

**Georgia Library Association
Membership Business Meeting
October 9, 2002 Classic Center Athens, GA**

The Georgia Library Association Executive Board proposed three amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws.

1) **GLA Constitution**

ARTICLE IV - DIVISIONS, SECTIONS, AND INTEREST GROUPS OF THE GEORGIA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION - Section 8c.

Current text: Each interest group must declare itself active to the Interest Group Council prior to the first general session of each biennial conference, or it shall be considered in dissolution.

Changes proposed: Strike the word “**biennial**” and replace it with “**annual**.”

Amended text: Each interest group must declare itself active to the Interest Group Council prior to the first general session of each annual conference, or it shall be considered in dissolution.

Eddie McLeod moved that the membership accept the Executive Board’s proposal that this change in the GLA Constitution be made. JoEllen Ostendorf seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

2) ARTICLE VI - CHAPTER IN THE AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Changes proposed: Section 2. Nomination

Current test:

The nominating committee shall biennially present the nominee(s) for the Councilor along with its regular slate of officers commensurate with the American Library Association’s constitution and bylaws.

Changes proposed:

Delete:

The nominating committee shall biennially present the nominee(s) for the Councilor along with its regular slate of officers commensurate with the American Library Association’s constitution and bylaws.

Insert:

The nominating committee shall present the nominee(s) for Councilor every three years along

with its regular slate of officers commensurate with the American Library Association's constitution and bylaws. This provision shall become effective upon the expiration of the current term of ALA Councilor.

Gordon Baker moved that the membership accept the Executive Board's proposal that this change in the GLA Constitution be made. Charles Beard seconded the motion. It passed unanimously

3)

GLA BYLAWS

Article II - NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS - Section 2(C) - Election

Current Text:

Terms of office shall begin at the close of the annual meeting, which follows the election.

Changes proposed:

Delete current text in its entirety and replace with:

Terms for all officers other than the Treasurer, ALA Councilor, and SELA Representative shall begin January 1 of the year following the election and end December 31 of that year. The term of office for the Treasurer shall begin on January 1 of the year following his or her election and shall run for three years ending on December 31 of the third year. The terms of the ALA Councilor and the SELA Representative shall begin and end as set out in the constitutions and bylaws of the American Library Association and the Southeastern Library Association.

Carol Stanley moved that the membership accept the Executive Board's proposal that this change in the GLA Bylaws be made. Michele James seconded the motion. It passed unanimously

The winners of 2002 GLA Awards are as follows:

Nix-Jones Award -----JoEllen Ostendorf
Bob Richardson Award -----Charles E. Beard
Library Advocay Award -----Mary Alice Budge
Nora Summers Paraprofessional Award ----- James Camp

Fred Smith
GLA Secretary