



Oregon Library Association Executive Board Meeting

June 23, 2025 at 4:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Location: Zoom <http://olaweb.org/ola-zoom-meeting-login-info>

Minutes approved August 15, 2025

[Agenda](#)

Present: Ayn Frazee (OLA President), Ericka Brunson-Rochette (OLA Past President), Stuart Levy (OLA Treasurer), Buzzy Nielsen (OLA Parliamentarian), Shirley Robert (OLA Manager), Roxanne M. Renteria (OLA Secretary), Wendy Cornelisen (State Librarian), Jane Nichols (ACRL, incoming President), Jaime Thoreson (CSD), Liisa Sjoblom (Leadership Committee), Vickie Kromer (OYAN), Kathy Street (PLD), and Rinny Lakin (SSD).

[ACTION ITEMS highlighted below] [ACTION ITEMS for everyone in yellow]

Welcome & Icebreaker (Ayn Frazee)

- Our [community agreement](#) during our meetings.
- Welcome and introductions, including an icebreaker question: *tell us a Dad joke?*

Agenda Changes/Minutes (Ayn)

- See [May](#) minutes.
- Motion to pass the May minutes approved with edits.
- Lack of quorum led to a voting delay—this particular vote was held after the President's Report.

President's Report (Ayn)

- SB 1098 Bill passed—this bill addresses the freedom to read and book banning.
 - Per Wendy, Senator Frederick's office says there might be a bill signing ceremony in September.
- In other news, special library districts cannot receive federal funding despite offering critical support during times of crisis—so Senator Merkley, with bipartisan support, is seeking to address this issue to ensure special library districts are eligible to receive funding in future.
 - Ayn provided them with a personal quote, and shared in future they might need a more formal quote from the association.
 - According to Bryan, Meg Spencer from Siuslaw Library District is the representative for special library districts of Oregon.
- Will share a bit more legislative related information later in the meeting when giving the Legislative Committee session overview report, which was a last minute addition to the

agenda.

- Ayn will attend the 2025 ALA annual conference in Philadelphia, as well as the chapter meeting.
- Ayn noted April is planning to attend the 2026 ALA annual conference in Chicago, along with Bryan, with OSU and OLA covering the cost (respectively).

State Librarian Report (Wendy Cornelisen)

- See [June 2025 State Librarian Report](#).
- Wendy shared an update of the status of federal funding, and a short overview of how the federal budget process could unfold with continuing resolutions, highlights include:
 - SLO received an LSTA award letter.
 - The State Library Board will vote upon the LSTA grant budget in July.
 - Competitive sub-grants will not be offered during the coming fiscal year (with LSTA 2025 funds), which will allow SLO to remain nimble, prioritize staff and cover payroll for July-September of 2026.
 - SLO may not know what LSTA 2026 funding looks like until April.
 - Early stage contingency planning to retain programs and services is outlined in the report.
 - Contingency planning to retain staff, or changing the state library budget might be possible during a special session or short session.
- Regarding staff retention, Roxanne inquired about the extent to which other state libraries and librarians are pivoting and seeking alternative funding to cover LSTA funded positions such as absorbing coverage within the state operating budget.
 - Wendy shared that some states are moving in that direction.
 - Following-up, Roxanne asked “What precludes SLO from moving in that direction? Do we lack legislative processes that allow us to quickly pivot?”
 - Per Wendy, that is the case, and she provided a more detailed breakdown of SLO’s funding budget (which is divided into four buckets: assessment funds, general funds, federal funds, and donations/endowment funds).
 - In conclusion and to paraphrase, Roxanne asked if Wendy has knowledge of what IMLS staff remains, and if there is any way SLO can draw down 365 days worth of award letter funding (instead of every 30 days) cover payroll, programs and services, on the off chance the federal government fails to honor their word at some point during the fiscal timeline.
 - Wendy shared her knowledge of what’s happening at IMLS, current staffing, the federal lawsuit, and how these funds are intended to be used (i.e. immediately or as reimbursement), so drawing down 365 days worth of funding would violate the terms.
 - A town hall is scheduled for July.
 - **ACTION ITEM: Wendy will post about upcoming Town Halls.**

2025 Election Results (Ericka Brunson-Rochette)

- As Past-President, Ericka shared an election results update and congratulated:
 - Incoming Vice-President, President Elect (3 year term): Bryan Miyagishma (Lincoln County Library District)

- Incoming OLA Treasurer (2 year term): Jordan Popoff (Curry Public Library)
- Incoming ALA Councilor/Representative (3 year term): Jerianne Thompson (Tualatin Public Library)
- Incoming Secretary (1 year term): Roxanne M. Renteria (Deschutes Public Library)
- **ACTION ITEM: Ericka will announce incoming Board Elect Winners.**
- **ACTION ITEM: Ayn will discuss voting with Ericka.**

