

June 2024 Board President Report

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Strategic Planning Update

Thanks to Ed for attending the most recent strategic planning meeting and to Mary for volunteering to attend in the future (thanks as well to Jill for attending the whole time). We are now at the stage where the Stillwork Consulting team will interview designated people in the community. There is time to make recommendations for who should be interviewed, so please make recommendations this week!

Board Composition

Amanda Perrine led the first of two Trustee onboarding sessions in May. The second will be in June where Mark Carter will discuss finances.

Last month I asked for volunteers to be liaisons with member library branches. I'm still waiting to hear back from some Board members - so please let me know your preference! Being in the Salina Library today is a good reminder for why keeping in touch with member libraries is important.

OCPL Policies

We'll continue to review policies and updates this month and going forward. The tentative list of policies is [here](#). Today we will have second consideration of:

- **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.

We'll also have first consideration of:

- **Distribution, Bulletin Board and Exhibit Spaces Policy**

Generative AI in Libraries

Jill send a great article about using AI in libraries

<https://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/2024/03/01/the-world-of-ai/> and Dr. Dane Dell will give an update on AI initiatives in the library. On a day-to-day basis, I use Generative AI in projects at work. Here are some ways I've found it to work well:

- **Brainstorming:** if I'm prepping for a meeting or am building a proposal, tools like ChatGPT help me to organize sometimes scattered thoughts.
- **Summarization:** if I need to quickly prepare or just need a high level overview of an otherwise complex document, Generative AI tools are excellent at providing a short report formatted in the way I need.
- **Tagging:** Sometimes I need themes or taxonomies about a specific document or thing. Providing a list of potential taxonomies to a Generative AI tool and having it output which match best with the document work very well.
- **Similarity:** If I want to understand how similar one document is to another, Generative AI can quickly assess the content in each document and provide an answer to how similar the two are (eg find similar books to the one you just read and loved).