

**Ohio Library Council
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

ITEM NO.: **5.E.4**

MEETING DATE: **July 17, 2026**

SUBJECT: **Membership Services Report**

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REPORT FOR INFORMATION

2026 Membership

As of June 30, 2026, there are 2,113 Individual Members as compared to 2,066 on June 30, 2025. There are currently 1741 renewals; 341 new; and 31 Lifetime. There are currently 40 Friends Groups, and 7 Associate Members.

Proration of individual membership dues for **new** members only, began on July 1. New Members joining between July 1 and September 30 pay one-half annual membership dues. New Members joining after October 1 receive free membership for the remainder of the current year with the payment of full dues for the following year. This applies to individuals who have never been OLC members or who have not been OLC members for five or more consecutive years.

Membership Committee

The Membership Committee met via Zoom on June 18. Agenda items included: Review of monthly statistics; ALA/OLC Student Membership Update; Promotion of proration of dues for New Members; Student Membership Representative replacement; and recap of Membership Meet-Ups. The Committee was asked to begin thinking of recommendations for consideration for the 2027 Committee.

Nominations and Elections

The start of the online voting process for the OLC's 2026 elections opened on June 30, using our election software Election Runner. Electronic ballots were sent to all individual members who have a valid email address on file (3,521). Members without e-mail addresses, Friends groups, and certain Trustees were mailed paper ballots (168). There was a 99.4% delivery rate. Once the online voting opened, members have 30 days to cast their ballots for positions on the OLC Board of Directors, as well as the Action Council Members for their respective Divisions. A reminder email will be sent one week prior to the closure of voting on July 30.

OLC staff will review the results with the chair of the Nominating Committee a few days after the online election closes to allow time for any print ballots to be received by the postmark deadline. The final results will be sent to all candidates on all ballots prior to posting to the OLC website.

Committee Appointments

The 2026 Appointments Committee of the Board will begin their work in late August. Members of the Committee include Kathy Bach, Chair; Kim DeNero-Ackroyd and Stacey Russell, Ex-Officio. Committee openings will be identified and sent to the Committee by mid-August.