretary and Treasurer shall be chosen by the Council from the Councillors each year. If there is no candidate from the Councillors, <i>the Council</i> may appoint members- at large to the positions.</p>	<p>Wording is more accurate and clear since some councillors may not serve for the full three years.</p> <p>This is current practice. There is no Executive Committee on the Council.</p>
<p>REGIONS</p> <p>4. The Division shall be composed of eight regions:</p> <p>I. Southwestern</p> <p>II. Central region – West</p> <p>III. Central Region – Mid</p> <p>IV. Central region – East</p> <p>V. Toronto</p> <p>VI. Eastern Region</p> <p>VII. Northern region – West</p> <p>VIII. Northern region – East</p> <p>The members of a region are those members of the Division who are active trustees in that particular geographic area.</p>	<p>The members of a region are those members of the Division who are <i>public library board members</i> in that particular geographic area.</p>	<p>The Public Library Act uses the term “board member” not “trustee”.</p>
	<p>Note: sections will be re-numbered as required.</p>	