

**Ohio Library Council
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

ITEM NO.: **5.D**

MEETING DATE: **May 16, 2025**

SUBJECT: **Executive Director's Report**

SUBMITTED BY: **Michelle Francis**

REPORT FOR INFORMATION

2025 Institutional Membership Dues

As of May 13, I am happy to report that 229 public library systems are Institutional Members of OLC. We have 20 library systems that are still in the process of renewing their memberships and submitting payment. We did have a few counties where invoices were delayed due to inaccurate information from county auditors.

I am happy to report that Plain City Public Library has decided to join OLC as an Institutional Member. More details will be shared at the Board Meeting.

The following two public library systems have not paid any portion of their 2025 dues and were not included in the revenue projections for the 2025 OLC operational budget:

Library	2025 Dues
Bettsville Public Library	437
Franklin Public Library	5,142
TOTAL	5,579

Library Levies on May Primary Ballot

On May 6, voters across Ohio delivered a resounding show of support for their public libraries, approving every levy on the ballot. The approved measures included eight renewals, two replacements, two additional/new, and one bond. Unofficial results are available on the [OLC website](#).

OLC Staff Anniversaries

Recent OLC staff anniversaries include:

- Angie Jacobsen: March 28 – 9 years
- Laurie Miller: April 19 – 4 years
- Ro Swanson: May 8 – 25 years

Trustee Dinners

This spring, OLC hosted four regional Trustee Dinners/Lunch. These are meetings throughout the state for public library trustees and administrators. The events focused on the FY 26-27 State Budget and provided a venue for library trustees and administrators to share information and ideas with their counterparts throughout the region.

Date	2025 Locations (In-Person)	Attendance
Mar. 20	SE Ohio – Guernsey County Library, Cambridge	28
Apr. 3	NW Ohio – Stone Ridge Golf Club, Bowling Green	52
Apr. 24	SW Ohio – MidPointe Library, West Chester	43
May 8	NE Ohio – Embassy Suites, Independence	95

Date	2024 Locations (In-Person)	Attendance
Mar. 28	SE Ohio – Guernsey County Library	16
Apr. 11	NW Ohio – Stone Ridge Golf Club, Bowling Green	45
Apr. 25	SW Ohio – Walnut Grove Country Club, Dayton	21
May 2	NE Ohio – Embassy Suites, Independence	85

Date	2023 Locations (In-Person)	Attendance
Mar. 30	SE Ohio – Sen. Hoagland	16
April 6	NW Ohio – Rep. Ghanbari	42
April 20	SW Ohio – Sen. Hackett	29
May 4	NE Ohio – OLC Staff	88

Date	2022 Locations (In-Person)	Attendance
April 21	SE Ohio – Rep. Don Jones	30
May 5	NW Ohio – Rep. Haraz Ghanbari & Chancellor Randy Gardner	40
May 12	NE Ohio – Rep. Gayle Manning	66
May 19	SW Ohio – Rep. Jessica Miranda	22

Date	2021 Locations (Virtual)	Attendance
May 10	Central Ohio – Sen. President Pro Temp Jay Hottinger	41
May 13	SW Ohio – Sen. Steve Wilson	26
May 20	NE Ohio – Sen. Jerry Cirino	21
May 24	NW Ohio – Sen. Theresa Gavarone	44

Activities

Activities since the last Board meeting include:

Mar. 17	Meeting w/Bostwick Design Partnership OLC Staff Meeting
Mar. 18	OLC Legal Webinar on New Virtual Meetings Law OLC Webinar on America 250 – Ohio Goes to the Movies Meeting w/School Principals Association
Mar. 19	Meeting w/Rep. Dovilla Meeting w/Rep. Joe Miller House Local Gov. Committee House Ways and Means Committee
Mar. 20	Meeting w/State Librarian OGIL Celebration w/Mrs. DeWine @ Greene County PL OLC Legislative Network & GRC Meeting OLC SE Ohio Trustee Dinner @ Guernsey County DL
Mar. 21	Media Interview w/Ohio Capital Journal
Mar. 26	Meeting w/Sen. Roegner
Mar. 27	OLC Legislative Day Prep Webinar
Mar. 28	Meeting w/North Hill Consulting Meeting w/OLC Legal Counsel
Mar. 31	Cuyahoga County Library Directors Legislative Luncheon @ OverDrive
Apr. 1	House Finance Committee Meeting w/Senate President McColley Meeting w/Sen. Gavarone Meeting w/Sen. O'Brien
Apr. 2	OLC Legislative Network & GRC Meeting Meeting w/Metro Library Directors Meeting w/Sen. Blessing Emergency Zoom Meeting w/Library Directors
Apr. 3	Media Interview w/Anna Staver (Cleveland.com) Media Interview w/Ideastream Media Interview w/NBC 4 Spectrum Colleen Marshall OLC NW Ohio Trustee Dinner @ Stone Ridge Golf Club in Bowling Green
Apr. 7	Media Interview w/WOSU & CML Emergency Zoom Webinar for Library Directors & Fiscal Officers OLC Staff Meeting Media Interview w/WSYX (Tom Bosco) Media Interview w/NPR Sound of Ideas Media Interview w/The Chronicle Telegram
Apr. 8	OLC Legislative Day at the Statehouse Meeting w/Rep. Lorenz
Apr. 9	House Session Meeting w/Sen. Koehler
Apr. 10	Media Interview w/Fox 8 Cleveland
Apr. 14	OLC Staff Meeting
Apr. 15	Meeting w/Fleeter & Associates
Apr. 16	Media Interview w/WOSU All Sides w/Amy Juravich Special OLC Board of Directors Zoom Meeting
Apr. 17	City Club Luncheon w/Sen. Cirino & Cuyahoga County Library Directors OLC Legislative Network & GRC Meeting
Apr. 18	OLC State Budget Update Webinar Meeting w/Senate Budget Caucus Staff
Apr. 21	OLC Staff Meeting
Apr. 22	Meeting w/School Principals Association

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Apr. 23	Media Interview w/The Ohio Newsroom OLC 2024 Audit Meeting w/T-Mobile
Apr. 24	Meeting w/Fleeter & Associates Meeting w/Sen. Blessing OLC SW Ohio Trustee Luncheon @ MidPointe Library
Apr. 25	Meeting w/OLC Legal Counsel Meeting w/DOLLARS Library Directors Special OLC Board of Directors Meeting
Apr. 28	OLC Staff Meeting OLC Workgroup on Funding Meeting w/Sen. Brenner
Apr. 29	Meeting w/HBM OLC Nominating Committee Meeting Meeting w/State Librarian
Apr. 30	Meeting w/CCAO Executive Director Meeting w/Sen. Weinstein Meeting w/Metro Library Directors
May 1	OLC CPIM Library Fiscal Officer Conference Library Fiscal Officer 102 Planning Meeting w/Library Accounting DAC
May 2	OLC CPIM Library Fiscal Officer Conference Meeting w/Fleeter & Associates
May 5	OLC Workgroup on Funding Meeting w/Ohio Dept. of Taxation
May 6	Meeting w/Sen. Gavarone
May 7	Senate Session Meeting w/Sen. Huffman Meeting w/Sen. Wilson
May 8	OLC NE Ohio Trustee Dinner @ Independence
May 9	Media Interview w/WTOL Meeting w/OLC Diversity Committee Meeting w/State Librarian
May 12	Meeting w/Sen. Manchester Prep Meeting for OLC Testimony OLC Senate Education Committee Testimony on State Budget