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

By-Law No. 8

BE IT ENACTED as a By-Law of the **ONTARIO LIBRARY ASSOCIATION**, as follows:

## 1. NAME

The name of the division shall be the Ontario Health Library and Information Association (OHLIA) Division of the Ontario Library Association and shall hereinafter be referred to as the “Division” and the Ontario Library Association shall be referred to herein as the “Corporation.”

## 2. OBJECTS

OHLIA is an association committed to those working in or otherwise interested in the health library sector or any other setting associated with the delivery of health information to the communities of Ontario. The Association will provide support to its members through excellence in:

- a. **Advocacy:** To be a voice for those working in or having an interest in the health library sector or any other setting involved with supporting the need for health information in Ontario. To support OHLIA members in their provision of health information resources and demonstrating the value of the health library or health information services within their organizations.
- b. **Education and research:** To support OHLIA members in continuing education and research to foster professional development.
- c. **Communication:** To strengthen professional communication amongst those working in or otherwise having an interest in health libraries or any other setting where health information is provided, including those who are employed,-unemployed, students, and retirees in Ontario through the creation of networking and mentorship opportunities, including the sharing of professional experiences.

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### 3. 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:

- The Past-President
- The President
- The Vice-President
- Four Councillors-at-Large
- 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.

(b) The Vice-President shall serve the first year after election as Vice-President, the second year as President, and the third year as Past-President. In the event of the resignation of the President during their term of office, the Vice President shall assume the duties of the President for the remainder of that term.

(c) A Secretary and Treasurer shall be appointed by Council from the Councillors-at-large each year. If there is no candidate from the Councillors, the existing Executive Committee may appoint members-at-large to the positions.

(d) Each councillor shall serve for the term of three years. One third of the council shall be retired annually.

(e) No councillor shall serve as a councillor for more than two consecutive terms.

The following portfolios will be assigned to council members each year:

- Continuing Education
- Communications/Online and social media



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- The Division Super Conference co-planners shall attend meetings and report to council as required by council.
- The Division will aim to have Council membership representation that reflects the workplace/geographical diversity of those involved with the provision of health information.

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