

May 2024 Board President Report

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Strategic Planning Update

- **Surveys:** The public facing survey closed at the end of last week with more than 1,200 responses - we'll see results soon and will share with the Board.
- **Opportunities to participate:** The invitation remains open if Board members would like to participate in the planning process more directly, please let me know if you are interested.
- **Focus groups and interviews:** The Stillwork Consulting team is asking for help building a list of people in the community they should interview - I will circulate a document where you can make suggestions.

Board Composition

We are excited to welcome four new Board members! Some notes:

- We need to update/create our trustee onboarding experience - let's use this opportunity to find opportunities for improvement. Please share ideas with me directly!
- We need to update our Board liaison list with the Member Library Boards - look for an expectations document and a sign up sheet that I'll send this week.

OCPL Policies

This month we will begin review of policies that need to be updated. Thanks to Dawn and team for beginning the work here, and to Jill for pushing for the need on this. The tentative list of policies is [here](#). Each Board meeting we will review several policies, we will then vote on them at the next session. Some of these will be more challenging than others.

- **Whistleblower policy:** the strategic planning process called out the need for us to adopt our own policy and not rely on the County directly for its policy. Today we will consider adopting the generally accepted County policy as our own.
- **Board Policy Development policy:** this lays out the steps for how we can create and revise policies going forward - a good first step in this effort.
- **Public Comment policy:** A higher priority policy for us to consider to ensure our meetings can run smoothly and we have opportunity to hear from others when appropriate.
- **Videoconferencing Provision in Open Meeting Law:** The State extended the time period where videoconferencing is available to us when running meetings. We previously passed a policy but need to extend the date to reflect the State's updates.

Generative AI in Libraries

At OCPL's Staff Day (which I attended for a few hours and enjoyed - thank you to the team that put it together!) Mark Headd, a former Chief Data Officer for the City of Philadelphia and also technology strategist for the Federal Government, amongst other roles, gave a presentation entitled "Demystifying Artificial Intelligence" - it is attached to our board documents. As a follow up, I've asked Dawn and team to bring us ideas that we might consider funding so the staff and administration at OCPL can test and learn about these technologies and where they should and should not be used.