**Chapter Council**

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**Executive Summary:**

* There has been much discussion within the council and individual chapters regarding: [MLA Bylaws](https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Furldefense.proofpoint.com%2Fv2%2Furl%3Fu%3Dhttps-3A__na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com_-3Furl-3Dhttps-253A-252F-252Fwww.mlanet.org-252Fd-252Fdo-252F671-26data-3D02-257C01-257Cmar-2540pitt.edu-257C809a7a47ca47498bf27908d61ca89f21-257C9ef9f489e0a04eeb87cc3a526112fd0d-257C1-257C0-257C636727907890779543-26sdata-3DTcxY7tfNTZ2-252BR-252BfVG1HdDwF6TyZ-252FX75R0AFGQdrEEV8-253D-26reserved-3D0%26d%3DDwMFAg%26c%3DimBPVzF25OnBgGmVOlcsiEgHoG1i6YHLR0Sj_gZ4adc%26r%3Dk3c_DF2oB-2qUs0InAvjKlD0ydp7KMZSLrJrGa1Rabw%26m%3DHr9i7fVpVUTvNHiJ1MillvL2J_RKWNWJRKDG7WctvZ4%26s%3DDpm8Sk9Y77I0UQk8359YZbk19D7EYLW0WhmKkj9ekvs%26e%3D&data=02%7C01%7Cmar%40pitt.edu%7C9a55850e7a834e38dfd908d630611bfc%7C9ef9f489e0a04eeb87cc3a526112fd0d%7C1%7C0%7C636749590988371918&sdata=RCaOfJB8Ik%2FsX6zsp1K4tV5AqR%2BF3WQUmflDo4%2B2RrQ%3D&reserved=0): Article XI: Chapters of the Association; Section 5: Officers and Committee Chairs; which states: Officers of Chapters and Chairs of Chapter Standing Committees are required to be [Voting Members](https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Furldefense.proofpoint.com%2Fv2%2Furl%3Fu%3Dhttps-3A__na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com_-3Furl-3Dhttps-253A-252F-252Fwww.mlanet.org-252Fl-252Fli-252F-253Fredir-253Dp-25252Fdo-25252Fsd-25252Fsid-25253D3056-252526fid-25253D7852-252526req-25253Ddirect-26data-3D02-257C01-257Cmar-2540pitt.edu-257C809a7a47ca47498bf27908d61ca89f21-257C9ef9f489e0a04eeb87cc3a526112fd0d-257C1-257C0-257C636727907890789551-26sdata-3DJTMzVLmNjrHN4i-252F7hnIxa4Qdh1e0DglHoA81OG1jGE4-253D-26reserved-3D0%26d%3DDwMFAg%26c%3DimBPVzF25OnBgGmVOlcsiEgHoG1i6YHLR0Sj_gZ4adc%26r%3Dk3c_DF2oB-2qUs0InAvjKlD0ydp7KMZSLrJrGa1Rabw%26m%3DHr9i7fVpVUTvNHiJ1MillvL2J_RKWNWJRKDG7WctvZ4%26s%3DdlzONSBgBSGupulLkhO7zfhcN8L2TfoXX1y2avjsi30%26e%3D&data=02%7C01%7Cmar%40pitt.edu%7C9a55850e7a834e38dfd908d630611bfc%7C9ef9f489e0a04eeb87cc3a526112fd0d%7C1%7C0%7C636749590988371918&sdata=gbxgZ4eihQ%2FzKjs0Ho5ONIvv%2B2SU2%2FxH2%2FQxQWFs54I%3D&reserved=0) of the Association.
* In April 2018, elections were held. Donna Berryman was elected as chair-elect. Six names were submitted to the chair of the Nominating Committee for the ballot.
* Merger talks between NJ/NY and Philadelphia Chapters are still happening. No real progress to date.
* 2019 Majors/MLA Chapter Project of the Year has been advertised requesting submissions.