

**Ohio Library Council
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

ITEM NO.: **5.A**

MEETING DATE: **March 13, 2026**

SUBJECT: **OLC Board of Directors
Elections – 2026**

SUBMITTED BY: **Michelle Francis**

REPORT FOR DISCUSSION

In the 2026 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	Travis Bautz	2024-26	Yes
Trustee	Sandra Hedlund Tunnell	2024-26	Yes
At-Large	Mary Ellen Icaza	2024-26	No
At-Large	Stacey Russell	2024-26	Yes

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, OLC staff will work with former members of the OLC Board of Directors on encouraging volunteers to run for the board.