

March 2024

Good afternoon colleagues,

It is hard to believe that the term of the inaugural OLS Board is coming to a close, with the final meeting taking place June 2024. I have been pleased to serve with an incredible group of individuals committed to serving public libraries in the province of Ontario.

As our term comes to a close the next round of elections is slated to begin during the spring Board Assemblies. Elections will be held in each of the Board Assembly population ranges with nominations and self-nominations occurring during the meeting followed by a vote.

### **About the Ontario Library Service Board:**

- Is composed 13 people: 9 elected representatives and 4 Ministerial Appointees
- A full term for the Board is four years, beginning at least one full year after Ontario municipal elections
- Representatives will be elected from their corresponding Board Assembly

### **About Board Assemblies:**

- There are 9 Board Assemblies based on populations served, to represent Ontario public libraries
- All public library boards as defined under the Public Libraries Act of Ontario including Chief and Council are entitled to appoint an official representative to their respective Board Assembly.

OLS BOARD ASSEMBLIES 2024		
Category	Number of Elected OLS Board Members	OLS BOARD ASSEMBLY MEETING DATES
Under 2,500 (Group A – Libraries A-L) (Group B – Libraries M-Z)	2	A – April 23 <sup>rd</sup> 2024 530-7PM ET B – April 24 <sup>th</sup> 2024 530-7PM ET
2,500 – 4,999	1	April 25 <sup>th</sup> 2024 530-7PM ET
5,000 – 9,999	1	April 30 <sup>th</sup> 2024 530-7PM ET
10,000 – 19,999	1	May 1 <sup>st</sup> 2024 530-7PM ET
20,000 – 39,999	1	May 2 <sup>nd</sup> 2024 530-7PM ET
40,000 – 74,999	1	May 7 <sup>th</sup> 2024 530-7PM ET
75,000 – 149,999	1	May 8 <sup>th</sup> 2024 530-7PM ET
150,000 +	1	May 9 <sup>th</sup> 2024 530-7PM ET

If your board has not appointed a representative, I encourage you to do so. Additionally if you have an interest in serving on a board that governs under the Policy Governance or Carver model to serve public libraries in the province of Ontario I would encourage you to request an appointment as your Board’s Assembly Representative, and to run in the spring election where the next OLS Board will be decided.

For more information on the OLS Board and Board Assemblies, or to appoint your Board Assembly Representative please visit: <https://www.olservice.ca/about>.

Sincerely,

Frank Mensink  
OLS Chair