

**Ohio Library Council
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

ITEM NO.: **5.H.4**

MEETING DATE: **Nov. 7, 2025**

SUBJECT: **Membership Services Report**

SUBMITTED BY: **Jeanine D'Andrea**

REPORT FOR INFORMATION

2025 Individual Membership

The Individual Membership year ended on September 30, 2025, with a final individual membership total of 2128 as compared to the September 2024 final total of 2670. There were 1747 renewals and 350 new individual members. In addition, there are currently 1720 Library Trustee Members; 77 Friends Groups; 11 Associate Members; and 6 Other Institutions.

Proration of Individual Membership dues for **new** members began on July 1 and went through Sept. 30. We received 55 new members through the proration period. New members joining after Oct. 1 receive free membership for the remainder of the current year with the payment of full dues for the following year.

2026 Individual Membership

To date we have a total of 64 individual members. Of these, 54 are new members. The first membership renewal notice is scheduled to be emailed on December 8th. **All** renewal notices will be emailed to individual members.

Membership Committee

The Membership Committee met on October 20 at the OLC Office. They discussed the transition of chairs, 2026 goals and objectives; renewal schedule and timeline for 2026; plans for the Membership booth at Convention and Expo and the New Member Meet & Greet. They also welcomed incoming Committee member Sarah Vargo, Willoughby. Since this meeting Jess Brenneman, KSU has agreed to become the student representative to the Membership Committee.

I would like to acknowledge Bradley Kuykendall, Chair and all members of the 2025 Membership Committee for their dedicated work. Thanks also to Liz Muether, Board Liaison, for her contributions and guidance to the Committee.

New Member Referral Program

The New Member Referral Program began on November 1 and will run through February 1, 2026. The program will be announced in the November 5 issue of *Access*. The winner of the program will be selected on February 4, 2026 and will receive \$50.00 dollars in credit toward OLC Professional Development to be used within the 2026 calendar year.

ALA/OLC Joint Student Membership Program

Membership through the ALA/OLC Joint Student Membership Program through October 31 totaled 45.

SCALA Webinar

D'Andrea was a speaker on the KSU Student Chapter of ALA (SCALA) Webinar on October 29. Other speakers included Morgan Brickey-Jones, ALA New Member Round Table and Cara Calabrese, New to Libraries Network, and Academic Library Association of Ohio. We discussed programs, events, resources and opportunities for MLIS students to get involved in OLC and ALA.

Committee Appointments

Ratification of OLC Committee Appointments are under Agenda Item 3.C. Once the appointments have been approved, committee members will receive a letter including the length of their term under Bach's signature.

Planning and Leadership Conference

Invitations for the Planning and Leadership Conference were sent out on October 14. The invitation was sent to 170 individuals. To date there are 54 people registered to attend and 35 have responded they are not able to attend. A reminder email will be sent on November 4. Leadership Resources are being updated and will be posted in the Member Info Hub and the OLC App.

New Member Meet and Greet

The New Member Meet and Greet will be held on Wed., Nov. 19. Members of the Board are encouraged to attend to welcome our new members and first-time attendees.

Leadership Tracking

Updates to the rosters of Divisions and Committees will be made after the Leadership and Planning Conference. Newly elected Division Action Council and Committee members will be added to Basecamp prior to the Leadership Conference. We will not remove those with terms ending in 2025 until mid to late December. Action Council Coordinators are working to fulfill any vacancies. Committees and Division Action Councils for 2026 take office on Jan. 1, 2026.

Governance

After their meetings post Leadership Conference, many Divisions and Committees will be preparing their 2026 Goals and Objectives and 2025 Annual Reports. These will be posted to the website as they become available.