Association Manager's Monthly Report (Shirley Roberts)

- See [2025 OLA Conference Report](#)
- See [2026 Committee Roles & Responsibilities - AND - Committee Contact Information](#)
- Overview Comments:
 - OLA 2025 Conference Committee Chair, Taylor Worley put together a concise report.
 - More detail available via the shared file, which can be provided.
 - Noteworthy details include:
 - Conference Financial Report—net profit \$44k
 - Likes:
 - The President's Party being combined with the All Conference Reception
 - Author Talks
 - Sensory Quiet Space
 - Bingo
 - Use ProSound
 - Areas for growth or improvement include:
 - Update Code of Conduct
 - Update Handbook
 - Increase Keynote Speaker budget (attendees are tuned into Author Session and Opening Keynote)-current budget allocation of \$6k needs to increase to \$10k.
 - Attendees liked varying length sessions, but in future those of a similar length should be held concurrently followed by lightening sessions, etc. (i.e. 75 minute sessions→lightening talks→60 minute sessions).
 - Registration Fee/Guidelines for attendees who would like to bring family or friends to the Exhibit or Session.
 - Last minute requests—be ahead of the game for late registrants, and communicate details in advance (Darci's 2024 notes will be added to the 2026 Drive folder).
 - Exhibitor details (shipping and receiving fees were exorbitant)
 - Consider contracting with Uber versus a bus, to ensure more flexibility of attendees being able to come and go.
 - Do not return to Lane Events Center.
 - 2026 OLA/PNLA Joint Conference Update:
 - 2026 Committee Roles and Responsibilities updated, and some may need to be combined.

- Four chairs needed including: Program Support, Food Coordinator, and the OLA Co-Chair.
- **ACTION ITEM: Shirley will continue to post about open Conference Planning Committee positions, and asks unit heads to refer interested individuals to her.**
- LIOLA participants volunteered.
- Roxanne brought up concerns about Shirley picking up additional tasks and duties, and taking on a larger conference planning role, and that OLA may need to revisit her salary to avoid exploitation, which led to a short discussion about options (i.e. a temporary assistant).
- Retreat Update:
 - Thursday, August 14th: Waypoint Hotel (Bend, OR)
 - Friday, August 15th: Redmond Public Library (Redmond, OR)
 - Registration has gone out.
 - Agenda draft available in August.
 - Please, register even if planning to forgo attending.
 - Virtual attendance welcome—SSD Secretary attending and ACRL sending a member.
 - **ACTION ITEM: Continuing, incoming unit heads should register for the retreat, and virtual attendance is permitted for additional unit members.**
 - **ACTION ITEM: Per Rinny, update OLA Google passwords.**
- General Update
 - Quickbooks getting rid of the desktop version.

CSD Chair Vacancy (Ayn and Jaime Thoreson)

- Ayn and Jaime provided the board with an overview of recruitment efforts to secure an incoming, and present CSD Chair, as the latter is on schedule to become Past-CSD Chair.
- It may be the case that CSD operates on a bare-bones programming and service model.
- Lampman is covered.
- Other options include recruiting co-chairs.
- Director support needed for OLA participation, and additional promotion and awareness campaign.

Legislative Committee Session Overview (Ayn on behalf of OLA Lobbyist)

- See [Oregon's 2025 Legislative Session Overview](#).
- Highlights include:
 - The Legislative Committee is pretty thrilled with the passing SB1098.
 - The long session report sums this up pretty well as well as work to come.
 - Jeremy said to supplement Cassie's report and comments, he would add the committee remains committed to gathering support and comments to ensure the retention of LSTA funded staff and programs via SLO, and will pursue all avenues toward that end.
 - Advocacy for SLO staff retention is in the works—the chairs met with John Chrastka from Every Library to better understand the status of LSTA funding, and

staff at the Oregon Community Foundation to discuss possible avenues for support (and will continue to meet monthly with the latter).

- The latter urged OLA to apply for grant funding if determined to advocate toward this end.
- Ayn will attend tomorrow's 3:00pm Legislative Committee meeting.

Action Item Review/Next Meeting (Ayn/Roxanne)

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Adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

Appendix. Common OLA Abbreviations.

- ACRL—Assoc. of College & Research Libraries
- CSD—Children's Services Division
- EDIA—Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Antiracism Committee
- IFC—Intellectual Freedom Committee
- LEG—Legislative Committee (formerly Library Development and Legislation)
- LIOLA—Leadership Institute of OLA
- OASL—Oregon Assoc. of School Libraries
- OBOB—Oregon Battle of the Books
- ORCA—Oregon Reader's Choice Award
- OYAN—Oregon Young Adult Network
- PLD—Public Library Division
- REFORMA—REFORMA Oregon
- SLO—State Library of Oregon
- SSD—Support Staff Division