

**SUMMARY OF PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGES FOR SPRING 2022:** 1. Change of position names for GMR Health Sciences Librarians Focus Group Representative and Webmaster. 2. Change GMR and National Network of Libraries of Medicine to Region 6 (where needed) and Network of the National Library of Medicine. 3. Propose adding clause about temporary vacancies. 4. Propose adding new section making 2 years the default length/term of service for all appointed positions, with the option to extend up to 2 additional years. 4. Change GMR or the Greater Midwest Region to Region 6 where it seemed necessary to retain that detail, but in the description of the position, it is not necessary to mention the region in as many places as it currently appears. 5. The list of responsibilities for the NNLM representative (Part F) seems redundant, so propose combining few of the item numbers in that list of responsibilities.

**Here are where the exact changes would occur within the existing bylaws:**

#### ARTICLE II -- PURPOSE

The purposes of OHSLA shall be to: (1) promote, develop, and improve health sciences library services in the State of Ohio; (2) encourage sharing and cooperation among all types of libraries in the State of Ohio; (3) strengthen collaborative and network relationships within the State of Ohio, the region, and the nation; (4) provide a forum for the exchange of ideas among individuals who provide health information; (5) provide opportunities for continuing education and professional development; (6) provide a forum for the discussion of common problems and matters of mutual concern; (7) develop position(s) on issues affecting Ohio health sciences libraries; and (8) provide representation ~~to the Health Sciences Librarians Focus Group of the Greater Midwest Region, National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NN/LM)~~ **Region 6 of the Network of the National Library of Medicine (NNLM).**

#### ARTICLE IV -- OFFICERS

##### SECTION 1. OFFICERS

Elected Officers of OHSLA shall be: President-Elect, President, immediate Past-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and ~~one GMR – Health Sciences Librarians Focus Group~~ **NNLM Representative.**

##### SECTION 4. VACANCIES

If any office other than President becomes vacant, a successor shall be appointed within 45 days by the President, with the consent of the Executive Committee. The member thus appointed shall immediately

assume the duties of office and continue until the end of the term. The unexpired term of office of the President shall be filled by the President-Elect.

**[Proposed addition]**

**In cases where an elected officer (other than the President), an appointee, or a committee chair must be absent from OHSLA temporarily (less than 6 months) but intends to return to complete their term of service, the Executive Committee will determine if a temporary appointment is necessary to meet the major responsibilities (if any) of that position during their expected time of absence. If a replacement is deemed necessary, the President will appoint a temporary replacement as soon as possible with the consent of the Executive Committee.**

SECTION 5. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

**PART F. GMR NNLM Representative**

Term Served: 2 years and Elected: odd numbered years

Duties: 1. Serve as the communication link between OHSLA and ~~the Regional Advisory Council (RAC) Health Sciences Librarians Focus Group of the Greater Midwest Region (GMR) of NN/LM- Region 6 of the NNLM~~ . 2. Serve as Ohio's State Council Representative to NNLM Region 6. Attend ~~RAC Health Sciences Librarians Focus Region 6 Group meetings in the GMR~~ as scheduled (~~GMR reimburses expenses~~) and/or participate in applicable ~~RAC NNLM~~ teleconferences 3. Serve on an ~~RAC GMR NNLM~~ Committee as appointed by the staff of the ~~GMR~~ NNLM under the provisions of the current contract from the National Library of Medicine. 4. Report to the Executive Committee and the OHSLA membership on ~~GMR~~-regional and national activities and issues during Business Meetings, through the OHSLA Voice, and through the OHSLA listserv. 5. ~~Report to the membership at the Fall and Spring meetings on GMR activities and issues.~~ 6. ~~Inform the membership on regional and national issues by authoring OHSLA Voice articles and posting information to the OHSLA listserv.~~ 5. Participate in and monitor the ~~GMR~~ Region 6 listserv. Forward important e-mails to the OHSLA listserv. 6. Act as an advocate for Ohio medical librarians and quality medical library service for Ohioans.

ARTICLE V – COMMITTEES AND APPOINTED POSITIONS

SECTION 1. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee shall consist of the elected officers of OHSLA: President, Past-President, President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and ~~GMR—Health Sciences Librarians Focus Group~~ the **NNLM Representative**. The non-elected, Ad-Hoc and any Standing Committee Chairs as well as appointees and

representatives, shall serve as non-voting members on the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee is responsible for the continuing business of OHSLA.

#### SECTION 4. APPOINTED POSITIONS

PART A. ~~WEBMASTER~~ **WEB ADMINISTRATOR**. The ~~Webmaster~~ **Web Administrator** shall be appointed by the President. This person shall maintain and update the organization's Website with the approval of the Executive Committee.

**[proposed new section under ARTICLE V.]**

#### **SECTION 5. LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR COMMITTEES, COMMITTEE CHAIRS, AND ANY OTHER APPOINTED REPRESENTATIVES**

**Appointed Executive Committee positions and standing committee positions are for a minimum term of service of 2 years with the option to extend the appointment for a maximum of 2 additional years, provided both the President and the appointee agree to the extension. No appointee shall serve in the same appointed position for a period of more than 4 consecutive years. Ad hoc committee members and chairs are the only exception to these term lengths. The expected length of service for ad hoc committee members and chairs shall be specified at the time of the committee's formation based on the committee's charge.**