

Council I  
April 1, 2025

# Reading List Task Force Report

# TLA Reading Lists

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**contribution** of our  
organization to the  
profession

# Background

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## Strategic Plan

**Priority 3:** Cultivate a thriving organization

**Goal:** Ensure organizational growth through intentional governance.

**Objective:** Implement a continuous review of association governance structures to align with industry best practices.

## Members

Appointed by TLA President  
Gretchen Pruett in July 2023

**Jill Bellomy**  
TLA Executive Board

**Dorcas Hand**  
TLA Executive Board

**Terri Harkey**  
TBA Coordinator

**Rebecca Ivey**  
RLCC Co-Chair

**Abbie Lester**  
RLCC Co-Chair

**Melissa Rippy**  
TLA Executive Board

**Mary Woodard**  
Chair  
TLA Executive Board

**Wendy Woodland**  
TLA Staff Liaison

## Charge

- Define guidelines and processes for TLA reading lists in relation to HB 900.
- Evaluate timelines, list use recommendations, publisher communications, procedures, review standards etc.
- Take all reading lists through a stop-start-continue review process and recommend a policy to evaluate the creation of new lists and dissolution of existing lists

# Job 1: Reading List Selection Guidelines



## Reading List Selection Guidelines

Approved by TLA Executive Board

March 8, 2024

### Purpose of TLA Reading Lists

Reading lists curated by Texas Library Association members are designed to highlight current books that are of commendable quality, creativity, and have potential appeal to the readers for whom they are selected. Included titles are intended for consideration only and not meant to be a purchase recommendation. When purchasing materials, librarians should always follow their own local collection development policies.

### Responsibility for selection

TLA reading lists are curated by TLA members who are professional librarians from various library types and geographic areas of the state and have experience working with the audience for whom the list is intended.

### General guidelines

All books under final consideration will be read in their entirety by all committee members.

All books selected for inclusion must comply with all applicable state and federal laws and regulations.



## Job 2: Evaluate Current Practices



- Reviewed timelines, operating procedures, and appointment process for all committees
- Held Stop Start Continue meetings
- Stakeholder survey
- Feedback from CRT and YART leadership

# Findings

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## Inconsistencies

- Appointment process
- Training
- Procedures and committee activities
- List promotion
- Selection criteria



