



September 17, 2008

Dear KPLA member:

The Executive Committee will be presenting a few amendments to the Kentucky Public Library Association Constitution and Bylaws at our next business meeting which is to be held during the KLA fall conference on Thursday, October 2 at 4:00 PM. Article 4 of the Constitution addresses Officers for the organization. The committee is recommending the addition of a Vice Chair-Elect whose duty is to serve on the Vice-Chair's (formerly Chair-Elect) spring conference planning committee. The Vice Chair-Elect will assume the role of the Vice-Chair upon completion of the current Vice Chair's term. We believe this change would not only foster greater continuity, but would also allow the Vice Chair-Elect almost a year's worth of conference planning experience, before he/she is responsible for chairing the conference planning committee. We believe this would be greatly beneficial for the KPLA spring conference. Below you will find Article 4 as it is currently stated and the Article with the proposed changes.

Article 4. Officers

CURRENT

Officers are Chair, Chair-Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer. The affairs of the section are conducted by the Executive Committee consisting of the officers of the section and the Immediate Past Chair. The Secretary and Treasurer are elected for three-year terms at the annual Spring Conference. All terms of office begin following the close of the KLA Fall Conference. Officers may not serve two consecutive terms in the same office.

PROPOSED

Officers are Chair, Vice Chair, Vice Chair-Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer. The affairs of the section are conducted by the Executive Committee consisting of the officers of the section, the Immediate Past Chair and one representative appointed by the Library Trustees Roundtable. The Secretary and Treasurer are elected for three-year terms at the annual Spring Conference. All terms of office begin following the close of the KLA Fall Conference. Officers may not serve two consecutive terms in the same office.*

*This amendment was approved in April 2006.

A few sections in the Bylaws also need to be changed. See below.

Section 3. Nomination and Election Process

CURRENT

During the KPLA Spring Conference, the Nominating Committee shall present for consideration of the membership a slate of one qualified candidate each for the offices of Chair-Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer. Nomination may be made from the floor.

PROPOSED

During the KPLA Spring Conference, the Nominating Committee shall present for consideration of the membership a slate of one qualified candidate each for the offices of Secretary and Treasurer. During the KLA Fall Conference, the Nominating Committee shall present for consideration of the membership a slate of one qualified candidate for the office of Vice Chair-Elect. Nomination may be made from the floor.

Section 5. Committees

CURRENT

The Conference Committee shall be chaired by the Chair-Elect and is responsible for the KPLA Spring Conference. The Chair serves on the KLA Fall Conference Planning Committee.

The Nominating Committee shall be chaired by the Immediate Past Chair and shall have two others members. A slate of proposed officers shall be submitted by this committee at the KPLA Spring Conference.

PROPOSED

The Conference Committee shall be chaired by the Vice Chair and is responsible for the KPLA Spring Conference. The Chair serves on the KLA Fall Conference Planning Committee. The Vice Chair-Elect will serve on the current Vice-Chair's Conference Planning Committee.

The Nominating Committee shall be chaired by the Immediate Past Chair and shall have two other members. A slate of proposed officers shall be submitted by this committee at the KPLA Spring Conference and KLA Fall Conference.

Under **Policies and Procedures, Section 1. Duties of the Officers**, we would like to add:

The Vice Chair-Elect

- Serves on the current Vice-Chair's Conference Planning Committee and will assume the role of Vice Chair upon completion of the current Vice Chair's term.

In addition to the changes outlined above, all references to Chair-Elect will be changed to Vice Chair.

Sincerely,

Sara King, KPLA Chair