

**Ohio Library Council
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

ITEM NO.: **6.D**

MEETING DATE: **March 13, 2026**

SUBJECT: **Executive Director's Report**

SUBMITTED BY: **Michelle Francis**

REPORT FOR INFORMATION

Institutional Membership Dues Billing

Invoices for 2026 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 10, 148 library systems have paid their 2026 Institutional Membership dues.

2026 Short-Term Reserves

As has been past practice, \$500,000 from the OLC's revenue received in the first few months of 2026 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 23% 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). Four employees currently utilize OLC's health insurance.
- Dental Insurance: renewed with Ameritas Insurance with a 7% increase in premiums (OLC pays 100% of premium for employees and 90% of premium for dependents). Five employees currently utilize OLC's dental insurance.
- Vision Insurance: renewed with VSP Insurance no change in premium (OLC pays 100% of premium for employees and 90% of premium for dependents). Five employees currently utilize OLC's vision insurance.
- 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 12th 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 OLC's PR Campaign and provide a venue for library trustees and administrators to share information and ideas with their counterparts throughout the region.

Date	2026 Locations	
Apr. 9	SW Ohio – MidPointe Library, West Chester	Lunch
Apr. 16	NW Ohio – Stone Ridge Golf Club, Bowling Green	Dinner
Apr. 30	SE Ohio – Guernsey County Library, Cambridge	Dinner
May 7	NE Ohio – Embassy Suites, Independence	Dinner

Activities

Activities since the Jan. 16 Board meeting include:

- Jan. 16 Meeting w/Dr. Howard Fleeter & Assoc.
- Jan. 20 OLC Staff Meeting
Coalition Steering Comm. Meeting
Meeting w/ OLC Board Chair
- Jan. 23 Gov. DeWine Press Conference
- Jan. 26 Coalition Steering Comm. Meeting
Meeting w/TLA
- Jan. 28 OLC PR Campaign Meeting
OLC Staff Meeting
Special Virtual Meeting for Library Directors & FOs
- Jan. 29 Meeting w/ OLC Board Chair
OLC GRC Meeting
- Jan. 30 Meeting w/Rep. Manning
Meeting w/Bricker
Meeting w/Metro Library Directors
- Feb. 2 OLC Staff Meeting
Coalition Steering Comm. Meeting
OLC PR Campaign Meeting
- Feb. 3 Meeting w/Midwest Tape/hoopla
Meeting w/Stifel
- Feb. 4 House Local Gov. Committee
House Ways & Means Committee
Meeting w/CCAO
- Feb. 5 OTA Winter Conference
- Feb. 6 Meeting w/North Hill Consulting
- Feb. 9 OLC Staff Meeting
OLC PR Campaign Meeting
Coalition Steering Comm. Meeting
Meeting w/LFG on OLC Health Insurance
- Feb. 10 SLO Strategic Planning
ICLAE Meeting
- Feb. 11 House Ways & Means Committee
Coalition Steering Comm. Meeting
OLC PR Campaign Meeting
- Feb. 12 Kalahari Site Visit
- Feb. 13 Meeting w/School Principals Association
OLC Connects Meeting
- Feb. 16 Coalition Steering Comm. Meeting
- Feb. 17 House Technology & Innovation Committee
Meeting w/Rep. Roemer
OLC PR Campaign Meeting

Meeting w/Small Libraries Division Action Council
 Meeting w/Vista Cova on OLC Strategic Planning
 Feb. 18 House Local Government Committee
 House Rules Committee
 House Judiciary Committee
 House Ways & Means Committee
 Sunset Review Committee
 Feb. 19 Meeting w/OSBA
 Meeting w/State Librarian
 Meeting w/OLC Board Chair
 Feb. 20 ETM Meeting
 Meeting w/BASA
 Feb. 23 OLC Staff Meeting
 OLC Strategic Planning
 OLC PR Campaign Meeting
 Coalition Steering Comm. Meeting
 Feb. 24 House Technology & Innovation Committee
 Media Call w/Cleveland.com
 Coalition Steering Comm. Meeting
 Feb. 25 House Judiciary Committee
 House Ways & Means Committee
 Feb. 26 OLC Strategic Planning
 Meeting w/Amazon Business
 Feb. 27 Media Interview w/Statehouse News Bureau
 Meeting w/BroadbandOhio
 Mar. 2 OLC Staff Meeting
 Coalition Steering Comm. Meeting
 Mar. 3 House Technology & Innovation Committee
 House Finance Committee
 Meeting w/Rep. Daniels
 Meeting w/Rep. Kishman
 OLC Legislative Day Prep Webinar
 Meeting w/INFOhio
 Mar. 4 House Judiciary Committee
 House Local Government Committee
 House Session
 Mar. 5 Meeting w/DPIL of Ohio
 Meeting w/Vorys (OLC Legal Counsel)
 Meeting w/Sen. Manchester
 Meeting w/Metro Library Lobbyist
 Mar. 7 OLC Trustee Workshop
 Mar. 9 OLC Staff Meeting
 Coalition Steering Comm. Meeting