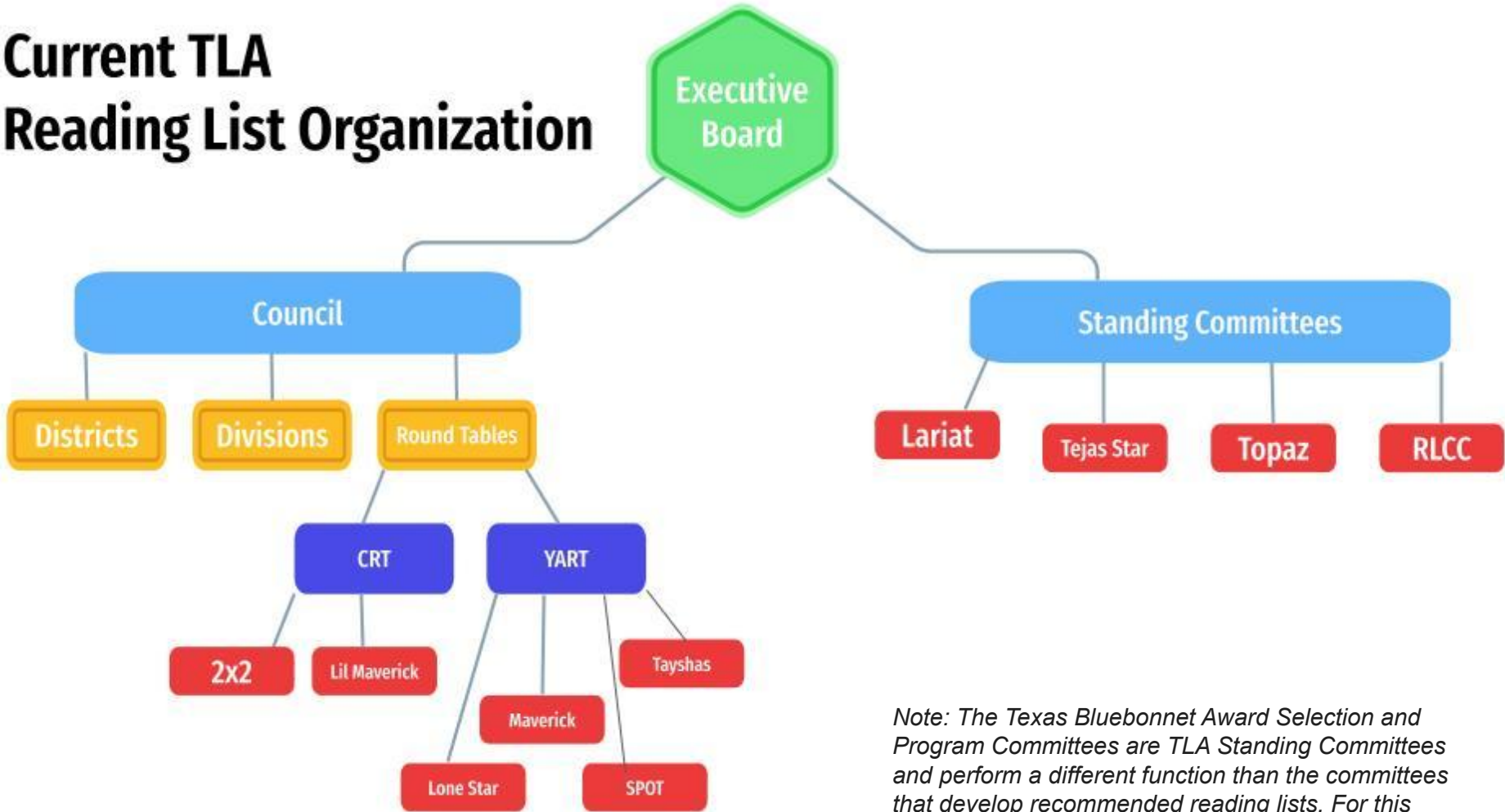
## Reading List Coordinating Committee

is not used effectively

## Organizational structure

is a barrier to standardizing these inconsistencies

# Current TLA Reading List Organization



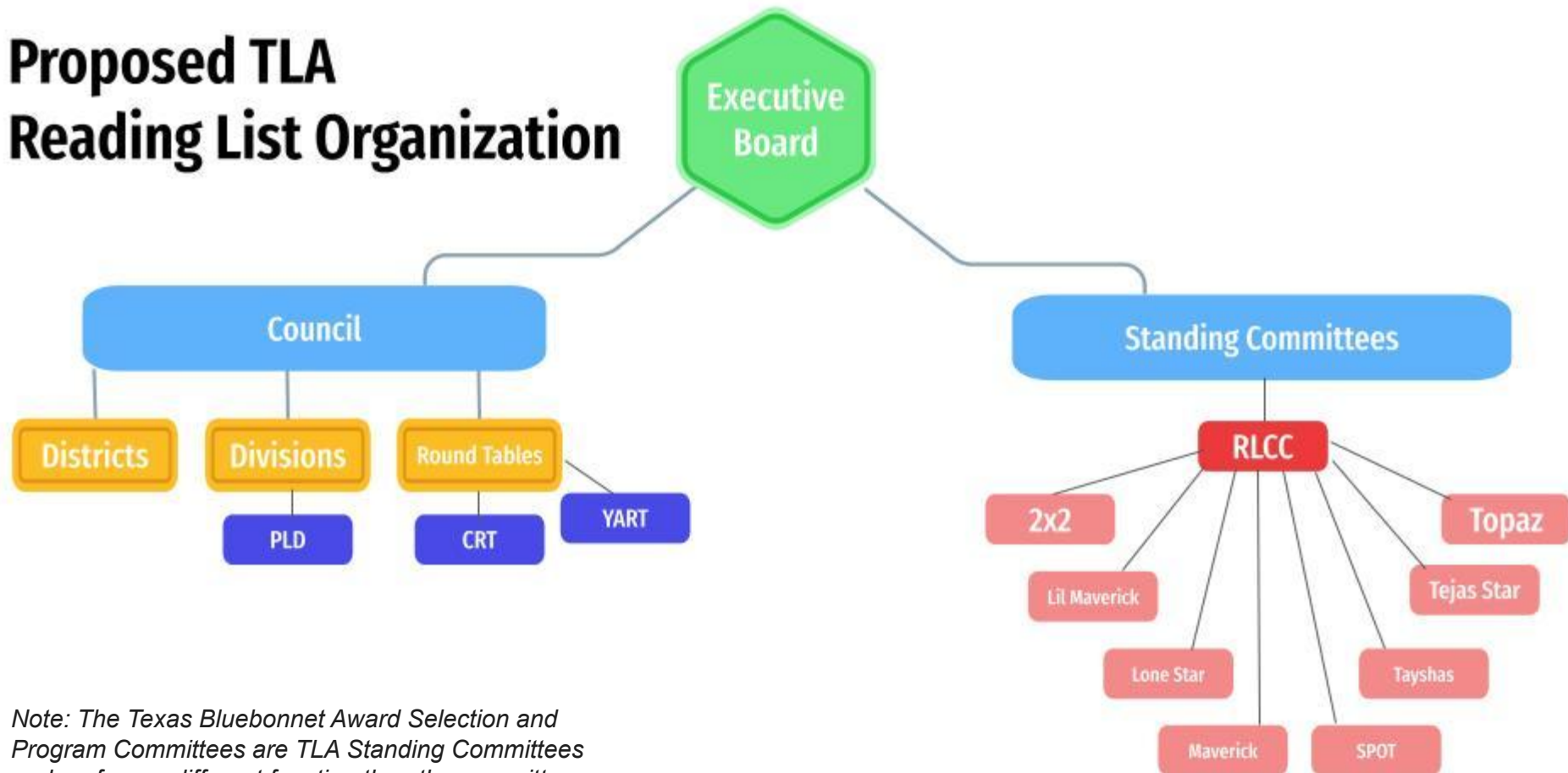
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# Recommendation

