

LACRALO Bylaw Working Group

During the preparations for the 2010 LACRALO Officer elections in March, several members pointed out that the LACRALO Bylaws needed to be revised to keep up with a maturing organisation. The bone of contention was the length of the officers terms which were causing considerable confusion. The confusion stemmed from differing interpretations of the "letter of the law" vs the "spirit of the law". Some members were under the impression that it was implicitly agreed during the 2009 Mexico City General Assembly to extend the officer terms from one year to two. However, the LACRALO bylaws were not formally modified to reflect this change and several members pointed out that they did not consciously agree on such an extension.

Over the course of the following deliberations, additional areas for possible Bylaw revisions were highlighted.

Working Group Mandate

On 25 August, the LACRALO Chair and Secretariat [sent an email to the list](#) to propose the creation of a working group and to highlight areas for possible modifications. The working team is further supported by a Google workspace and a mailing list

Google Workspace: <http://groups.google.com/group/lacralo>

Mailing list: lacralo@googlegroups.com

A [summary on dealing with inactive ALSs in LACRALO was submitted June 2011](#) by consideration of other RALOs dealing with this issue.

Status Update on dealing with inactive ALSs in LACRALO as of June 2011

Possible Areas for Modifications:

ENGLISH	ESPAÑOL:
1. The term of the LACRALO chair and secretariat should be increased from one year to two years.	1. La duración del término de mandato del presidente y secretario de LACRALO debe incrementarse de un año a dos años.
2. Persons elected to the LACRALO chair and secretariat can only serve for two consecutive terms.	2. Las personas elegidas para ocupar el cargo de presidente y secretario de LACRALO sólo pueden desempeñarse durante un máximo de dos términos de mandato consecutivos.
3. There should be specific dates when the term of the chair and the term of the secretariat starts.	3. Debe haber fechas específicas del momento en que se inicie el término de mandato del presidente y del secretario
4. Should the terms of the chair and secretariat be staggered so that the election for both positions does not occur at the same time?	4. ¿Deberían escalonarse los términos de mandato del presidente y del secretario de manera que la elección de ambas posiciones no ocurra al mismo tiempo?
5. Persons serving as LACRALO chair and LACRALO secretariat should be from different countries and from different ALSes	5. Las personas que se desempeñen como presidente y secretario de LACRALO deben ser de diferentes países y de diferentes Estructuras At-Large (ALSes).
6. The election of the LACRALO chair and secretariat would be done by a LACRALO general assembly (virtual or face to face) convened for a set period (e.g 6 months) prior to the start of the terms of the chair and the secretariat.	6. La elección del presidente y del secretario de la Organización Regional At-Large Latinoamericana y del Caribe (LACRALO) se llevaría a cabo mediante una asamblea general de LACRALO (virtual o presencial), que se convocará un período determinado antes del inicio de los términos de mandato del presidente y del secretario (por ejemplo, 6 meses).
7. Should there be a re-definition of what constitutes a quorum in LACRALO meetings?	7. ¿Debería haber una nueva definición de lo que constituye el quórum en las reuniones de LACRALO?

Draft modifications

[Draft modifications LACRALO Rules of Procedures 2010](#)

[Draft modifications LACRALO Operating Principles 2010](#)

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Bylaw modification schedule

- Until 28 November: working group deliberations on Bylaw modifications
- 29 November - 1 December: WG call to approve the final draft modifications
- 7 December: LACRALO Meeting in Cartagena to approve final draft modifications
- 9 November - 6 January: Online vote to endorse Draft Modifications

Meetings

[18 November 2010](#)

[11 November 2010](#)

[04 November 2010](#)