**OLA Board Retreat Report**

[Outgoing President’s Report.](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1CrAotWCtC8lofSqWgFkVNS5hwWFkaqr8g1isPtA1Pp4/edit?usp=drive_link)

**SB 1098:**

* Passed a Freedom to Read Bill
* Established staffing support at ODE for School Librarians

One legislative goal not achieved: establishing stable funding for State Library. That is a priority going forward.

Considering an affiliate membership model, in which a library district, system, or organization could purchase memberships for all staff at a discount.

Added Rainbow Roundtable to OLA for LGBTQ+ library workers.

**Conference:**

Positions filled for OLA/PNLA Conference. Planning is underway, expect call for programs in September.

**Incoming President: April Witteveen**

Main focus is to work with the idea of “one OLA.” Seems there is a perception among many members that OLA “doesn’t support” them or their sub-division (T/S, children’s, academic, whatever). Wants to bring value for everyone and show everyone that what they bring is what makes OLA work.

**Legislative Committee**

OLA’s legislative committee was instrumental to passing SB 1098 (above)

This year, work will focus on advocacy for State Library, which cannot advocate for itself politically. OLA not positioned to make a case at the Federal Level for restoration of IMLS/LSTA funding, but will work with ALA rep to support.

Have you used the State Statistical Report in your work? OLA LC would like your stories to use in making the case for the importance of the State Library.

**State Librarian**

Senate subcommittee has moved forward a bill reinstating IMLS funding. Senate now in recess, but State Library educating the public on the importance of IMLS and LSTA. State fiscal office reported on $2.5 million cut from HR 1, State Librarian on OPB “[Think Out Loud](https://www.opb.org/article/2025/08/15/think-out-loud-oregon-state-libraries-federal-funding/)” to talk about it.

**OLA Board**

Michael is serving as the Chair of the Technical Services Round Table (Kristynn was Chair last year). He is a non-voting member of the OLA Board as a result and will raise T/S-related issues at OLA board meetings, representing T/S members from around the state. Anyone can join TSRT (it is a $5.00 affiliation with an OLA membership) or the [TSRT listserv](https://omls.oregon.gov/mailman/listinfo/ola-tsrt). You do not need to join OLA to follow the listserv.

Round Tables are “OLA Units” with somewhat less authority/permanence than Divisions: Division heads are voting Board members. OLA Divisions include the Public Libraries Division and ACRL.

OLA is in good financial shape after a successful Eugene conference and some years of wise investment. They are looking at supporting Units directly with some dividends, which will make it possible for TSRT to do more without financial strain.

OLA’s Administrative Year is Sep 1 – Aug 31. Technically, Michael begins his term on Sep 1. Board Retreat serves as a welcome/orientation to new members and an opportunity for Board members to get to know one another.