

**Ohio Library Council
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

ITEM NO.: **5.G.4**

MEETING DATE: **Sept. 25, 2026**

SUBJECT: **Membership Services Report**

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REPORT FOR INFORMATION

Individual Membership

As of Sept. 1, 2026, there are 2,167 Individual Members as compared to 2,128 on Sept. 1, 2025. There are currently 1746 renewals; 390 new; and 31 Lifetime. There are currently 42 Friends Groups; 7 Associate Members; 5 Other and 1723 Trustees.

Proration of Individual membership dues for **new** members only, began on July 1 and continues through Sept. 30. To date we have received 15 new members through the proration period. New Members joining after Oct. 1 receive free membership for the remainder of the current year with the payment of full dues for the following year.

Membership Committee

The Membership Committee met on June 18. Staff have been in contact with Sheila Ward, Chair and Jennifer Buch, incoming Chair, regarding upcoming meetings, committee appointment recommendations, and Convention. The next Committee meeting is scheduled for Oct. 1 at the OLC Office to begin planning for the 2027 Individual Membership program.

Committee Appointments

Committee openings have been identified and shared with staff for fulfillment. A full report of appointments will be shared with the Appointments Committee when completed and presented at the November 2026 Board meeting for action.

Nominations and Elections

The OLC Nominations and Elections process was completed on July 30. Divisions had a return rate between 27% – 49%. All candidates for Division Action Councils were notified by email. A full report of the results was published in *Access*.

Convention and Expo

OLC is re-imagining and refreshing the “OLC Member Info Hub” formerly known as OLC Connects. There will be one 10 x 20 booth with an interactive game to draw members in where they can learn more about “How to Get Involved,” navigating the OLC Member Info Hub platform, and learning more about the work of OLC Committees and Divisions. OLC Division and Committee volunteers can choose one time slot during exclusive viewing times to be available to assist visitors in the booth. This alleviates the time commitment during Convention programming for volunteers to attend sessions.

Awards and Honors

We have received positive feedback regarding this year's selection of award winners. The publicity coverage has been significant. Details for the Awards Luncheon are moving forward. We encourage Board members to attend the Awards and Honors Luncheon on Oct. 21, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm. Pre-registration is required.

New Member Meet & Greet

We will be hosting a New Member Meet & Greet at the Convention on Oct. 21 from 4:00-4:30 in the Indigo Bay Room. We encourage Board members to attend if possible. New members will be sent an invitation prior to the event.