

**Ohio Library Council
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

ITEM NO.: **5.A**

MEETING DATE: **March 14, 2025**

SUBJECT: **OLC Board of Directors
Elections – 2025**

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REPORT FOR DISCUSSION

In the 2025 OLC elections, four positions on the Board of Directors will be on the ballot, including one MLIS position, one Trustee position, and two At-Large positions. Current Board members serving in these positions (and their eligibility for re-election) include:

Position	Board Member	Term(s) of Service	Eligible for Re-Election
MLIS	Julianne Bedel	2023-25	Yes
Trustee	Robert Jenkins	2023-25	Yes
At-Large	Kathy Bach	2023-25	Yes
At-Large	Sarah Clevidence	2023-25	No

Current Board members eligible for re-election are asked to indicate whether they wish to be candidates for re-election. The OLC Nominating Committee will be responsible for identifying and recommending candidates for election, including incumbents as well as new candidates for election to the Board.

In the past, a call for candidates interested in being considered for election to the Board has been included in *This Week* and *Access* and posted on the OLC website beginning on the Monday following the March Board meeting and continuing through April. The posting includes a link to an online form that interested members are asked to submit. It includes contact information, details about their library and OLC experience, and a statement regarding their interest in serving on the OLC Board of Directors. The Nominating Committee uses this information to select the nominees and create the election slate. Based on feedback and discussion in 2024, OLC staff will work with former members of the OLC Board of Directors on encouraging volunteers to run for the board.