



Oregon Library Association Executive Board Meeting

April 1, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89616527503>

Minutes approved May 13, 2026

[Agenda](#) & [Meeting Packet](#)

Present: April Witteveen (OLA President), Bryan Miyagishima (OLA VP Elect), Ayn Reyes Frazee (OLA Past President), Roxanne M. Renteria (OLA Secretary), Buzzy Nielsen (OLA Parliamentarian), Shirley Roberts (OLA Manager), Wendy Cornelisen (SLO), Kate Thornhill (ACRL), Arlene Weible (Awards Committee), Anna Bruce (CSD), LaRee Dominguez (EDIA), Amy Gregory (LRRT), Brittany Young (LRRT), Brianna Sowinski (OYAN), and Rinny Lakin (SSD).

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

Welcome & Intros (April Witteveen)

- Our [community agreement](#) during our meetings.
- Welcome and introductions.
- Attendees were invited to answer an icebreaker question about whether they play slots?

Agenda Changes/Minutes (April)

- See February [minutes](#).
- Motion to pass the February minutes approved.

State Library Report (Wendy Cornelisen)

- Received its official award letter for the LSTA 2026 grant, SLO must sign and send back.
 - Wendy notes this letter is identical to the previewed letter from December, and similar to previous years.
 - The total grant amount is \$800 less than previous years (per Wendy via the chat: \$2,592,456.00).
 - Fiscal year 2027 starts in July 2026, and planning has already begun.
 - One goal of COSLA was to ensure legislators are aware of the [Dear Appropriator Letter](#), and Wendy shared that 5 congresswomen signed the letter, and now the process is open for senators.
 - Those interested can track signed LSTA letters via this ALA link: [Tell Congress to #FundLibraries | ALA](#).
 - Roxanne inquired if the LSTA letter includes information about prohibitions related to EDIA and Wendy shared that the DOJ noted the interpretation of discrimination is different at present.
 - Here's the IMLS FY26 [*Statement of Assurances and Certifications for 2026 Grant](#)

- The SLO is working to update the Administrative Rules for the Ready to Read program: [State Library of Oregon: Administrative Rules: State Library of Oregon: State of Oregon](#), and public comment is open until the hearing on Friday, May 15th (SLO Board Meeting).
 - Wendy noted the SLO is working to ensure the rules are congruent with practice.
 - The appeals process is being updated.

President's Report (April)

- Regarding the internship, April had her first meeting with Amanda who was selected to serve as the OLA intern.
 - For reference, Amanda is in graduate school and set to complete her library degree this spring.
 - **ACTION ITEM: April will invite Amanda to the May Board Meeting.**
 - She will have a couple of things to share before the May Board Meeting (style guide and taxonomy), before she undertakes the rest of her 75 hours.
- Launch Kit Team is ready to create a one page document to serve as an intro to OLA leadership and cheerleading advertisement.
 - Just a reminder documents from OASL and CSD serve as inspiration.
 - Kits should be ready to launch in August for the annual retreat.
- April noted additional buddies are needed for 2026 OLA/PNLA Joint Conference.

Association Report (Shirley Roberts)

- Shirley has been working on generation operational duties: working on financials, reimbursements, checks, working with units on scholarships.
- 2026 OLA/PNLA Joint Conference planning duties are well underway.
 - Sadly, the virtual conference has been sidelined due to a lack of interest—presenters appear to have changed their minds about recording.
 - Regarding the legality of candy and snacks: Shirley reports units may provide snacks but to do so without fanfare.
- Shirley followed up regarding JCLC registrations, which are not possible at this time, but has been assured OLA will receive information on how to share qualified reductions based on sponsorship.
- OBOB regional competitions have been held, and Shirley is processing reimbursement forms.

2026 OLA/PNLA Conference Report (Shirley)

- A fire broke out at The Holiday Inn last week in the St. Helens Wing and break out rooms.
 - Shirley checked the layout and there are 3 rooms not in use that should be able to serve as alternative locations for breakout sessions, and is awaiting confirmation.
 - The printed program is ready to print but Shirley will hold off just a bit longer to see if breakout session updates can be made.
 - **ACTION ITEM: Shirley will update the breakout session rooms for the printed program.**
 - Due to the fire, the room block has been pulled which means attendees will need to book elsewhere moving forward.
 - Special events or gatherings such as (coffee and donuts with the EDIAC) are due no later than April 11th if Lex is to publish in the OLA Hotline.
 - **ACTION ITEM: units seeking to add special event info must give to Shirley ASAP.**
 - Per Kate, ACRL-OR will meet at McMenamins on Thursday, April 23 at 6pm (<https://oregonlibconference.org/2026/programs/>).
 - Bryan suggested Units connect and meet at the Conference.
 - Shirley stated WHOVA can be used, and units can put up flyers at their tables.

