



Member-At-Large Report

OCLA May Meeting

Virtual

May 19, 2021

I hope everyone is doing as well as possible during this (still ongoing!) time of remote work, limited travel, and even more limited face-to-face time with library patrons. With vaccination rates steadily climbing, I think we are all looking forward to a version of business as usual perhaps by our next meeting in October. In the meantime, it has been so valuable to continue sharing our ideas and challenges through our regular OCLA Zoom meetings while staying connected with each other remotely. Hopefully, this trend will continue if and/or when we are back in-office!

Since assuming the role of Member-At-Large in October 2020, it has been fairly quiet over these past winter months. Of note, there has been a bit of movement within our membership: Hamilton, Toronto, Carleton, Algoma, and Temiskaming have all introduced new staff members recently. I want to welcome again our new members and urge you to reach out to other OCLA members if you have any questions or just want to bounce ideas off someone. Unfortunately, we are experiencing another year without an in-person CALL conference, but we are connected digitally now more than ever. Taking the time to reach out to another OCLA member is certainly worthwhile.

I have not been Member-At-Large long since assuming the Vice President role, but I have enjoyed serving in this capacity and look forward to continuing on with the OCLA Executive board. This year, like 2020, is a strange one, but I am confident that we have support in each other while navigating these challenges.

Take care and stay safe.

Respectfully submitted,

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