

## **By-law Number: 5 (OLBA)**

Type: Board Governance

Approval Date:

Date for Review: When required

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 is specific to OLBA Division.

BE IT ENACTED as a By-Law of the ONTARIO LIBRARY 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 "**OLBA Division**".

### **2. PURPOSE**

The purpose of the OLBA 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.

- A. **Advocacy:** To be a voice for those working in or having an interest in public library boards in Ontario. To support OLBA members in their provision of information resources and demonstrating the value of the public libraries within their communities.
- B. **Education and research:** To support OLBA 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 public library boards in Ontario through the creation of networking and mentorship opportunities, including the sharing of professional experiences.
- D. **Partnerships:** To work with the broader library community on shared issues, opportunities, and initiatives.

### **3. MEMBERSHIP**

The members of the OLBA Division are those Members in good standing of the OLA who are also working or residing in Ontario.

The members of the OLBA Division are those personal members of the OLA who are also public library board members on public library boards in Ontario.

The membership of all OLA divisions shall be composed of nine regions:

- 1 Southwestern region
- 2 Central West region
- 3 Mid Central region
- 4 Central region - East
- 5 Toronto
- 6 Eastern region
- 7 Northern region – West
- 8 Northern region – East
- 9 Outside Ontario

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

#### **4. COUNCIL GOVERNANCE**

The affairs of the OLBA Division shall be managed by the duly elected Council in a manner consistent with By-Law No. 1.

- a. The composition of the OLBA Council shall be at least :
  - The Past-President
  - The President
  - The Vice-President
  - Executive Director (non-voting)
  
- b. OLBA Council has also determined to include in their at large representation:
  - One representative from an organization within the Northern region (West or East)
  - One representative from an organization within the East region (Eastern, Central - East)
  - One representative from an organization within the West region (Southwestern, Central West)
  - One representative from an organization within the Mid-Central region
  - Two representatives from libraries serving communities under 30,000
  - Two representatives from libraries serving communities larger than 30,001

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.

the event that a Council Member 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.

- c. The Vice-President shall serve the first year after election as Vice-President, the second year as President, the third year as Past-President.
- d. The term of office of a councilor is three years.
- e. A Secretary and Treasurer shall be chosen by the Council from the Councillors each year.
- f. The councillors shall be appointed annually by the President to portfolios, which shall be determined from time to time by Council.
- g. 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 [OLA Policy G4.4 "Nominations and Elections"](#)

## **5. AMENDMENTS**

Amendments to all divisional bylaws are governed by OLA Bylaw #1 and the OLA Resolutions Policy and Procedure G6.1. Resolutions are the means for any OLA member to propose action for the membership to consider. Bylaw #1 stipulates notice to members of resolution as follows:

- Notice of any by-law amendments: 30 days
- Notice of other resolutions: 7 days.