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

By-Law No. 2 below is specific to OSLA.

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 School Library Association**, 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

The objects of the Division are:

- to further the development of school library programs and school libraries in Ontario,
- to strengthen and unify the voice of qualified library staff as library program facilitators and supporters of the curriculum,
- to work with the broader library community on shared issues, opportunities, and initiatives,
- to be the subject association recognized by the Ontario Ministry of Education and the Ontario Teachers Federation,
- to provide professional development opportunities for qualified school library staff,
- to promote research related to effective school libraries,
- to advocate for the significant role of school libraries in contributing to student achievement and well-being.

3. COUNCIL

The affairs of the Division shall be managed by the duly elected Council in a manner consistent with [By-Law No. 1](#).

The composition of the Council shall be:

- The Past-President
- The President
- The Vice-President (President-Elect)
- One representative from each duly constituted region of the Division
- Editor of Teaching Librarian (non-voting)



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- OSLA Website Editor (non-voting)
- 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.

- Each councillor shall serve for the term of three years. One third of the council shall be retired annually.
- The Vice-President shall serve the first year after election as Vice- President, the second year as President, the third year as Past-President.
- As 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 members-at-large to the positions.
- The regional representatives (councillors) shall be appointed annually by the President to portfolios, which shall be determined from time to time by Council.
- No councillor or officer shall serve for more than 2 consecutive terms in the same capacity.

4. 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. Metropolitan Toronto
6. Eastern Ontario
7. Northern Ontario

The members of a region are those members of the Division who are either employed or reside in that particular geographical area, provided however that a member cannot be a member of more than one region with the Division.

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