

**Ohio Library Council
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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

MEETING DATE: **May 15, 2026**

SUBJECT: **Membership Services Report**

SUBMITTED BY: **Jeanine D'Andrea**

REPORT FOR INFORMATION

2026 Membership

As of May 5, there was a total of 2064 members as compared to 2031 on May 8, 2025. There are currently 1725 renewals; 308 new; and 31 Lifetime. Friends groups, other institutions and associate members have recently been billed and continue to come in.

The Membership Committee met via Zoom on March 19, and again on April 16. Agenda items included: Statistics; Student Representative replacement; New Member second drip email; the drop date of March 5 for non-renewals, Honor Roll Libraries, and a retention letter to 2025 members.

The Committee held a second Membership Meet-up on April 6. There were 24 members registered. Jennifer Buch and Jon Keppel from the OLC Membership Committee held an engaging discussion about how members can get involved in OLC. They also showed how to navigate certain areas of the Member Info Hub.

A retention letter was sent to 388 former individual members on April 30 encouraging previous members to rejoin OLC for 2026. Thank you letters are scheduled to be sent to those library directors who responded to the survey regarding paying all or partial OLC individual dues. The Committee is scheduled to meet again on June 18 at 2 p.m. via Zoom.

Leadership Tracking

A review of our records of those participating on a Division Action Council or Committee identified 5 people who had not renewed their dues for 2026. A reminder was sent and 4 have renewed. Updates have been made to our Leadership Tracking system and reflected on the website.

Nominations and Elections

Slates of candidates for Division Action Councils were due to OLC by April 15. Staff continues to work directly with each division coordinator to complete their slates. A nomination acceptance form will be sent to candidates requesting biographical information for the ballots.

Awards and Honors

The Awards and Honors Committee met via Zoom on Feb. 25 to discuss the current number of submissions and any concerns. The deadline for submissions was extended to May 29. We continue to promote the Awards program in *Access* and *This Week*.