New Members Round Table

The purpose of the New Members Round Table is:
To help young and new members orient themselves to their profession and to encourage their membership and participation in the association.

The concept of a Southeastern Library Association/Junior Members Round Table grew out of discussions held at the Richmond Conference in 1974. Although a JMRT group presented programs at the three subsequent conferences, the SELA Constitution and Bylaws did not have a method to permit formal organization of a Round Table until the 1980 revision. JMRT was the first Round Table recognized under the new constitution. The Board of SELA approved the name change to New Members Round Table in February 1991.

Bylaws
Adopted December 1990

Article I. Name
The name of this organization shall be the New Members Round Table (NMRT).

Article II. Purpose
To represent the interests of all new members of the profession.

Article III. Goals
The goals of the New Member Round Table are:
1. To help new members orient themselves to their profession.
2. To encourage membership and participation in the Southeastern Library Association.

Article IV. Membership
Section 1. Membership shall be open to all interested members of SELA who have been a member for fewer than five (5) years.
Section 2. Membership shall also be open to all members interested in mentoring new members of the profession.

Article V. Dues
Membership in the Round Table is included in the dues for the Association.

Article VI. Officers
Section 1. The officers of the organization shall be Chair, Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect, and Secretary/Treasurer.
Section 2. All officers must be members of the Southeastern Library Association and the New Members Round Table at the time of their nomination.
Section 3. Officers shall be selected for nomination by existing NMRT officers.
Section 4. The officers shall serve for two-year terms which shall coincide with the terms of office for the officers of the Southeastern Library Association. In the event that 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 Round Table member for the remainder of the term of office.
Section 5. Officers shall be elected at the Round Table business meeting held during the biennial conference of the Southeastern Library Association. A majority vote of those Round Table members present and voting shall be sufficient to elect.

Article VII. Duties of Officers

Section 1. The Chair presides at all meetings, appoints all committees, calls special meetings, and is in general responsible for actions and activities of the section, including the biennial Round Table program.

Section 2. The Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect presides in the absence of the Chair and succeeds to the office of Chair and works closely with the Chair on Round Table activities.

Section 3. The Secretary/Treasurer is responsible for keeping accurate records of all finances and business meetings, and responsibilities as assigned by the Chair.

Article VIII. Meetings

Section 1. There shall be one business meeting a biennium held at the time of the biennial meeting of the Southeastern Library Association.

Section 2. Other meetings shall be held by petition of 25% of the membership.

Section 3. A majority of those members present and voting shall constitute a majority.

Article IX. Amendments
These Bylaws may be amended by a majority of those members present of NMRT at the biennial business meeting or any called meeting.

Article X. Parliamentary Authority
Robert's Rules of Order, latest edition, shall govern NMRT in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Bylaws of NMRT or SELA.