

**Ohio Library Council
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

ITEM NO.: **6.E.4**

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

SUBJECT: **Membership Services Report**

SUBMITTED BY: **Jeanine D'Andrea**

REPORT FOR INFORMATION

2026 Membership

2026 Individual Membership renewals are coming in steadily. Many libraries who pay dues for staff approve of this at their January Board meetings. To date, we have 505 renewals and 127 new members.

The first membership renewal was sent electronically on Dec. 12, 2025. A second renewal reminder is scheduled to be sent electronically on Jan. 26.

Promotional articles on individual membership are being scheduled as well as Member Spotlight articles. The Membership Committee reached out to the Division Action Councils and asked them to participate in filling out spotlight articles in the hope of encouraging other members to do so.

D'Andrea and Ward met with new Student Representative Jess Brenneman on Dec. 17. They are eager to begin promoting OLC to students through their personal and professional contacts. The Membership Committee is scheduled to meet via Zoom on Jan. 29 at 2:00 p.m.

Governance

Staff continue to update the website, and revisions continue to be made to reflect the Divisions and Committee Action Councils, 2026 Goals and Objectives, and 2025 Annual reports. A follow-up email will be sent to those who have not responded by mid-January. As new terms begin for our Division Action Councils, updates are being made to each Division and Committee Basecamp to reflect their 2026 members. Board liaisons will be updated after the Jan. 16 Board meeting.

Awards and Honors

The Awards and Honors program opened on Jan. 7, 2026 with an article in Access by Chair, Jennifer Welsh. Other promotional articles are being scheduled. The Awards and Honors Committee is scheduled to meet via Zoom on Feb. 25 at 2:00 p.m.