Ohio Library Council BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ITEM NO.: **5.E** MEETING DATE: **March 10, 2023**

SUBJECT: Executive Director's Report SUBMITTED BY: Michelle Francis

REPORT FOR INFORMATION

Institutional Membership Dues Billing

Invoices for 2023 Institutional Membership dues have been processed and 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 6, 223 library systems have paid their 2023 Institutional Membership dues in full; 12 have paid at least the first or second installment; and 16 have not paid any portion of their dues (includes 4 library systems that were not members in 2022). Follow-up reminders/invoices will be sent to those with outstanding payments.

Lifetime Members

OLC received two lifetime memberships in January and February. Generally, we may see one a year or every other year. Last year we had 5 and we are off to a good start in 2023. Lifetime members are acknowledged in *Access Weekly*, sent thank you notes from the Membership Committee and receive personal thank you notes from me on behalf of the Board and the OLC staff.

- Tara Kressler, Cincinnati and Hamilton County Public Library
- **Derek Zoladz**, Ohio Public Library Information Network

2023 Short-Term Reserves

As has been past practice, \$600,000 from the OLC's revenue received in the first few months of 2023 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, \$400,000 will be invested in CDs and \$200,000 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 20.65% 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).
- Dental Insurance: renewed with Ameritas Insurance with no change in premium (OLC pays 100% of premium for employees and 90% of premium for dependents).
- Vision Insurance: renewed with VSP Insurance no change in premium (OLC pays 100% of premium for employees and 90% of premium for dependents).

- Life Insurance: renewed with Guardian with an 18% increase (increases from \$0.31 per \$1,000 covered to \$0.37) 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).

BroadbandOhio Digital Opportunity Summit

OLC staff had the opportunity to attend BroadbandOhio's Digital Opportunity Summit on Feb. 16 at the Columbus Metropolitan Library. Speakers included: Lt. Gov. Jon Husted, Director Lydia Mihalik (Ohio Department of Development); Angela Siefer and Paolo Balboa (National Digital Inclusion Alliance); and Peter Voderberg (BroadbandOhio). More information and details will be shared at the Board meeting.

OLC Staff Notes

My 9th Anniversary on the OLC staff was on Feb. 12.

Activities

Activities since the Jan. 20 Board meeting include:

| Jan. 20 Jan. 23 Jan. 24 Jan. 25 Jan. 26-29 | Meeting w/ALA Councilor Meeting w/North Hill Consulting Meeting w/C&E Chairs Meeting w/State Librarian LibLearnX |
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| | Meeting w/Steve Potash/OverDrive |
| Jan. 31 | Meeting w/State Library Assoc. Executive Directors Meeting w/SHP (C&E Sponsorship) |
| Feb. 1 | Meeting w/Metro Directors |
| Feb. 2 | Meeting w/ OLC Library Facilities Conf. Chairs |
| | OLC GRC Meeting |
| | Meeting w/North Hill Consulting |
| Feb. 6 | BWC Group Rating Training |
| | Meeting w/Rep. Manning |
| Feb. 7 | House Finance Committee |
| Feb. 8 | Ohio Chamber Coffee w/Speaker Stephens |
| | Meeting w/C&E Local Arrangements |
| | OLC State Budget/New GA Webinar |
| Feb. 9 | House Finance Committee |
| | PLA 2024 Local Arrangements Comm. Meeting |
| Feb. 10 | Meeting w/Morgan Stanley |
| | OPLIN Board Meeting |
| | Meeting w/Rep. Seitz |
| | Meeting w/North Hill Consulting |
| Feb. 14 | Meeting w/Equalis Group Meeting w/Rep. Ray |
| 1 C D. 14 | OLC Board of Directors Ad Hoc Committee Meeting on Division Merger |
| Feb. 15 | Ohio House Press Conf. on HB 1 |
| | House Finance Subcommittee on Higher Education (SLO Testimony) |
| Feb. 16 | BroadbandOhio Digital Opportunity Summit |
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| Feb. 17 | Meeting w/Schools on HB 1 Meeting w/Dr. Howard Fleeter Small Libraries Division Networking OLC Legislative Network Meeting Meeting w/OTA & CCAO on HB 1 |
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| Feb. 22 | HB 1 Coalition Meeting |
| Feb. 23 | Meeting w/Minority Leader Russo |
| | Meeting w/North Hill Consulting |
| | Ohio Opioid Education Alliance Meeting |
| Feb. 24 | ETM Meeting |
| | OLC State Budget Update Webinar |
| | America 250 Meeting w/Todd Kleismat |
| | PLA 2024 Meeting w/Mary Davis Fournier |
| Feb. 27 | Meeting w/Ohio Psychological Assoc. |
| | Meeting w/AOS Staff on Library Chart of Accounts |
| Feb. 28 | Staff Annual Reviews |
| | House Ways & Means Committee |
| Mar. 1 | Ohio Chamber Coffee w/OBM Director Murnieks |
| | Meeting w/Rep. Callendar |
| | Staff Annual Reviews |
| | Meeting w/Metro Directors |
| Mar. 2 | Meeting w/Rep. Jarrells |
| Mar. 3 | OLC Youth Services Conf. GS Planning Meeting |
| Mar. 4 | OLC Trustee Workshop |