

### **President's report (Fall, 2023 business meeting)**

1. Past-president (Mandy Neudecker), President (Mary Pat Harnegie), and President-elect (Stacy Gall) meet every 2 weeks to discuss OHSLA stuff. We decided that the programs that were started last year should continue. In my opinion, Mandy Neudecker has brought some new ideas to serve the organization and wanted those programs to operate under her direction. Her ideas of the regional meet-ups for the Northeast, Central, and Northwest parts of Ohio were a favorite and an alternate to a big group central meeting. Her other idea is the monthly "Take-A-Break" virtual chats scheduled every third Friday from 11-12. Each chat features an OHSLA member who shares a notable activity from their library practice and serves as a springboard for discussion. Participation by OHSLA members has averaged about 25-35% as each person's schedule allows.

Our 2022 members' survey showed that half of our members wanted to have an in-person meeting at least once a year. That is happening with our Fall, 2023 meeting. Stacy Gall has spearheaded that effort and we are meeting in Columbus. Our by-laws require us when we meet in person that one of our meetings is to be held in Columbus.

The Voice will continue to go out twice a year in a Word document format. The prior software used for the newsletter was Publisher and too clunky for quick production. Our hope is that we will have a monthly digest for the Voice and condense the monthly digests into a semi-annual newsletter. We are thankful for the work of committee chair, Catherine King, and members Ellen Franks, Gerald Natal, and Charlotte Sievert.

The Sydelko Scholarship has been expanded to allow the \$500 award to be used as grant for one or several professional development funding opportunities over the 7/1/23-6/30/24 budget fiscal year. The hope is this expanded format will open additional opportunities to benefit our membership. Application and qualification requirements have been revised to facilitate the award. Big thank you to Jerry Natal for the heavy lifting on application and rules revamping. Thanks for Ellen Franks, committee chair, Jerry Natal, Mandy Neudecker and Stacy Gall.