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2015 OLA Annual General Meeting, June 10, 2016. Item 7.1

Notice of By-Law Amendment

Note: OLBA has reviewed its by-laws for the purpose of clarifying processes and ensuring stability in elected OLBA Council positions. The following changes to **By-Law 5** were approved at the OLBA Annual General Meeting January 29, 2016 and now must be approved at the OLA AGM. Italics represent new wording. Strikethrough represents removal of text.

Current By Law	Proposed Change	Rationale
OBJECTS 2. The object of the Division is to foster, encourage and improve public library boards' capacity to achieve excellence in library governance in order to provide optimal public library service for all people in Ontario.	OBJECTS 2. The object of the Division is to foster, encourage and improve <i>the capacity of public library boards to achieve excellence in library governance</i> , in order to provide optimal public library service for all people in Ontario.	Grammatical
MEMBERSHIP 3. 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.	MEMBERSHIP 3. 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>or, public library board alumni who have purchased a Personal/Individual Membership as defined in Membership Types</i>	Addition: To ensure retired board members can receive specific OLBA communications.
COUNCIL 4. The affairs of the Division shall be managed by the duly elected Council in a manner consistent with By-	COUNCIL	

<p>Law No. 1</p> <p>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 for 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>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, the member shall remain on Council for the duration of the term.</p> <p>b) The Vice-President shall serve the first year after election as Vice-President, the second year as President, the 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</p>	<p>a) In the event that <i>any duly elected member of the Council ceases to be a Board Member on a Public Library Board in Ontario</i>, the member <i>may</i> remain on Council for the duration of <i>their term if the conditions of Membership are met.</i></p> <p>d) <i>The Council shall choose a</i></p>	<p>This is to ensure that council members who leave their public library board can still continue their service on OLBA council for the remainder of their elected term.</p>
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<p>by the Council from the Councillors each year. If there is no candidate from the Councillors, the existing Executive Committee may appoint members-at-large to the positions</p> <p>e) No councillor shall serve as a councillor for more than two consecutive terms.</p>	<p><i>Secretary and Treasurer from the Councillors each year. If there is no candidate for either position, the Council may appoint a member-at-large to the position.</i></p>	<p>More flexibility</p>
<p>REGIONS</p> <p>5. The Division shall be composed of eight regions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Southwestern region • Central region - West • Central region - Mid • Central region - East • Toronto • Eastern region • Northern region – West • Northern region – East <p>The members of a region are those members of the Division who are active trustees in that particular geographic area.</p>	<p>REGIONS</p> <p>The members of a region are those Members of the Division who are Public Library Board Members <i>or hold a Personal/Individual Membership and reside</i>, in that particular geographic area.</p>	<p>This edit aligns with the change in article 3 of this by-law.</p>

Current Version of By-Law 5:

All divisions of the Ontario Library Association (OLA), including the Ontario Library Boards' Association, are governed by [By-law No. 1](#). By law No. 5, below is specific to the OLBA.

BE IT ENACTED as a By-Law of the ONTARIO LIBRARY BOARDS' ASSOCIATION as follows:

NAME

1. The name of the division herein constituted shall be the Ontario Library Boards' Association, Division of the Ontario Library Association and shall hereinafter be referred to

as the "Division".

OBJECTS

2. The object of the Division is to foster, encourage and improve public library boards' capacity to achieve excellence in library governance in order to provide optimal public library service for all people in Ontario.

MEMBERSHIP

3. 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.

COUNCIL

4. 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:

- o The Past-President
- o The President
- o The Vice-President (President-Elect)
- o One representative from each duly constituted region
- o Executive Director (non-voting)

Provided that each of the foregoing, except for the Executive Director, are personal members in good standing of the Division at the time of their election and throughout their term of office.

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, the member shall remain on Council for the duration of the term.

- b. The Vice-President shall serve the first year after election as Vice-President, the second year as President, the third year as Past-President.
- c. The term of office of a councillor is three years. One third of the council shall be retired annually.
- 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 Council may appoint members-at-large to the positions.
- e. No councillor shall serve as a councillor for more than two consecutive terms.

REGIONS

5. The Division shall be composed of eight regions:

- i. Southwestern region
- ii. Central region - West
- iii. Central region - Mid
- iv. Central region - East
- v. Toronto
- vi. Eastern region
- vii. Northern region - West
- viii. Northern region - East

The members of a region are those members of the Division who are public library board members in that particular geographic area.

