

**Ohio Library Council
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

ITEM NO.: **5.E.2**

MEETING DATE: **May 16, 2025**

SUBJECT: **Professional Development
Report**

SUBMITTED BY: **Laurie Miller**

REPORT FOR INFORMATION

Meetings participation:

- Professional Development Committee Meeting – March 20, virtual
- Destination Cleveland Meeting – March 24, virtual
- Learning Meeting – March 25, virtual
- Technical Services Division Meeting – March 26, virtual
- GrowthZone Office Hours Call – March 26, virtual
- Unconventional to Conventional Committee Meeting – April 1, virtual
- NHCC-CPIM Conference Call – April 9, virtual
- New To Libraries Conference Chair Onboarding Call – April 14, virtual
- GroupSync Demo – April 17, virtual
- Bartha Quote Discussion Lunch – April 23, Easton
- NHCC-CPIM Conference Call – May 8, virtual
- C&E Expo Committee Meeting – May 13, virtual
- Adult & Reference Services Division Meeting – May 14, virtual
- ASAE Free Webinar - Insuring Success: Navigating Risk & Insurance for Events – May 15, virtual

OLC Convention & Expo 2027 Site Visit Day

I toured the newly expanded and renovated Sharonville Convention Center (LEED certified sustainable facility), which is 16 miles North of Downtown Cincinnati on 75, but still inside the 275 Loop. I also toured the two hotels connected to the center – a Hyatt Place (125 rooms) and the LivINN Hotel (130 rooms). There is also a Delta Hotel by Marriott (175 rooms) across the street that I did not have time to tour on this trip. While space rental at the convention center was more than I was expecting, there is complimentary parking, robust Wi-Fi, podiums and access to house sound, and a carpeted exhibit hall space with nice concession stands. There is Third Eye Brewing Company Restaurant across the street as well as a nearby Bob Evans, Ruby Tuesday, Cracker Barrel and Skyline Chili (local favorite). All three hotels are offering a \$30 room rebate to offset the costs of the rental of the convention center space and Visit Cincy is offering a \$3K incentive to book as well. The Cincinnati Airport is 35 miles away in Northern KY.

From there, I drove up 75 to tour the newly renovated Dayton Convention Center and available hotels. There is a parking garage that services the convention center, but there would be a flat rate event parking price while we are there. The upgrades to the center are nice and our event would take up the majority of the space at the center. The Dayton Vitality Hotel is the renovated hotel connected to the center via walkway (it used to be the Radisson). It is due to open this year and will be a clean convention center hotel with a new self-check in option available. Destination Dayton is also offering a \$2,500 incentive to book that could be used to provide transportation to other downtown hotels. I toured the Hilton Garden Inn (less than 2 blocks away) which is due to open soon and it is a beautifully

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renovated historic building connected to the Dayton Arcade which will have shops and restaurants located throughout. I also toured the Hotel Ardent which is a Tapestry Collection Hotel by Hilton. It houses an upscale Italian Steakhouse, Bistecca and the Victoria Theatre is directly across the street.

There is an offer from Toledo as well using the Glass City Center, attached Hilton, Renaissance by Marriott (2 blocks away) and Delta by Marriott 5.7 miles away.

Columbus Hyatt Regency has also offered full use of its hotel and meeting space, but we would need the connected Columbus Convention Center Battelle Ballroom for exhibit space, and the center is not willing to offer this space now because they are wanting to offer it to exclusive citywide events.

2025 Events & Networking Opportunities	Date	Location	Attendance
State Budget Advocacy Webinar	Jan. 9	Virtual	119
Newspaper Photo Archive Webinar	Jan. 28	Virtual	34
Teen Services Talk	Jan. 29	Virtual	32
State Budget Update Webinar	Feb. 13	Virtual	213
Library of Things Webinar	Feb. 18	Virtual	114
Outreach Coffee Chat	Feb. 21	Virtual	25
Library Trustee Workshop I	Mar. 8	OLC/Virtual	77
Ohio Library for the Blind and Print Disabled Webinar	Mar. 11	Virtual	118
IT Division Rackside Chat	Mar. 14	Virtual	11
Legal Webinar on New Virtual Meetings Law	Mar. 17	Virtual	133
America 250-Ohio Goes to the Movies	Mar. 18	Virtual	121
Library Trustees Dinner (East)	Mar. 20	Guernsey County Library, Cambridge	28
Teen Services Talk – Summer Reading	Mar. 25	Virtual	30
Preparing for Legislative Day Webinar	Mar. 27	Virtual	145
Library Trustees Dinner (NW)	Apr. 3	Stone Ridge Golf Club, Bowling Green	52
Library Legislative Day	Apr. 8	Ohio Statehouse	339
HR Huddle	Apr. 10	Virtual	30
Library Trustees Dinner (SW)	Apr. 24	MidPointe Library, West Chester	43
CPIM – Public Library Fiscal Officer Conf.	May 1-2	Nationwide Hotel & CC, Columbus	132
Teen Services Talk	May 8	Virtual	19
Library Trustees Dinner (NE)	May 8	Embassy Suites, Independence	95
New Director Workshop 1 of 4	May 20	OLC/Virtual	9
IT Division Rackside Chat	Jun. 6	Virtual	5
Unconventional to Conventional Conference	Jun. 12	OCLC	4

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Outreach Coffee Chat	Jun. 20	Virtual	9
New Director Workshop 2 of 4	Jun. 24	OLC/Virtual	3
Ballot Issues Workshop #1	July TBD	OLC/Virtual	Not Open
New Director Workshop 3 of 4	Jul. 23	OLC/Virtual	3
Outreach and Special Services Retreat	Aug. 15	OCLC	Not Open
Human Resources Workshop	TBD	OLC/Virtual	Not Open
New Director Workshop 4 of 4	Aug. 27	OLC/Virtual	3
IT Division Rackside Chat	Sept. 5	Virtual	2
Library Fiscal Officer 102	Sept. 10	OLC/Virtual	Not Open
New to Libraries Conference	Sept. 12	Marriott, Dayton	Not Open
Outreach Coffee Chat	Oct. 10	Virtual	3
Ballot Issues Workshop #2	Oct. TBD	OLC/Virtual	Not Open
OLC Planning & Leadership Conference	Nov. 18	Huntington Convention Center, Cleveland	Not Open
2025 OLC Convention & Expo	Nov. 19-21	Huntington Convention Center, Cleveland	Not Open
Right Click Conference	Dec. 5	Quest Conf. Center, Columbus	Not Open
2026 OLC Convention & Expo	Oct. 21-23	Kalahari	Not Open