

**Ohio Library Council
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

ITEM NO.: **6.D**

MEETING DATE: **Jan. 16, 2026**

SUBJECT: **Executive Director's Report**

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REPORT FOR INFORMATION

Institutional Membership Dues Billing

Following the December 2025 PLF distribution, forms were sent to all 88 county auditors requesting information for each library's 2025 PLF and local property tax receipts (if applicable). To date, responses have been received from 64 county auditors. All libraries should receive their initial invoice for 2026 dues by the end of the month.

Institutional Membership Survey

The Institutional Membership Satisfaction Survey was completed on Jan. 12. It was distributed to library directors and fiscal officers at OLC Institutional Member library systems. A copy of the results will be distributed to the board, and they will be utilized for purposes of OLC's strategic planning in 2026.

2025 OLC Convention & Expo

I just wanted to take a moment to thank the OLC Board of Directors for their support before, during and after the 2025 OLC Convention and Expo in Cleveland. We celebrated OLC's 130th anniversary and had one of the, if not the most, successful C&E's in OLC history with more than 960 attendees.

OLC Strategic Planning

OLC staff has been working with Vista Cova on a proposal for strategic planning services in 2026. More information will be provided to the board for discussion under agenda item 5.A.

America 250 – Ohio Commission Meeting

OLC was asked to present at the America 250 – Ohio Commission meeting in December. We highlighted events and programs happening in Ohio's public libraries across the state in relation to the nation's 250th Birthday. It was a great opportunity to tell our story and lead the discussion on the real work happening in our public libraries. Everything from the America 250 grants and Carnegie grants related to the semiquincentennial to libraries applying for the Community Reading Program Grants for special book clubs! We want to recognize all of these programs/events and more in 2026.

America 250 – Ohio Kickoff

OLC staff attended the America 250-Ohio 2026 Kick-Off Celebration at the Ohio Statehouse on Jan. 7. It was a special luncheon to celebrate the start of the U.S. 250th anniversary! More information will be shared at the Board meeting.

Coalition to Protect Essential Public Services

OLC has been working with our local government coalition partners in response to the proposed constitutional amendment. More information will be provided to the board for discussion under agenda item 5.C.

OLC Staff Notes

Jeanine D'Andrea's 33rd Anniversary on the OLC staff was on Jan. 11.

Activities

Activities since the Nov. 7 Board meeting include:

- Nov. 10 OLC Staff Meeting on C&E
- Nov. 11 ICLAE Meeting w/other State EDs
- Nov. 12 House Rules Comm.
 C&E Panel Prep Meeting
 Property Tax Coalition Meeting
 Senate Local Gov. Comm. Meeting
- Nov. 13 A&H Prep Meeting
 House General Gov. Comm. Meeting
 House Local Gov. Comm. Meeting
 Meeting w/Midwest Tape/Hoopla
- Nov. 14 Fern Pick-up for C&E
- Nov. 17 C&E Walk Through w/Convention Center
 OLC Staff Onsite C&E Meeting
- Nov. 18 C&E Onsite Pre-Con Meeting w/Center, AV & Catering
 OLC Planning & Leadership Conference
- Nov. 19 Convention & Expo – Cleveland
 Media Interview w/Spectrum
 Awards & Honors Luncheon
 Exhibit Hall Grand Opening
 C&E Reception – Rock and Roll Hall of Fame
- Nov. 20 Convention & Expo – Cleveland
 Taste the Music Luncheon
 Library Reception – Cleveland Public Library
- Nov. 21 Convention & Expo – Cleveland
- Nov. 24 Meeting w/OTA
 PR Campaign & Polling Meeting w/Lesic & Camper
 Meeting w/Steve Potash (OverDrive)
 OLC Staff Meeting
- Dec. 1 Meeting w/Jason Elvers & Jon Iten (Vorys)
- Dec. 2 Meeting w/Adult Services DAC
 OLC ED Evaluation
 Meeting w/OTA
- Dec. 3 OLC Staff Debrief Meeting on C&E

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	OLC Staff Meeting Meeting w/Metro Library Directors
Dec. 4	Meeting w/Amazon Business GZ LMS Webinar OLC LAD CPIM Conference Planning Meeting
Dec. 8	OLC Staff Meeting Meeting w/Fleeter & Assoc. Meeting w/Hallie Rich (LJ)
Dec. 9	Meeting w/Dolly Parton Imagination Library of Ohio OLC HR DAC Planning Meeting on HR Hybrid Workshops ICLAE Meeting w/other State EDs
Dec. 10	Coalition RFP Review Comm. Meeting C&E Chair Debrief Meeting Polling Meeting w/Lesic & Camper Meeting w/France & Assoc. Property Tax Coalition Meeting
Dec. 11	State Library Board Meeting OLC ED Evaluation
Dec. 12	America 250 – Ohio Commission Meeting & Presentation
Dec. 15	Polling Meeting w/Lesic & Camper/Consultants OLC Staff Meeting Polling Meeting w/Lesic & Camper/Consultants GZ AMS Meeting w/Maryland & Pennsylvania ALA Virtual Membership Meeting
Dec. 16	OLC Board of Directors Executive Session OLC Fall Legislative Update Webinar Coalition RFP Review Comm. Meeting
Dec. 17	OLC ED Evaluation Property Tax Coalition Meeting w/Chamber & Metro Chambers CCAO Retirement Celebration Media Interview w/Cleveland.com
Dec. 18	Meeting w/School Principals Assoc. Coalition RFP Review Comm. Meeting Meeting w/Amazon Business OLC Budget Meetings w/Staff
Dec. 19	OLC Budget Meetings w/Staff Coalition RFP Review Comm. Meeting OLC Staff Team Building
Dec. 23	Polling Meeting w/OTA

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Dec. 30	Strategic Planning Meeting w/Lowell (Vista Cova) Polling Meeting w/OTA Coalition RFP Review Comm. Meeting
Jan. 2	Polling Meeting w/Lesic & Camper/Consultants
Jan. 5	OLC Staff Meeting
Jan. 7	Meeting w/Wes on OLC Health Insurance Coalition RFP Review Comm. Meeting America 250 – Ohio Kickoff Luncheon Meeting w/Metro Library Directors Meeting w/School Superintendents Property Tax Coalition Meeting
Jan. 8	Meeting w/North Hill Consulting
Jan. 9	Meeting w/EBSCO Meeting w/STRS SLO Open House/Celebration of Life for Beverly Cain
Jan. 12	OLC Staff Meeting OLC BoD Finance Comm Meeting