



Member-At-Large Report
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For obvious reasons I don't have much to report on. Whoever would have thought this was going to be in our future for 2020? But the end is in sight, I'm sure. I hope everyone is hanging in there. This has been a very interesting year for OCLA, and since joining five years ago, I can honestly say I have never felt more connected with our colleagues than I have this year. While not being able to see each other in person has been a great disappointment, it has forced us all to work on our communication through frequent zoom meetings, which has been an unexpected (and great) positive.

New members, don't be afraid to reach out to the board, or to anyone in OCLA – I have done this many times, and have never been disappointed. As a group OCLA works hard to evolve as a strong community of professionals, and as I have said before, there is no one else who does quite what we do. We are each other's best job resource.

I hope everyone continues to pursue all professional development opportunities that arise, especially as they turn virtual and the barriers of travel are removed. Increasing knowledge and adding to your skill set can never be a bad thing, particularly in the library field!

This will be my last time writing to you as Member-at-Large, as I take a break from serving on the executive. It has been a pleasure supporting the OCLA executive in this role, and I am excited to see where our new board will take us. We are about to enter some interesting times I think, so, to paraphrase David Bowie: I don't know where we're going, but it won't be boring.

Respectfully submitted,

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