

Recent GODORT Bylaws Changes

During the 1999 Midwinter Conference (Philadelphia) GODORT Business meeting, the following changes to the GODORT Bylaws were voted on and passed.

[Proposal 1](#): **Relationship to the American Library Association**

[Proposal 2](#): **Addition of the GODORT Website Administrator Position**

[Proposal 3](#): **Addition of the GODORT Councilor Position**

[Proposal 4](#): **Expansion of the Bylaws Committee Charge**

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Proposal 1: Relationship to the American Library Association

Article I: Name and Affiliation.

Section 1. Name. The name of the Organization shall be the Government Documents Round Table of the American Library Association.

Section 2. Relationship to the American Library Association.

The Government Documents Round Table is a unit of the American Library Association. The constitution and bylaws of that organization, to the extent they are applicable, take precedence over the bylaws of this Round Table.

Additional Sections Affected: None.

Proposal 2: Addition of the GODORT Website Administrator Position

Article IV. Officers. Section 6.c. GODORT Website Administrator.

The GODORT Website Administrator is responsible for developing and maintaining the GODORT web site, and is the editor of the Policy and Procedures Manual under the direction of the GODORT Publications Committee and the GODORT Steering Committee. The Website Administrator is a member of the Publications Committee.

Additional Sections Affected:

Article X. Section 3.f. Publications Committee.

This committee is composed of eleven members, including a Chair, a Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect elected annually, the Immediate Past GODORT Chair, the GODORT Treasurer, the Editor of Documents to the People (DtP) (non-voting), the GODORT Website Administrator who also serves as the Editor of the GODORT Policies and Procedures Manual (non-voting), the Chair of the Notable Documents Panel, the Chair of the Editorial Review Board, and one representative from each of the Task Forces appointed to staggered two-year terms. The Publications Committee shall have the responsibility of:

[existing 1-5 omitted here].

(6) Maintaining the GODORT web site.

Proposal 3: Addition of the GODORT Councilor Position

Article V. Duties of the Officers. Section 7. GODORT Councilor

The GODORT Councilor represents the interests of the Government Documents Round Table on the ALA Council. The GODORT Councilor is a member of the Steering Committee and serves on its Executive Committee. The Councilor serves as an ex-officio member of the GODORT Legislation Committee.

The Councilor reports to the GODORT Steering Committee and to the membership on ALA Council Activities, and presents those ALA issues and Council documents upon which the Steering Committee may wish to act. The Councilor receives direction from the Steering Committee regarding positions to be taken on ALA Council issues, and sponsors Council resolutions as requested by the Steering Committee.

Additional Sections Affected:

Article IV. Officers. Section 1.

Officers of the Round Table are elected and shall be Chair, Assistant Chair/Chair-Elect, Immediate Past Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, GODORT Councilor, and Publications Committee Chair. These officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these Bylaws (Article V), the GODORT Policies and Procedures Manual, and by the parliamentary authority as adopted by the Round Table (Article XIV).

Article VIII. Executive Committee.

This committee is composed of the Chair, the Assistant Chair/Chair-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, GODORT Councilor, Publications Committee Chair, and the Immediate Past Chair. This committee shall act for GODORT when time constraints prevent convening or canvassing the Steering Committee. No action taken by this committee shall conflict with action taken by the Steering Committee. All action taken will be reported to the Steering Committee.

Article X. Standing Committees. Section 3.c. Legislation Committee.

This committee is composed of nine members appointed to staggered two-year terms, and the GODORT Councilor (ex-officio). Four members shall be appointed by the GODORT Chair with the approval of the Steering Committee, two members to be appointed each year. Three members, two in even years and one in odd years, shall be appointed by the coordinator of the Federal Documents Task Force and one each by the coordinators of the State and Local Documents (even years) and International Documents (odd years) Task Forces. The Chair of this committee shall be appointed by the GODORT Chair with the approval of the Steering Committee.

Proposal 4: Expansion of the Bylaws Committee Charge

Article X. Section 3.b. Bylaws and Organization Committee.

This committee is composed of four members elected to staggered two-year terms. Two members will be elected each year. The Chair shall be appointed from among the committee members by the GODORT Chair with the approval of the Steering Committee. The Committee chair shall appoint ad hoc members (non-voting) with the approval of the Steering Committee, as needed to complete the committee task. The committee functions shall include structural and organizational concerns of GODORT. Its functions shall be the revision of The Committee will revise these Bylaws as necessary or upon the request from the membership. Such revisions shall be submitted to the membership according to procedures outlined in these Bylaws, Article XV. The Committee will conduct a periodic organizational review of GODORT and its units.

Additional Sections Affected: None.

Proposal 5: Change of Parliamentary Authority

Article XIV. Parliamentary Authority.

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules Of Order parliamentary authority designated by the American Library Association shall govern the Round Table in all cases in which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws or any special rules or order the Round Table may adopt, or with the Constitution and Bylaws of the American Library Association.

Additional Sections Affected: None

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<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/rts/godort/godortcommittees/bylawsorganization/change1999.cfm>]