PROPOSED NYLA BYLAW REVISIONS
Annual Membership Meeting
Thursday, November 7, 2012

MOTION
Motion to amend NYLA’s bylaws to create Article XIV as presented and to renumber all subsequent articles accordingly.

ARTICLE XIV
NYLA Chapters

Sec. 1. Creation
a. Upon petition of at least 300 Association members, the Council may authorize the establishment of a Regional Chapter. The petition shall include a statement of purpose that does not fall within the scope of any existing Section, or Chapter, nor fall within an area already served by a NYLA Chapter, and must stipulate that the Chapter will serve all types of librarians within the proposed service area. After approval of Council, the motion to establish a Chapter shall be presented to the membership at an annual meeting and shall be approved by a majority vote of those members present.

Sec. 2. Membership
A Chapter may admit members who are not members of the New York Library Association, but a minimum of 25% of a Chapter’s members must also be members of the New York Library Association.

Sec. 3. Responsibilities
No Chapter may speak for the Association, commit NYLA to any policy or action, or incur expenses on behalf of the Association. Chapters shall provide written annual reports to the NYLA office on the activities of their Chapter two weeks before the Annual Conference.

Sec. 4. Officers
Officers of the Chapter shall be elected according to Chapter Bylaws and shall assume office at the same time as other NYLA officers.

Sec. 5. Bylaws
Bylaws of Chapter shall not be in conflict with the Bylaws of the New York Library Association.

Sec. 6. Dissolution
When the need for any Chapter has ceased, or is being addressed in other ways, or when membership of a Chapter ceases to be maintained at the 300 member level for a period of two consecutive years, or NYLA membership among the Chapter members falls below 25%, it may be abolished by two-thirds of the total vote of the Council or the Chapter may vote to abolish itself.
MOTION
Motion to amend Article V. Council, Section 2, Membership as presented.

Update to ARTICLE V. COUNCIL
Sec. 2 Membership
The council shall consist of the officers of the Association, the immediate Past President, six Councilors at-Large and the ALA Chapter Councilor. Each Section shall be represented by its President or by such other member of the Section Board or an individual elected from the Section membership as the Section Board may decide. <addition> Each Chapter shall be represented by its President or by such other member of the Chapter Board or an individual elected from the Chapter membership as the Chapter Board may decide.