

**Ohio Library Council  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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ITEM NO.: **5.F.5**

MEETING DATE: **July 17, 2020**

SUBJECT: **Member Services Report**

SUBMITTED BY: **Jeanine D'Andrea**

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**REPORT FOR INFORMATION**

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Individual Membership

The Individual Membership count as of July 8, 2020 is 2,310. By comparison, the 2019 July 08 total was 2,399. The OLC Individual Membership revenue budget at the end of June of \$175,750 is over budget by \$6,485. There are 287 new individual members. In addition, there are currently 1487 Library Trustee Members; 99 Friends Groups; 242 Public Libraries; 12 Other Institutions and 11 Associate Members.

Proration of individual membership dues for **New** members only, began on July 1. \*New Members joining between July 1 and September 30 pay one-half annual membership dues. \*New Members joining after October 1 receive free membership for the remainder of the current year with the payment of full dues for the following year. \*Applies to individuals who have never been OLC members or who have not been OLC members for five or more consecutive years.

The Membership Committee held a Zoom meeting on June 23. Discussion included: vacancy due to resignation of Campbell; statistics update; ALA/OLC Joint Membership update; student raffle winner; promotion of prorated dues; cancellation of OLC Convention & Expo; possible virtual New Member Meet & Greet; digital New Member packets in the future, and Access articles. There was discussion on the impact of COVID-19 on library budgets and staffing, and the potential decrease in individual memberships that could occur in 2021. OLC experienced an individual membership loss of approximately 600 members in 2010, after the 2009 PLF decrease. The Committee is requesting a letter from OLC leadership to directors asking for continued consideration of OLC memberships for employees to be kept in their 2021 budgets in early September.

Nominations and Elections

The start of the online voting process in the OLC's 2020 elections opened on June 30, using our election software Election Runner. Electronic ballots were sent to all individual members who have a valid email address on file (3482). Members without e-mail addresses, Friends groups, and those who opted out of online voting were mailed paper ballots (411). Once the online voting opens, members will have 30 days to cast their ballots for four positions on the OLC Board of Directors, as well as the action council members for their respective Divisions. A reminder email will be sent one week prior to voting which closes on July 30.

Staff will review the results with Armstrong; Nominations Chair a few days after the online election closes to allow time for any print ballots to be received by the postmark deadline. A final results report will be sent to all candidates on all ballots prior to posting to the website.

Awards and Honors

The Awards and Honors Committee held a Zoom meeting on June 19. The Awards and Honors Committee recommendation is covered under Reports for Action as agenda item 3.C.

Committee Appointments

The 2020 Appointments Committee will begin their work in mid-to late August. Members of the Committee include: Laura Lee Wilson, Chair; Tom Dillie and Cheryl Kuonen, Ex-Officio. Committee openings will be identified and sent to the Committee by mid-August.

Database Projects

In preparation for voting, an email was sent to those members who did not select Divisions at the time of renewal. Updates have been made to include division selections to those that responded.

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