

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. Revised April 2020

Article I. Name

The name of this round table 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 Members 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 of SELA 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 round table shall be Chair, Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect, and Secretary.

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 exiting 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 terms 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 nominated by the end of the month of September prior to the beginning of their term. Elections will be held using a virtual platform during the month of October prior to the beginning of the term. A majority vote of members voting shall be required for election; in the event that there are more than two members nominated and no member receives a majority, a run-off election will be held in the month of November prior to the start of the term.

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 round table including all conference Round Table programs during term as Chair.

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 is responsible for keeping accurate records of all business meetings, and may have other responsibilities as assigned by the Chair.

Article VIII. Meetings

Section 1. There shall be one business meeting annually held virtually at the time conference program planning is to begin (generally late February/early March.)

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 of NMRT present at the annual business meeting or any called meeting. The Bylaws shall be reviewed every four (4) years by the Chair and the Vice Chair/Chair-Elect.

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.