



REPORT TO THE LIBRARY BOARD

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Subject:	Friends of the London Public Library: Constitutional Amendments
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RECOMMENATION

It is recommended that the London Public Library Board approve the amendments to the Friends of the Library Constitution as contained in Appendix 1 of this report.

ISSUE/OPPORTUNITY

At its Annual General Meeting on September 30, 2009, the Friends' membership approved changes to the Friends of the Library constitution in order to meet the need for more flexibility in the appointment of Executive officers and in the scheduling of monthly meeting times.

The Friends of the London Public Library were established under motion of the Library Board in 1992 (L92/54.5). Under the Friends of the London Public Library Policy (approved by the Board, February 2007) all amendment and changes to the Friends' constitution and bylaws are subject to Library Board approval.

RATIONALE

The rationale for the recommended changes is found below. Please refer to Appendix 1 for the existing clauses and the recommended amendment or change.

Article VI (4A) provides for the continuation of an existing executive member in an office beyond the term, if no other candidate is available at the AGM. This ensures that the work of the Executive can continue without interruption.

Article VIII (1A) provides for greater flexibility in the meeting schedule to accommodate members and the work of the Executive.

Article XII (2B) provides greater clarification.

NEXT STEPS

Following approval of this recommendation, the Friends of the London Public Library will be notified that they may officially update their Constitution.

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Amendments to the Friends Constitution and Bylaws
2009

Article VI (Officers) - Item 4A

Existing

All officers shall be elected for the term of one (1) year, and may serve not more than three(3) successive years in any particular office.

Recommended:

All officers shall be elected for the term of one (1) year, and may serve not more than three(3) successive years in any particular office. **If there is no qualified candidate available for election or appointment to the Friends Executive, an exemption to Article V1 4A may be granted with the concurrence of the majority of members present at the Annual General Meeting, in the event that application of the term limit would result in a vacancy in a particular office.**

Article VIII - (Meetings), Item 1A

Existing

Regular meetings of the executive shall be held once per month; however, regular scheduled meetings in July and August may be cancelled by a majority of the Executive.

Recommended:

Regular meetings of the executive shall be held once per month; however, regular scheduled meetings may be cancelled by a majority of the Executive.

Article X11 - (Amendments), Item 2B

Existing:

Member shall be notified in writing of the Notice of Motion two (2) weeks prior to the general membership meeting.

Recommended:

Members shall be notified in writing of the Notice of Motion no later than two (2) weeks prior to the general membership meeting.