

**Ohio Library Council
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

ITEM NO.: **5.E.4**

MEETING DATE: **May 17, 2024**

SUBJECT: **Membership Services Report**

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REPORT FOR INFORMATION

2024 Membership

As of May 8, 2024, there are a total of 2580 Individual Members as compared to 2235 on May 8, 2023. There are currently 1971 renewals and 580 new Individual Members. In addition, there are currently 90 Friends Groups. New Member Packets have been sent electronically to members through April 30.

The Membership Committee met via Zoom on March 14 at 2:30 p.m. Agenda items included: statistics; new member update; quick poll of those libraries who pay OLC staff dues; Honor Roll Libraries; drop date for non-renewals; email to those who have selected no divisions and Access articles.

ALA/OLC Joint Student Membership Program

To date there are 32 members who have joined through the ALA/OLC Joint Student Membership Program which offers students the opportunity to join ALA and OLC for one price of \$46. ALA sends out the renewal notices and our Student Representative will continue to promote the program through her professional and personal communications.

Committee Tracking

A review of our records of those participating on a Division Action Council or Committee identified 6 people who had not renewed their Individual Membership for 2024. A reminder was sent to all, and three have yet to renew.

Public Library Association Conference

Staff attended the PLA Conference April 2-5, 2024. The OLC had a table in the main hallway and assisted PLA with projects and directions. It was a wonderful opportunity to mingle with many of our Ohio members, as well as answer questions from other states' members.

Nominations and Elections

Slates of candidates for Division Action Councils were due to OLC by April 1. Staff continues to work directly with each division coordinator to ensure contested slates. There are a few units who need additional candidates. Nomination acceptance forms will be sent to candidates requesting biographical information for the ballots. The deadline for response is May 27, 2024.

Awards and Honors

The Awards and Honors Committee met on April 25. Discussion included updates or changes to the Awards process. The Awards & Honors Committee is respectfully putting forward changes to the awards to make them more inviting and inclusive and to address feedback from OLC members who have found submitting awards challenging or difficult.

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