NEW MEMBERS ROUNDTABLE

BYLAWS

Article I. Name

Section 1.

The name of this organization shall be the Tennessee New Members Roundtable (TNMRT).

Section 2.

The Bylaws of this Roundtable should not be in conflict with the Bylaws of the Tennessee Library Association (TLA).

Article II. Purpose

The purpose of the Roundtable shall be to help individual members who have been members of TLA ten years or less to orient themselves in the profession of librarianship, to acquaint them with the structure and purpose of TLA, to promote comradeship among TNMRT members, to provide them with the opportunity for involvement in TLA, and to serve as a common voice for TMNRT members.

Article III. Membership

Section 1.

Membership is open to any member of the Tennessee Library Association who has been a member for ten years or less.

Section 2.

Individuals joining the Tennessee Library Association for the first time will receive free membership in the New Members Roundtable. After the first year of membership, no additional dues shall be required for members of this Roundtable if it is selected as the first choice. If chosen as an additional roundtable after the first year of membership, annual dues shall be $2.00. Individual membership shall be open to any member of the Tennessee Library Association who has been a member for ten years or less.

Article IV. Officers

Section 1.

The officers of the Roundtable shall be Chair, Chair-Elect, and Secretary. These officers shall perform the duties prescribed in the Bylaws and outlined in the TLA Manual of Procedures.

Section 2.

The officers shall serve for one-year terms which shall coincide with the terms of office of TLA. In the event the Chair is unable to complete the term of office, the Chair-Elect shall succeed to the office of Chair. In the event that any other officer is unable to complete a term of office, the Chair may appoint a replacement for the remainder of the term of office with the approval of the Executive Council.

Section 3.

All officers of the Roundtable shall be members of TLA.

Section 4.

No member shall hold more than one office concurrently in this Roundtable, and no officer shall be eligible for election to two consecutive terms.

Article V. Duties of Officers

Section 1.

The duties of the Chair include the following:

- Preside at all meetings of the Roundtable.
- Plan the program activity for the Roundtable, including any programs at the TLA Annual Conference.
- Appoint all committees of the Roundtable.
- Appoint and charge the Nominating Committee to present a slate of officers for election at the annual business meeting.
- Submit to the TLA Executive Committee an annual report on the Roundtable's activities during the year.
- Represent the Roundtable at meetings of the TLA Board of Directors.
- Act as the TLA liaison to the American Library Association New Members Roundtable Liaison Coordination and Support Committee.
- Oversee activities of the Roundtable between meetings, and perform any other duties which may be outlined in the TLA Manual of Procedures.

Section 2.

The Chair-Elect shall assume the duties of the Chair at the expiration of his/her term of office. Duties of the Chair-Elect are as follows:

- Act in the absence of the Chair.
- In the event the office of Chair becomes vacant, the Chair-Elect shall become Chair for the unexpired term.
- Perform other duties requested by the Chair or which may be outlined in the TLA Manual of Procedures.

Section 3.

The duties of the Secretary are as follows:

- Collect news of the Roundtable for publication in the TLA Newsletter or elsewhere and send to the Editor before announced deadline.
- Record minutes of all Roundtable meetings wherever appropriate.
- Perform other duties requested by the Chair or which may be outlined in the TLA Manual of Procedures.

Article VI. Nominations and Elections

Section 1.

A committee to nominate candidates for Chair-Elect and Secretary shall be appointed by the Chair. This committee shall select at least one candidate for each office for presentation at the business meeting of the Roundtable during the TLA Annual Conference. Consent of the nominees must be obtained prior to nomination.

Section 2.

Officers shall be elected during the Roundtable's business meeting at the TLA Annual Conference. Additional nominations may be made during the business meeting, provided consent of the nominee is obtained. All members of TLA affiliated with the Roundtable

are eligible to vote. The officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the members present. Terms of office shall begin on July 1 and end on June 30.

Article VII. Executive Council

Section 1. The three selected officers of the Roundtable shall constitute the Executive Council. The Chair of the Roundtable shall serve as Chair of the Executive Council.

Section 2. The Executive Council shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Roundtable in the intervals between meetings.

Section 3. Unless otherwise ordered by the Council, regular meetings of the Executive Council shall be held only when specifically called by the Chair or by the President of TLA.

Article VIII. Committees

Section 1.

Committees of the Roundtable shall include the Nominating Committee, Program Committee, and others deemed to be in the best interest of the Roundtable or needed to meet a specific charge.

Section 2.

The Chair of the Roundtable shall appoint the committee chair and other committee members in consultation with committee chairs. Committee chairs shall serve the same term of office as Roundtable officers.

Article IX. Meetings

Section 1.

Meetings of the Roundtable, including the business meeting, shall be held during the TLA Annual Conference and at any other time approved by the Executive Council of the Roundtable.

Section 2.

A special meeting may be called by the Executive Council of the Round Table. The purpose, time, and place of the meeting shall be stated in the call, and the members shall be given at least 30 days' notice prior to the meeting.

Article X. Affiliation With Other Organizations

The Roundtable may affiliate with other organizations, provided there is no conflict with the Bylaws of this Roundtable or with the Bylaws of TLA.

Article XI. Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the Roundtable in all cases where they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Bylaws of TLA or any special rules of order the Round Table may adopt.

Article XII. Amendment of Bylaws

These Bylaws may be amended by a majority of those members present at the annual business meeting or any called meeting.