

Proposed Amendment to SRRT Bylaws

Proposed revision for approval by SRRT Membership at ALA Annual Meeting,
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SRRT Bylaws, Part IV "Action Council," Section 2 currently reads:

2. The 10 elected members of Action Council shall be elected by mail ballot procedures outlined below and shall take office immediately following the Annual Conference. At the final Action Council meeting of the Annual Conference, the incoming Action Council will meet under the auspices of the outgoing Council to select a coordinator, treasurer, recording secretary, exhibits coordinator, and a membership/recruitment chair. These officers will preferably be elected from the at large members of Action Council, but may be selected from the Task Force representatives or the affiliate representatives. Except in extraordinary circumstances, no single person shall serve Action Council in more than one of the six designated offices.

Suggested Changes:

2. The 10 elected members of Action Council shall be elected by ballot procedures outlined below and shall take office immediately following the Annual Conference. At the final Action Council meeting of the Annual Conference, the incoming Action Council will meet under the auspices of the outgoing Council to select a Coordinator-elect, treasurer, recording secretary, exhibits coordinator, and a membership/recruitment chair. These officers will preferably be elected from the at large members of Action Council, but may be selected from the Task Force representatives or the affiliate representatives. Except in extraordinary circumstances, no single person shall serve Action Council in more than one of the six designated offices. At this same meeting, Annual Action Council second meeting, the existing Coordinator-Elect will be recognized as the new Coordinator and take office upon adjournment of the ALA Annual Meeting.

Summary of Amendment:

Add provision for selecting a Coordinator-Elect position so that this individual: 1) may act as backup for current SRRT Coordinator, 2) be copied in on communications from ALA OLOS office sent to current Coordinator, 3) confer with current Coordinator regarding planning and administrating for the round table, and 4) in general learn the duties and tasks required for the position in preparation for assuming the primary role the following year. The selection of a Coordinator-Elect will enable a smooth transition for Action Council each year, providing consistency and continuity of leadership.

Rationale:

The practice of the election of the Action Council Coordinator at Midwinter AC2 meeting has become an ad-hoc process and needs to be formalized in order to serve the flow of SRRT as well as parallel other ALA Round Tables and fit in better with ALA election procedures.