

President's Report- Mary Pat Harnegie

President's Corner

OHSLA has never looked so good to me! Our state organization is thriving with people willing to step up in elected and voluntary roles. Our **Take A Break** meetups allow OHSLA members to meet virtually on the third Friday of the month between 11-12 noon. Members share about their jobs or special services offered through their libraries. Our participation rate is 25-35% of OHSLA members tune in.

Each month has a different flavor. Last month, I interviewed Ellen Franks regarding "Healing Literally", a library outreach program to in-patient children ranging from age 3-13. She and the Akron Children's Hospital library staff picked books appropriate to the child's age level, designed a lesson plan around the book, read the book, and did a craft with the child. They recruited retired teachers to work with the kids. Next month's **Take A Break** will be hosted by Mandy Neudecker or Stacy Gall on May 17, 11am-12pm. Check it out. If you have an interesting program like Ellen's, let us know. Do you have a sticky problem that you don't know how to handle, share through one of the Take A Break sessions. Someone else may be dealing with the same issues and has found some solutions.

The election ballot for OHSLA president-elect and secretary went out in last 30 days. Loren Hackett is running for president-elect and Tom Hayes is repeating as secretary. For the first time in a few years, our program committee and OHSLA Voice committee have active members. I want to thank the folks who stepped up to fill positions that come up for election next year. I inadvertently announced that the treasurer and NNLM Region 6 positions as ones coming up for election. I obviously did not check the by-laws, but our Web administrator did and pointed out the error of my announcement.

Help Wanted Ad-Our present web administrator, Leslie Lindsey, has been doing that job for 6 years and we would like to offer the opportunity for a new person to train with Leslie to eventually take on that role. This is an appointed position, and we want you to know that this opportunity is available. Leslie, you have been an OHSLA backbone, and you are so appreciated for always knowing answers to all our questions. Can't imagine OHSLA without your support!

Kentucky's health sciences library association has officially dissolved in early 2024. On behalf of OHSLA, Mandy Neudecker reached out to them to extend an invitation to join us. They wanted to know what benefits and responsibilities would be available to them. We would invite them in as regular members with same benefits as present OHSLA members. We have no geographic restrictions on membership in the bylaws.

Catherine King and her team emailed the latest edition of the Voice last night. Nice job!

Thank you acknowledgements go to our present board members:

Mandy Neudecker- Past president

Stacy Gall- president elect and program chair

Shelley Ivary- Treasurer and membership committee chair

Tom Hayes- Secretary

Neil Nero- NNLM Region 6 representative

Catherine King- Voice committee chair

Gerald Natal- Voice committee member

Loren Hackett- Voice and Programming committee member

Charlotte Sievert- Voice committee member

Ellen Franks- Sydelko scholarship committee chair and Voice committee member