

This is the current wording around dues standardization:

“Upon such time as the ALA Round Table Coordinating Assembly (RTCA) eventually finalizes and approves a uniform structure of round table membership and dues, the Round Table shall adopt that proposed structure. The proposed membership and dues structure shall replace any previous models that this Round Table used. In the event of later edits and updates to RTCA’s uniform structure, the Round Table shall automatically adopt any such updates.”

The ‘Summary of Dues Standardization for Round Tables’ (link below) document looks at the percentage of RT members from various ALA membership types (Regular, Student, Library Staff, etc.). The current proposal suggests a \$15 or \$20 dues rate for any RT member. They must be a member of ALA, but the category of membership will no longer be considered. Within each current membership type a projected loss of RT members at the \$15 and \$20 suggested rates are given. All membership types are projected to lose RT members if the standardized rate is adopted. Sometimes this results in an increase in dues collected sometimes a decrease. That depends on the amount of members lost and the current rates charged by each round table.

The By-laws task force is also proposing a template for RT By-laws. For example, the standard template has these recommendations for RT committees:

- How committees are formed -- who establishes and appoints them
- How committees are changed and dissolved
- How committee chairs are appointed/elected
- Length of term on a committee
- Difference between a committee and a working group or task force (if applicable)
- How working groups or task forces are formed (if applicable)
- How long a working group or task force lasts

Note for Those Drafting Revisions: The Bylaws Task Force encourages round tables not to list specific committees within their bylaws. Rather, including this information in a secondary document (i.e., in a handbook or manual) would give round tables more flexibility in constituting and reshaping committees to fit the needs of the round table, without requiring a member-wide vote.

The handbook is an additional document recommended to create institutional knowledge for RT members. Much of this sort of knowledge current exists on the GameRT ALA website in places like the ‘Obstacles and Challenges’ section. But new information may need to be created to fulfill the purpose of the handbooks in full.

There are a few documents that pertain to the Round Table Coordinating Assembly's Standardization Task Force (the By-laws task force).

The current work of the By-laws task force

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1O-V8KtRGqdXGoWeG8SeSBtYN_mkHslbF/edit

The proposed dues standardization document (Summary of Dues Standardization for Round Tables)

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1We7mf9vEqx7yhPvdFjhnRfcccBDdzfcn/edit>

The Forward Together Round Tables Document

<https://forwardtogether.ala.org/index.php/about-forward-together/round-tables/>

And three documents about the work that is prompting these changes.

<https://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/ALA%20CD%2044%20Membership%20Committee.pdf>

<https://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/ALA%20CD%2025-25.2%20Constitution%20and%20Bylaws%20Committee.pdf>

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