

**Ohio Library Council
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

ITEM NO.: **6.E.4**

MEETING DATE: **Jan. 17, 2025**

SUBJECT: **Membership Services Report**

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REPORT FOR INFORMATION

2025 Membership

2025 Individual Membership renewals are coming in steadily. Many of our libraries who pay dues for staff approve of this at their January Board of Directors meetings. To date, we have 575 renewals and 77 new members.

The first membership renewal was sent electronically on Dec. 5, 2024. A second renewal reminder is scheduled to be sent electronically on Jan. 10. A printed invoice will be sent to only those members who have not provided OLC with an email address.

Updates have been made to the Individual Membership page of the website including the membership application, and how to Get Involved. We are currently working on creating new reports. An article on Lifetime Membership was published in the Jan. 8 Access newsletter. We received a call on Jan. 9 from a potential new Lifetime Member. The Membership Committee is scheduled to meet via Zoom on Jan. 23 @ 2:30 p.m.

ALA/OLC Joint Student Membership Program

Membership through the ALA/OLC Joint Student Membership Program through Dec. 31, 2024 totaled 64. In comparison, 2023 = 71; 2022 = 65; 2021= 83; 2020 = 78.

Awards and Honors

The Awards and Honors program opened on Jan. 8, 2025 with an article in Access. The submission process has been simplified. The Awards and Honors Committee is scheduled to meet via Zoom on Feb. 27 at 2:00 p.m.

Governance

Staff continue to update the website and revisions continue to be made to reflect the Divisions and Committee Action Councils, 2025 Goals and Objectives, and 2024 Annual reports. A follow-up email will be sent to those who have not responded. As new terms begin for our Division Action Councils, updates have been made to each Division and Committee Basecamp to reflect their 2025 members. Board liaisons will be updated after the Jan. 17 Board meeting and the Professional Development Committee Liaisons will be updated after their meeting later this month.