Ohio Library Council
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ITEM NO.: **5.H.4** MEETING DATE: **Nov. 13, 2026**

SUBJECT: **Membership Services Report** SUBMITTED BY: **Jeanine D'Andrea**

REPORT FOR INFORMATION

2026 Individual Membership

The Individual Membership year ended on September 30, 2026, with a final individual membership total of 2205 as compared to the September 2025 final total of 2303. There were 1784 renewals and 421 new individual members. In addition, there are currently 42 Friends Groups; 7 Associate Members; 5 Other Institutions and 1724 Trustees.

New Member Meet and Greet

Thanks to Board members who attended the New Member Meet and Greet at Convention and Expo. There were approximately 46 new members in attendance. Sheila Ward, 2026 Membership Committee Chair and Jennifer Buch, 2027 Chair, did a great job making the event informative, as well as engaging and fun.

2027 Individual Membership

To date we have a total of 65 individual members. Of these, 33 are new members, 1 renewal and 31 Lifetime. The first membership renewal notice is scheduled to be emailed on Dec. 8.

Membership Committee

The Membership Committee met on October 1 at the OLC Office. They discussed the transition of chairs, 2027 goals and objectives; renewal schedule and timeline for 2027; plans for the Member Info Hub at Convention and Expo and the New Member Meet & Greet. They also welcomed potential appointees Jenn Eyer, Worthington and Susan Guthrie, Puskarich Public Library.

I would like to acknowledge Sheila Ward, Chair and the full Committee for their dedicated work. Thanks also to Mary Ellen Icaza, Board Liaison, for her contributions and guidance to the Committee.

ALA/OLC Joint Student Membership Program

Membership through the ALA/OLC Joint Student Membership Program through Oct. 31 totaled 67.

New Member Appreciation Program

The Membership Committee is excited to introduce its New Member Appreciation Program running now through Feb. 1, 2027. To welcome and celebrate our newest members, all new members who join between November 1, 2026 and February 1, 2027 will be automatically entered into a drawing for a chance to win $50 in Professional Development credit to use in the 2027 calendar year.

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.

Leadership Tracking

Updates to the rosters of Divisions and Committees will be made after the Planning and Leadership Kickoff. 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 2026 until mid to late December. Action Council Coordinators are working to fulfill any vacancies. Committees and Division Action Councils for 2027 take office on Jan. 1, 2027.

Governance

After their meetings post Leadership Conference, many Divisions and Committees will be preparing their 2027 Goals and Objectives and 2026 Annual Reports. These will be posted in the Member Info Hub as they become available.