- At this time there are 465 registrations, with 10 days to go.
 - There are 54 PNLA registrations (accounts for approximately 25% of their membership).
 - Hotel will set out chairs at the back of the grand ballroom/exhibits, and capacity is 500.
- Agendas for keynotes, and authors have been completed.
- The President's Party/All Conference Reception theme is neon and psychedelic colors.
- Thursday business meetings will be held after lunch on Thursday, April 23rd with each association splitting up.
 - **ACTION ITEM: April will need to decide if she wants to give an oral report or include slides.**
 - **ACTION ITEM: Shirley is working on the business meeting agenda for Thursday, April.**

2026 OLA Awards (Arlene Weible)

- Arlene shared the 2026 slate of OLA award winners with the OLA Board.
 - Award winners will be announced at the 2026 OLA/PNLA Joint Conference on Friday, April 24th, and then a press release will go out.
 - Motion to approve the award winners passed.
 - Arlene noted other awards (Lampman, and OLA President's Award, etc.) will be shared at the conference as well.

Treasurer's Report (Shirley on behalf of Jordan Popoff)

- See [OLAFY25-26 Treasurer Report](#)
- Overview Comments:
 - Investments have gone very well up until February, with a slight downturn due to world events.
 - Dues income has increased—with membership over 1000+, due to the conference in Portland.
 - Total income is up due to conference, dues, etc.
 - Jordan reviews bank statements every month, to ensure income and expenses are recorded on the financial reports.

Proposal: Revitalizing and Refocusing the LRRT to Law Library Service Providers (Amy Gregory and Brittany Young)

- Overview Comments
 - Amy provided a short overview of how LRRT has historically operated as a General interest group, but the legal landscape has shifted.
 - This has led to a significant gap for target support.
 - Those on the front lines managing state and local mandates, navigating complex collections and access to justice initiatives.
 - On behalf of the LRRT, and with the full blessing of leadership (including chair Jenny Pedersen and past chair) they are asking the board for approval on name change and mission change.
 - A short discussion and answer period followed, with the board seeking to better understand how to best support.
 - April asked if they are interested in remaining a RT, at which point Buzzy chimed in to share RT are flexible (division requires a vote of the membership).
 - Rinny asked how many signatures are required for a Division, and per the chat, Buzzy shared "Divisions require a petition signed by at least 25 OLA members and a vote of the membership", also noting "REFORMA Oregon started as a RT and became a division!"
 - Motion to rename the RT and change the mission passed.

Division and Committee Updates (All)

- Legislative Committee (Jeremy Skinner)
 - See [Legislative Committee Update](#).
 - Jeremy was not present to share overview comments.
- ACRL-OR (Kate Thornhill)
 - Things are not going well.
 - 1 in 5 OR academic librarian positions have been eliminated (strikes at Portland, issues at Lane Community College, UofO issues, Northwest Colleges and University Consortium offering accreditation for NW states is doing an accreditation standards revision).
 - The [NWCCU Library Standard Update](#) eliminated literacy standards/proposal to eliminate qualified librarians from the standard.
 - [ACRL-OR Feedback can be viewed here](#).
 - Kate and co-chair were interviewed about what is happening, and they will share that article once it comes out.
 - Elections are taking place.
 - Award nominations have gone out.
 - Website update in the works.
 - Scholarships have been awarded.
- SSD (Rinny Lakin)
 - See [Report](#).
 - Overview Comments:
 - April 21, 2026, is Library Workers Day
- OYAN (Brianna Sowinski)
 - OYAN Raffle is live!
 - Tickets are \$5 for one or \$20 for five. Follow the link for the full list of prizes and to get your tickets: [OYAN Raffle](#).
- CSD (Anna Bruce)
 - CSD is updating bylaws, and will submit to the board for approval.
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- EDIA (Roxanne M. Renteria)
 - The committee is in the process of updating the prospective member application.
 - Running past episodes of the podcast OVERDUE: Weeding Out Oppression in Libraries through a diversity audit to assess topic gaps, and biases.
 - Members are heavily involved in preparing for the conference:
 - Prizes and swag for 3 affinity groups are being collected.
 - Coordinating Coffee & Donuts gathering.

Parking Lot (April/Roxanne)

- Bryan needs to discuss the advocacy workshop/toolkit.

Action Item Review/Next Meeting: May 7th (April/Roxanne)

- **ACTION ITEM: Due to the venue fire, Shirley will update the breakout session rooms for the printed program.**
- **ACTION ITEM: units seeking to add special event info must give to Shirley ASAP by April 11th.**
- **ACTION ITEM: April will complete her action items from February.**
- **ACTION ITEM: April will invite her to the May Board Meeting.**
- **ACTION ITEM: April will need to decide if she wants to give an oral report or include slides.**

Adjourned at 5:23pm

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