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All divisions of the **Ontario Library Association** (OLA), including the Ontario Library Board's Association, are governed by [By-law No. 1.](#)

BE IT ENACTED as a By-Law of the **ONTARIO LIBRARY ASSOCIATION** hereinafter referred to as the "Association", as follows:

1. Name

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".

2. Objects

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.

3. Membership

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.

4. Council

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 councilor 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.
- f. Resignations/Vacancies: If a vacancy arises in OLBA Council membership, Council shall appoint a member to fill the vacancy and to hold position for the unexpired term, except if the unexpired term is less than 45 days.
- g. Disqualification: If an OLBA Council member is absent for three consecutive Council meetings, without authorization by a Council resolution, that Council member's seat becomes vacant and the remaining Council members shall forthwith declare the seat vacant and move to fill it as per section 4(f) of this document.

5. Regions

The Division shall be composed of seven regions:

1. Southwestern Region
2. Central Region - West
3. Central Region - Mid
4. Central Region - East
5. Eastern Region
6. Northern Region - West
7. 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.

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