

**Ohio Library Council
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

ITEM NO.: **5.H.4**

MEETING DATE: **Sept. 15, 2023**

SUBJECT: **Membership Services Report**

SUBMITTED BY: **Jeanine D'Andrea**

REPORT FOR INFORMATION

Individual Membership

The Individual Membership count as of September 5, is 2332 as compared to September 5, 2022 of 2362. There are 427 new individual members. In addition, there are currently 1716 Library Trustee Members; 97 Friends Groups; 247 Public Libraries; 9 Other Institutions and 13 Associate Members.

There has been an increase of 72 new members since the proration of dues began in July and possible new members due to the differential in the Convention fee for members versus the non-member rate.

The Membership Committee is scheduled to meet on October 12. D'Andrea will meet with 2023 Chair, KT Mockensturm prior to this meeting to discuss the transition of chair, agenda items, 2024 goals and objectives, etc. This is the Committee's 2024 planning meeting as they do not meet at the Planning & Leadership Conference.

New Member Meet and Greet

The New Member Meet and Greet will be held on Wednesday, September 27 from 4:00-4:30 in Rooms 263 and 264. All Board members are encouraged to attend to welcome our new members and first-time attendees. New members will be wearing lime green ribbons, please reach out and introduce yourselves.

ALA/OLC Joint Student Membership Program

ALA migrated their Join Membership Platform and Renewal Platform to ec.ala.org on July 10. OLC has created an email to send to those members joining through ALA to request their division preferences. Memberships through the ALA/OLC Joint Student Membership Program through August 31 total 44.

Nominations and Elections

The OLC Nominations and elections process was completed on July 30. The Divisions had a return rate between 26-67%. All candidates for Division Action Councils were notified by letter. A full report of the results was published in *Access*.

Awards and Honors

The Awards and Honors luncheon details are moving along. We encourage Board members to attend the Awards and Honors Luncheon on Wednesday, September 27 in Rooms 263 and 264 from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Pre-registration is required. Watch for a

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new and exciting Awards and Honors display in the south concourse outside of Exhibit Hall B.

The Awards and Honors Committee met via Zoom on Sept. 7 to discuss the upcoming awards luncheon and details. There was discussion regarding the 2024 Awards and Honors program, as there will be no OLC Convention and Expo in 2024 due to PLA being hosted in Columbus. It was the sense of the Committee to not open Award nominations for 2024 and to wait until 2025 to open nominations. They would like to use 2024 as an opportunity to work to review all award criteria, guidelines and processes.

Committee Appointments

Committee openings have been identified and sent to staff for fulfillment. A full report of appointments will be shared with the Appointments Committee when completed and presented at the November 2023 Board meeting for action.

OLC Connects

Staff is working with the Membership Committee and the Awards and Honors Committee to review and refresh materials for their OLC Connects booth and display.