

**Ohio Library Council
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

ITEM NO.: **5.D**

MEETING DATE: **May 15, 2026**

SUBJECT: **Executive Director's Report**

SUBMITTED BY: **Michelle Francis**

REPORT FOR INFORMATION

2026 Institutional Membership Dues

As of May 8, I am happy to report that 235 public library systems are Institutional Members of OLC. We have 14 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.

The following two public library systems have not paid any portion of their 2026 dues and were not included in the revenue projections for the 2026 OLC operational budget:

Library	2026 Dues
Bettsville Public Library	448
Franklin Public Library	5,196
TOTAL	5,644

Library Levies on May Primary Ballot

Voters across Ohio approved 12 of the 14 library levies on the ballot on May 5. The measures included seven requests for new or additional funding, six renewals, and one renewal with an increase.

Notably, all renewal or renewal-with-increase levies were approved, each receiving at least 64% of the vote, underscoring broad and consistent support for maintaining library funding. Levies seeking new or additional funding also performed well, with 71% earning voter approval. Only two levies did not pass.

[May Primary Library Levy Results](#)

While many library levies were successful, it is important to keep in mind that most requests were placed on the ballot to maintain current services and not necessarily to expand services. For those that did not pass, they will have difficult decisions to make in the coming months. Also, many of our colleagues in other sectors of public service were not as successful.

OLC Staff Anniversaries

Recent OLC staff anniversaries include:

- Angie Jacobsen: March 28 – 10 years
- Laurie Miller: April 19 – 5 years
- Ro Swanson: May 8 – 26 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 OLC's PR Campaign and property taxes. Also, they provided a venue for library trustees and administrators to share information and ideas with their counterparts throughout the region.

Date	2026 Locations (In-Person)	Attendance
Apr. 9	SW Ohio – MidPointe Library, West Chester	26
Apr. 16	NW Ohio – Stone Ridge Golf Club, Bowling Green	43
Apr. 30	SE Ohio – Guernsey County Library, Cambridge	19
May 7	NE Ohio – Embassy Suites, Independence	91

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

Activities

Activities since the last Board meeting include:

- Mar. 16 OLC Staff Meeting
Coalition Steering Committee Meeting
Meeting w/OGI/Gov.'s Team
- Mar. 17 House Finance Committee Hearing
Coalition Steering Committee Meeting
OLC GRC Meeting
- Mar. 18 OLC Legislative Day at the Statehouse
House Ways & Means Committee Hearing
- Mar. 19 SLO Meeting
- Mar. 23 OLC Staff Meeting
Meeting w/Sen. Gavarone
Coalition Steering Committee Meeting
- Mar. 24 Meeting w/House Speaker Pro Temp Manning
Meeting w/Senate Minority Leader Antonio
Meeting w/Sen. Patton
- Mar. 25 OLC CPIM Conference
Meeting w/Coalition Consultants
Library Accounting Division Action Council Meeting
- Mar. 26 OLC CPIM Conference
Meeting w/Coalition Consultants
- Apr. 6 OLC Staff Meeting
Coalition Steering Committee Meeting
OLC Strategic Planning Pre-Retreat Session
- Apr. 7 Meeting w/Coalition Consultants
Meeting w/Small Libraries DAC
Meeting w/Senate Majority Budget Caucus Staff
- Apr. 8 Meeting w/Metro Library Directors
Large Coalition Meeting
Coalition Steering Committee Meeting
- Apr. 9 OLC SE Ohio Trustee Lunch
- Apr. 10 Meeting w/Coalition Consultants
- Apr. 13 OLC Staff Meeting
Coalition Steering Committee Meeting
OLC Webinar w/Amazon Business Prime
- Apr. 14 Meeting w/Coalition Consultants
- Apr. 15 OLC HR Division Action Council Meeting
- Apr. 16 Special OLC Virtual Meeting for Library Directors & FOs

Meeting w/Coalition Consultants
 CC w/Maritz/Shonna
 OLC NW Ohio Trustee Dinner

Apr. 17 OLA Signature Luncheon w/Kathleen Clyde

Apr. 20 OLC Staff Meeting
 Coalition Steering Committee Meeting

Apr. 21 OLC Board of Directors Strategic Planning Retreat

Apr. 22 OLC Board of Directors Strategic Planning Retreat

Apr. 23 OLC Audit
 GZ Learn Onboarding
 OLA Signature Luncheon w/ Alex Triantafilou
 Coalition Steering Committee Meeting

Apr. 27 OLC Staff Meeting
 Coalition Steering Committee Meeting

Apr. 28 DPILO Meeting
 OLC PR Campaign Meeting

Apr. 29 CyberOhio Webinar

Apr. 30 Eastern Ohio Trustee Dinner

May 1 OLC BoD Nominating Committee Meeting
 MCLS Ribbon Cutting & Open House

May 4 Meeting w/Northway Advisors
 Coalition Steering Committee Meeting
 HR Workshop Meeting w/Bricker

May 5 OLC Staff Meeting
 HR Workshop Meeting w/Wilkins

May 6 Media Interview w/Statehouse News Bureau
 Meeting w/Metro Library Directors
 OLC PR Campaign Meeting

May 7 Post-Primary Impact Ohio Conference
 NE Ohio Trustee Dinner

May 8 ETM Meeting
 Meeting w/Garber