

**Ohio Library Council
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

ITEM NO.: **6.D**

MEETING DATE: **March 14, 2025**

SUBJECT: **Executive Director's Report**

SUBMITTED BY: **Michelle Francis**

REPORT FOR INFORMATION

Institutional Membership Dues Billing

Invoices for 2025 Institutional Membership dues have been processed. We still have a few public libraries where we are working to correct inaccurate information from a few county auditors. Invoices are being sent to all public libraries in the state regardless of their past OLC membership. Most invoices were sent by the end of January, but a few were delayed because of delays in PLF and property tax revenue reports from county auditors. As of March 13, 163 library systems have paid their 2025 Institutional Membership dues.

2025 Short-Term Reserves

As has been past practice, \$600,000 from the OLC's revenue received in the first few months of 2025 will be assigned to the OLC's advisors at Morgan Stanley to invest in short-term investments. Based on advice from OLC's investment advisor and consistent with our investment policy, some will be invested in CDs and some will be deposited into our short-term account to produce a higher yield when the cash is needed.

OLC Employee Benefits

As of March 1, the following employee benefits were renewed:

- Health: renewed with Medical Mutual Insurance at a 13.48% increase in premiums (OLC pays 90% of employee premium and 80% of dependent premium, plus makes a \$1,000 contribution to each participating employee's health savings account).
- Dental Insurance: renewed with Ameritas Insurance with a small increase in monthly premium (\$2.08 for individual; \$2.28 for dependent; \$4.40 for family) (OLC pays 100% of premium for employees and 90% of premium for dependents).
- Vision Insurance: renewed with VSP Insurance no change in premium (OLC pays 100% of premium for employees and 90% of premium for dependents).
- Life Insurance: renewed with OneAmerica American United Life Insurance Company with no change in premium (OLC pays 100% of premium for employees).
- Long-Term Disability Insurance: renewed with Hartford Insurance with no change in premium (OLC pays 100% of premium for employees).

OLC Staff Notes

My 11th Anniversary on the OLC staff was on Feb. 12.

Trustee Dinners/Lunch

This spring, OLC will have regional trustee dinners/lunch. These are meetings throughout the state for public library trustees and administrators. The events will focus on the FY 26-27 State Budget and provide a venue for library trustees and administrators to share information and ideas with their counterparts throughout the region.

Date	2025 Locations (In-Person)	
Mar. 20	SE Ohio – Guernsey County Library, Cambridge	Dinner
Apr. 3	NW Ohio – Stone Ridge Golf Club, Bowling Green	Dinner
Apr. 24	SW Ohio – MidPointe Library, West Chester	Lunch
May 8	NE Ohio – Embassy Suites, Independence	Dinner

Activities

Activities since the Jan. 17 Board meeting include:

- Jan. 23 ODEW Meeting
- Jan. 23-26 LibLearnX
- Jan. 24 LibLearnX
State Assoc. ED Dinner
- Jan. 25 LibLearnX
Meeting w/ALA Councilor
ALA Strategic Planning Focus Group
ALA at 150 Panel
Core 101 Session
Committee on Library Advocacy Meeting
Session on Freedom of Information Laws
Impact of Book Bans on Library Patrons
Meeting w/Mary Davis Fournier (PLA)
Meeting w/Kacie Armstrong (OLC Committees)
- Jan. 26 LibLearnX
- Jan. 28 Meeting w/Dept. of Developmental Disabilities
Meeting w/North Hill Consulting
- Jan. 29 Meeting w/C&E LA Chair
Meeting w/Rep. Roemer
Meeting w/C&E Volunteers
- Jan. 30 Small Libraries Division Action Council Meeting
- Jan. 31 Meeting w/Vorys (OLC Legal Counsel)
- Feb. 4 House Finance Committee Hearing (OBM & LSC Testimony)
- Feb. 5 Meeting w/Rep. Bird
Meeting w/Rep. Brewer
Meeting w/Rep. Schmidt
Meeting w/Rep. Oelslager
Meeting w/Metro Library Directors
- Feb. 6 Meeting w/OTA
Meeting w/Opportunities for Ohioans w/Disabilities
House Finance Committee Meeting (ODEW Testimony)
Meeting w/Rep. Ritter
- Feb. 7 Legislative Breakfast @ Herrick Memorial Library
Institutional Member Library Director Discussion Group
- Feb. 10 OLC C&E Sponsorship Meeting
Meeting w/HBM
- Feb. 11 Meeting w/Rep. Fowler Arthur
Meeting w/Rep. Hall
- Feb.12 Meeting w/Rep. Manning
Meeting w/Rep. Daniels
ALA/NEA Meeting w/State Chapters

Feb. 13	OLC State Budget Advocacy Webinar
Feb. 14	OLC C&E Sponsorship Meeting GRC Meeting Meeting w/Senate Budget Caucus Staff
Feb. 18	Meeting w/Steve Potash Meeting w/Sen. Antonio
Feb. 19	Meeting w/North Hill Consulting Meeting w/Rep. Ray Meeting w/Vorys (OLC Legal Counsel)
Feb. 20	America 250 – Ohio Goes to the Movies Meeting OLC Legislative Network Meeting Meeting w/House Budget Caucus Staff
Feb. 21	Meeting w/Rep. Piccolantonio ETM Meeting
Feb. 24	Legislative Breakfast @ Cincinnati & Hamilton County PL Meeting w/Steve Potash
Feb. 25	Freedom of Information Laws Webinar 2025 C&E Program Committee Meeting State Budget Update for Cuyahoga County PL Board of Trustees
Feb. 26	Meeting w/North Hill Consulting
Feb. 27	Meeting w/Rep. Creech
Feb. 28	Meeting w/Playaway
Mar. 3	Leg Day Planning Meeting Meeting w/Rep. John
Mar. 4	Meeting w/C&E LA Chair 2025 C&E Expo Committee Meeting
Mar. 5	Meeting w/Sen. Cirino Meeting w/BroadbandOhio Meeting w/OLC Legal Counsel (Vorys) Meeting w/Metro Library Directors 2025 C&E Local Arrangements Committee Meeting
Mar. 6	ODEW Meeting
Mar. 7	Meeting w/Amazon Business
Mar. 8	OLC Trustee Workshop
Mar. 10	Meeting w/Rep. Lawson-Rowe Meeting w/Rock Hall of Fame
Mar. 11	House Finance Committee (OLC Testimony)
Mar. 12	Meeting w/Rep. Kishman Meeting w/Rep. Abdullahi State of the State Speech Meeting w/Rep. White Meeting w/Perera
Mar. 13	Meeting w/Rep. Willis Meeting w/Rep. Lett Meeting w/Rep. Tims Meeting w/Amazon Business Small Libraries Division Action Council Meeting