



Board Assembly Meeting

April/May 2021

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Agenda

1. Introduction from Ontario Library Service
2. Member Introductions
3. What is Board Assembly?
4. Updates from Ontario Library Service and Partners
5. Election
6. Roundtable Discussion
7. Adjournment

Introduction from Ontario Library Service

- Ontario Library Service
 - olservice.ca
 - Amalgamation of Ontario Library Service-North and Southern Ontario Library Service took effect April 1
- Our Mandate
 - The Ontario Library Service was established in 2021 and is mandated to deliver programs and services on behalf of the Ontario Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries by:
 - **Increase cooperation and coordination** among Public Library boards and other information providers in order to promote the provision of library services to the public
 - Assist Public Library boards and First Nations public libraries by providing them with **services and programs that meet their needs including consulting, training and development services**

Introduction from Ontario Library Service

- Some key services include:
 - Interlibrary Loan
 - Consulting (e.g. strategic planning, legislation, guidance & advice, policy development)
 - Training (webinars, certificate programs)
 - Collective e-content purchasing (research databases, ebooks)
 - JASI (Joint Automation Server Initiative)
 - First Nations Library Services
 - Governance & Public Library Boards

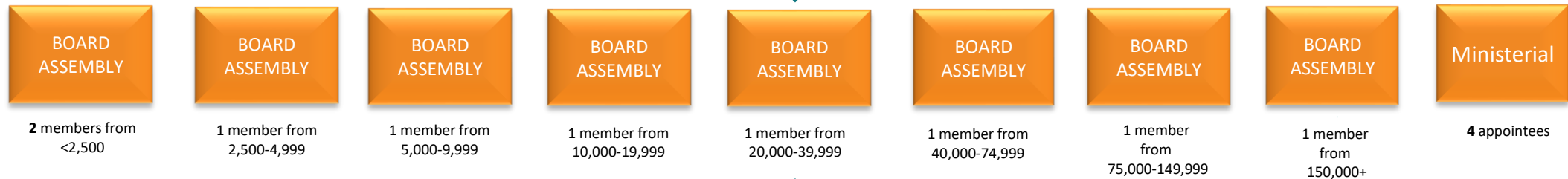
Introductions

- Let's hear from you!
 - What library board are you from?
 - How long have you been on your library board?

What is Board Assembly?

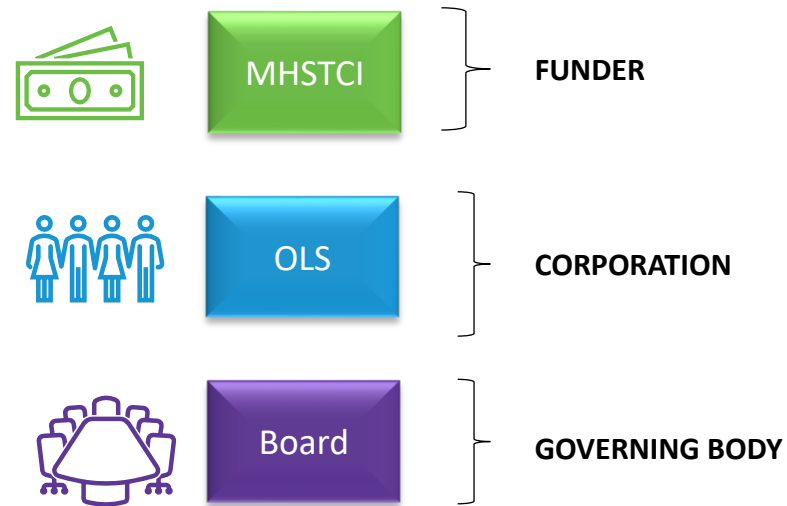
- The foundational component of the Ontario Library Service Governance Structure

Ontario Public Library Boards



Ontario Library Service Board
(13 members)

How the Ontario Library Service Operates



What is the role of the Ontario Library Service Board?

The OLS board will govern with a style and focus that emphasizes:

- A provincial vision, rather than a local focus
- Commitment to diversity and respecting different viewpoints
- Governance and strategic leadership
- The future, while considering past and present
- Collaboration

[Board Member description](#)

Information about becoming an OLS Board Member

- Each of the 9 Board Assemblies will elect a representative from their population range, and 4 representatives will be appointed by the Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries.
- By putting your name forward for election you will have an opportunity to be **elected by popular vote** in the name of your Assembly to hold one of the nine elected positions available on the OLS Board.
- Should you be elected by your Assembly, **your term for the Ontario Library Service Board will run from June 2021 thru June 2024.**
- **Three virtual meetings** will occur annually to conduct the business of the OLS Board: **October, February and June** which is followed by an Annual General Meeting. Currently, the board meets on Saturdays, but the schedule may change. Board meetings are held virtually.

Updates from Ontario Library Service

- GovernanceHUB:
 - [LibraryGovernance.ca](https://librarygovernance.ca): resources, 4 Year Board Cycle, videos, orientation documents, webinars & podcasts.
- What is [LearnHQ.ca](https://learnhq.ca)?
 - Your One Stop for library training and resources. LearnHQ is Ontario Library Service's learning management system. Explore courses, register for webinars, and more.



Updates from the Ontario Library Association and the Ontario Library Boards' Association

- Canadian Heritage Roundtable: [View the submission.](#)
- Fireside Chat: Ministers at OLA Super Conference
 - The Ontario government is investing more than \$4.8 million to upgrade broadband in up to 50 public libraries in unserved and underserved communities. [View the news release.](#)
- OLA-FOPL Joint Budget Recommendation. [View the submission.](#)

Updates from the Ontario Library Association and the Ontario Library Boards' Association (continued)

Events and Education:

- OLA hosts **#OnLibChats** led by volunteer members. S.S. Ahmed, OLBA Councillor, has led a series of events and chats specifically for the public library boards sector. Information about #OnLibChats can be found here: <https://accessola.com/onlibchat/>
 - Next ONLibChat: [ONLibChat: Human Rights-Based Approach to IDEA in Libraries | May 6, at 3:30pm ET | Presented by S.S. Ahmad, OLBA Vice-President](#)
- The 2022 **OLA Super Conference** planning is underway! OLBA will be seeking ideas from the public library board sector.
 - The event will be held February 1 – 5, and due to the uncertainties of the pandemic, combined with the inclusivity of a virtual event – the conference will once again be virtual.

Updates from the Ontario Library Association and the Ontario Library Boards' Association (continued)

The OLBA Board has a regional vacancy for the Central West region.

More information, including job description, is available at:

<https://accessola.com/about-ola/ola-elections/>

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Election to the Ontario Library Service Board

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Election Procedure

1. Roll Call
2. Call for nominations
3. Confirmation of Candidacy
4. Presentation of Candidacy (if necessary)
5. Voting (if necessary)
6. Tie vote (if necessary)

Roundtable Discussion

- You're invited to share issues and concerns related to your library board work and ask questions/seek input and advice from your library board peers.
- This is a great opportunity to learn from others, share best practices, and increase your knowledge within your governance role as an Ontario Public Library Board Member.

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Thank you!

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