



Chair's Report October 6, 2020

As of our May meeting, there have been some staffing changes within our organization:

New Members:

- + Brianna Storms, Peterborough
- + Gena Lowe, Stratford
- + Melissa Judd, Temiskaming
- + Megan Strain (Toronto)

This spring and summer we said goodbye to Laurie Stoddard (Renfrew), Nina Nasedkin (Sudbury) and Erin Wescot (Toronto). We wish them well as they take on new positions with other organizations. And we hope Sarah Bittle (Stratford) and Laura Dobbie (Peterborough) are enjoying maternity leave!

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.

Board members for LIRN have been in place for several months and a Managing Director, Theresa Leitch, was hired in August. Theresa and Johanne Blenkin, have graciously agreed to speak to our group at the AGM to provide an update on LIRN.

As I close out my term as Chair, OCLA moves from strength to strength. OCLA members have displayed resilience towards one of the toughest challenges to face our sector and country in recent memory. We have many challenges over the last several months with COVID and its impact on our lives and our libraries. Most library staff are successfully transitioning back and reopening their libraries. As Chair of OCLA, I'm impressed and proud by the efforts, collaboration and continued leadership of all library staff for the exceptional efforts to continue to find ways to support and service each other and our users during the pandemic.

OCLA continues to advocate for the county courthouse library system to LiRN, the LSO and FOLA with the help of our Executive, our members, through our e-newsletter and the OCLA app.

I would like to thank my colleagues on the Executive Committee - Janet Marchment and Laura Dobbie and; Vice-Chairs, Maria Berezowski; Secretary, Michelle Gerrits; Treasurer, Ciara Ward; Member-at-Large; and Helen Heerema, Past-President for all their support and hard work on the Executive with me. It has been such a pleasure to serve on the Board with you. Thank you for your time, dedication and commitment.

It has been an honour to serve as your Chair over the last two years, and I am looking forward to continue to serve on the OCLA Board in my new role as Past Chair.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chair, OCLA

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The transition from LibraryCo to LIRN is ongoing.

Board members for the new skills-based board have been identified and have met with representatives of FOLA, TLA and LSO. FOLA, TLA and LSO are now reviewing the Universal Shareholders' Agreement and By-Laws. This involves updating to reflect the new governance structure and modernizing the wording which is over 2 decades old.

The PRC and ad hoc committee will be meeting to review the proposed changes in the near future. FOLA and TLA hope to meet with LSO in the summer or early fall and have agreed by-laws and USA to present to plenary in November.

Things are expected to remain at the status quo until these issues sort out. The hope for this reorganization is to allow a skills-based board to make representations to the LSO for better funding and increased services to promote competency and support the practicing bar.