



Chair's Report

May 25, 2020

As of our October meeting at COLAL, there have been some staffing changes within our organization:

New Members:

- Marilyn Elkin – Dufferin
- Marie-Josée Filio – Cochrane
- Amanda Adams - Nipissing - return from extended leave
- Rachel Anderson – Hamilton
- Duncan McCrie - Waterloo

This fall and winter we said goodbye to Sara Faulhafer (Waterloo) and Tyler Roy (Cochane). We wish them well as they take on new positions with other organizations. Our sympathies are with Robert Girard's (Cochrane) family who passed away last fall. With Amanda's return Peter Thompson's (Nipissing) contract was completed. We wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

Please notify the Member-at-Large as soon as possible when there are staffing changes in your libraries. The Member-at Large will then notify the members. This provides OCLA with the ability to acknowledge important events and provide correct contact information to everyone.

The past few months have been marked by continued progress mixed with unprecedented challenge. As I write, we continue to respond to the evolving situation and most library staff have successfully transitioned to working from home. As Chair of OCLA, I'm impressed, proud and humbled by the efforts and continued leadership of all library staff for your exceptional efforts to continue to find ways to support and service our users and each other during the pandemic. I am confident that by continuing to work positively and collaboratively, we will keep our library staff and library users safe while ensuring that the needs of our users are met.

During this crisis our Executive has been meeting virtually to stay updated on the courthouse library issues. Please feel free to reach out to any of us with concerns or suggestions. At this time, the OCLA Executive is still working out how COLAL will be delivered this fall. I will keep you posted regarding COLAL.

Please take care of yourselves — both emotionally and physically.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chair, OCLA