**Reorganize TLA's governance structure so that all reading list committees come under the supervision of the Reading List Coordination Committee, with committee appointments to be managed collaboratively between RLCC, CRT, PLD, and YART Executive Boards.**

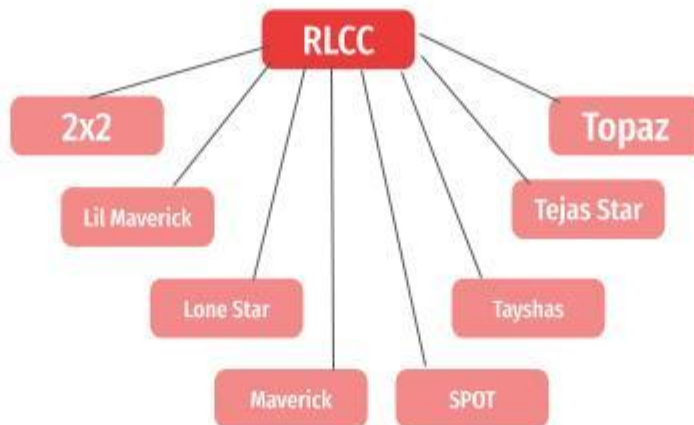


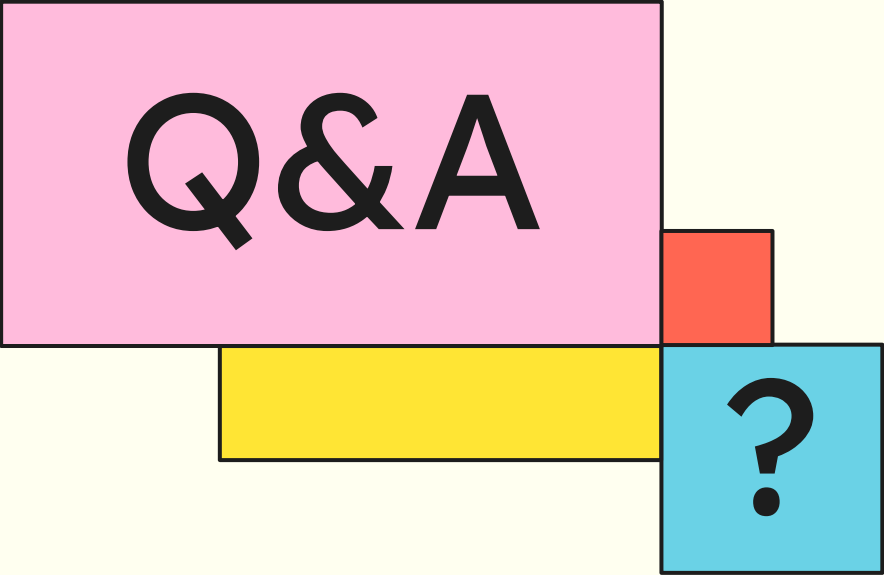
# Proposed TLA Reading List Organization



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# Proposed Reading List Coordinating Committee Structure





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