**Memorandum of Understanding between**

**Pacific Northwest Library Association** and the **Oregon Library Association**

**Parties**

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereafter referred to as “MOU”) is made between the Pacific Northwest Library Association (hereafter referred to as “PNLA” and the Oregon Library Association (hereafter referred to as “OLA”).

**Background and Purpose**

The Oregon Library Association and Pacific Northwest Library Association have a longstanding relationship dating back to 1909. The relationship between OLAand PNLA has benefitted the library professionals of the region. The spirit of cooperation is one of the ongoing and recurring themes of PNLA and remains so to this day. The purpose of this memorandum of understanding is to articulate our shared values, commitments, and expectations between OLA and PNLA.

**Shared Values between PNLA and OLA**

As professional associations, OLAand PNLA agree to uphold the following values which are foundational to both our membership and our partnership:

### Cooperation: Resources of the organization are used to identify and implement opportunities for partnership and collaboration with State and Provincial Associations.

### Education: We draw on our regional perspective and shared experiences to create expanded learning opportunities for our members.

### Service: We develop programs and provide resources that respond to the needs of our members in a timely manner.

### Regional: We value the benefit of sharing a broader perspective beyond our state and provincial borders.

### Communication: PNLA seeks to create an interchange between library professionals and their State and Provincial Associations. Our conversations are characterized by:

### Transparency and Openness

* + Access and Inclusion
  + Intellectual Freedom
  + Innovation and Creativity
  + Diversity
  + Literacy and Lifelong Learning
  + Accountability

**Shared Support and Commitment between PNLA and OLA**

Each Association will encourage member participation in activities that will enhance learning opportunities and knowledge transfer among professionals and institutions. All Partners will work towards the following objectives:

* Share professional expertise and knowledge to strengthen the capacity of all parties to advance their respective missions
* Explore collaborative projects to expand learning opportunities among the Associations
* Explore public outreach opportunities to spark community engagement with libraries, knowledge, and ideas
* Identify joint funding ventures for projects of mutual interest and benefit

**Specific PNLA Support and Commitment tothe Oregon Library Association**

Provinces and states represented on the PNLA board….

* receive a seat on the PNLA board and voting rights
* receive a complimentary registration to PNLA conference for their state or provincial president (or designee)
* may negotiate with PNLA to offer a joint PNLA / OLA membership on the PNLA page
* When PNLA conference is held in Oregon, OLA members will receive PNLA membership rates
* may request PNLA to consider to co-sponsor a joint conference
* receive access to PNLA membership directory and direct email list
* will be allowed to promote official Association events, programs, and conferences on PNLA listserv and social media
* may request financial sponsorships from PNLA for some aspect of state and provincial conferences (coffee breaks, sessions)
* will receive assistance in locating meeting space for provincial, state, or regional library interest groups during the PNLA conference
* will receive primary placement of job ads on PNLA job page
* may place their logo on the PNLA website with link to state or provincial webpage

**Specific OLA Support and Commitment to the Pacific Northwest Library Association**

OLA is committed to:

* Select an OLA representative by election, appointment or other means to be on the PNLA Board
  + Said representative will attend each of four virtual Board meetings annually, submitting a report of OLA highlights at each meeting. If the OLA representative misses three consecutive meetings, PNLA can request the Association nominate another representative.
* Consider offering travel assistance to PNLA representative to attend annual PNLA conference for the purpose of attending the PNLA Board meeting.
* Consider extending an invitation and complimentary registration to PNLA president for attendance at the OLAannual conference
* Consider a joint conference when requested by PNLA

**Terms of Renewal**

The terms of this MOU will remain in place for a period of five years effective ***(effective date)***. Annually each organization that is party to this agreement will convene to discuss shared accomplishments, opportunities for further exploration, and mutual professional interests. The outcomes of these discussions will be shared for each respective Board that is party to the MOU. At the end of five years, each Board will meet to consider continuing with the MOU.

**Signatures of Agreement**

Oregon LibraryAssociation Pacific Northwest Library Association

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OLA President PNLA President

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