

OLA Elections Sample Position Statement

Instructions:

The purpose of a position statement is to let OLA members know about you and what you intend to accomplish in the position you are running for. In creating a position statement in support of your election platform for a council or board position (successful candidates for council vice-president positions also become an OLA Board member).

Here are some helpful resources:

[OLA Strategic Plan](#)

[OLA's Policies and Procedures](#) including descriptions of roles and responsibilities

Sample Position Statement

Below is a recent example from a past OLA President who ran for OLA VP, before moving into the OLA President position.

My name is Andrea Cecchetto and I am hoping to serve you as the OLA Board VP. I have proudly worked in the public sector for 20 years, including 15 years in public libraries, and am passionate about the impact libraries have on our communities, institutions and organizations . Having been actively involved in the profession, I strongly believe organizations like OLA have the power to create a community of learning and grow advocates within our membership. I am seeking this position as an opportunity to contribute to my expertise and enthusiasm to my profession, and help further OLAs goals in the following ways:

- Support career and leadership development to ensure we have capacity for change and resiliency
- Champion inclusion and diversity in libraries, and by extension our communities
- Build capacity for stakeholder engagement, political acumen, policy, research and program evaluation – all critical elements of library advocacy I am eager to support OLA's mission and strategic goals to grow a dynamic and engaged association of library workers committed to innovation in our sector.



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Key items to address. Use these points to guide your platform/position statement. Please use first person narrative when writing your platform and double check for grammar and typos.

1. Who are you? Tell us who you are, your work background or education. You can also add an interesting fact about yourself!
2. Why do you want to be part of an OLA council/board?
3. What are the priorities you would like to focus on as an OLA representative?
4. What do you hope to learn or accomplish from being part of a council/board?

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