

*Proposed language #1 (constitution):*

**ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE BOARD**

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**Section 2. Terms of Office and Duties of Officers.**

a. President.

The Vice-President/President-elect shall ~~become~~ **assume the office of** President of the Chapter at the conclusion of the fall annual meeting ~~following his or her election~~ **one year after his or her election as Vice-President/President elect**, and shall serve a term of one year as President, except as otherwise provided for in section 4 of this Article. The President shall be a member of the Executive Board. The President shall preside at meetings of the members and of the Executive Board and shall perform all other duties customarily pertaining to the office of President.

*Proposed language #2:*

**Section 2. Terms of Office and Duties of Officers.**

a. President.

The Vice-President/President-elect shall ~~become~~ **assume the office of** President of the Chapter at the conclusion of the fall annual meeting following his or her ~~election~~ **service as Vice-President/President elect**, and shall serve a term of one year as President, except as otherwise provided for in section 4 of this Article. The President shall be a member of the Executive Board. The President shall preside at meetings of the members and of the Executive Board and shall perform all other duties customarily pertaining to the office of President.

*Proposed language #3:*

**Section 2. Terms of Office and Duties of Officers.**

a. President.

The Vice-President/President-elect shall ~~become~~ **assume the office of** President of the Chapter at the conclusion of the fall annual meeting ~~following his or her election~~ **in which he or she served as Vice-President/President elect**, and shall serve a term of one year as President, except as otherwise provided for in section 4 of this Article. The President shall be a member of the Executive Board. The President shall preside at meetings of the members and of the Executive Board and shall perform all other duties customarily pertaining to the office of President.

*Proposed language (bylaws):*

**ARTICLE VI. COMMITTEES**

**Section 1. Standing Committees.**

~~The following standing committees exist for those purposes which require the continuous attention of the Chapter:~~

- ~~a. Archives: This committee is charged with compiling the historical and organizational documentation of this Chapter.~~

- b. ~~Constitution and bylaws: This committee is charged with reviewing the Chapter's governing documents and recommending revisions, as necessary.~~
- c. ~~Education: This committee is charged with the responsibility for development of opportunities for the continuing education of the membership.~~
- d. ~~Newsletter: This committee is charged with communicating information on the Chapter's activities to the membership, including the periodic publication of the Chapter newsletter.~~
- e. ~~Nominations and Elections: This committee is charged with proposing lists of candidates for the Chapter's offices, as needed, and tabulating the results of elections, both regular and special.~~
- f. ~~Site Selection: This committee is charged with recommending to the Executive Board potential sites for the annual Chapter meeting.~~
- g. ~~Placement: This committee is charged with publicizing appropriate employment opportunities arising within the Chapter's geographic region and with maintaining applicant files.~~
- h. ~~Government Relations: This committee shall be composed of one member from each state who will monitor that state's legislative activities and report upon legislation which could either affect libraries or the practice of law. Information regarding such legislation shall be forwarded to the Newsletter editor for publication. The chair of this committee shall also serve as the liaison to the AALL Washington Affairs Office and Government Relations Committee.~~
- i. ~~Grants: This committee is charged with the preparation and review of grant applications for such grants as funding will permit.~~
- j. ~~Public Relations: This committee is charged with promoting law libraries and the profession of law librarianship within the region. The chair of this committee shall serve as liaison to the AALL Public Relations Committees.~~
- k. ~~Membership and Retention: This committee is charged with recruiting new members and with evaluating the opportunities and benefits being provided by the association to its current members to ensure needs and expectations are being fulfilled to the extent possible. Other standing committees may be created as provided for in Article VII of the Constitution.~~

There shall be such standing committees as the Executive Board shall create, and a current list and charges shall be maintained in the Chapter Leadership Handbook.

## **Section 2. Special Committees.**

Special committees may be created to address specific concerns of the Chapter which require special attention for a limited period of time, as provided for in Article VII of the Constitution

*Proposed language (bylaws):*

## **ARTICLE II. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS**

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### **Section 2. Regular Elections.**

The Nominations and Elections Committee shall submit a list of one or more candidates to the Executive Board by the last day of February. The officers shall be elected by secret ballot, prepared by the Secretary, and delivered by the United States Postal Service or electronic mail to the membership sixty (60) **days** prior to July 1. The Nominations and Elections Committee shall count the ballots and notify the president of the results. In case of a tie vote, the successful candidate shall be determined by lot as conducted by the Nominations and Elections Committee.