# AGENDA

## 2024 UNYOC Annual Business Meeting

**Date:** June 25, 2024

**Time:** 1:30PM-4:00PM

**Location:** virtual

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Consent Agenda

1. Minutes from October executive meeting(s)
2. 2024 Conference Report
3. Member Report
4. Treasurer’s Report
5. Chapter Council Report
6. Webmaster Report
7. Government Relations: Ontario
8. Government Relations: New York

Meeting Agenda

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| 1:30 | Call to order (Stephanie) |
| 1:45 | Approval of consent agenda (Stephanie) |
|  | Consent agenda item for discussion, if applicable (Stephanie) |
| 1:55 | Update of the CE session (Stephanie) |
| 2:00 | 2024 conference update (Lorraine)   * Budget * Registration fees * CE |
| 2:10 | 2025 conference (Mary Jo)   * Budget * Other Business |
| 2:20 | 2026 conference (Lorraine & Mary Jo)   * Recruit Vice-Chair * Location |
| 2:30 | Scholarships vs Professional Development (Stephanie & Mary Jo) |
| 2:50 | Membership Update & Review (Beth) |
| 3:00 | Budget Report (Stephanie on behalf of Rachel) |
| 3:15 | DEIA Position on Executive (Stephanie) |
| 3:35 | New Business |
| 4:00 | Adjourn |

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# UNYOC Annual Conference Report

## 2024 Conference Planning Update

We have signed a contract with the Chautauqua Harbor Hotel in Celeron, NY. The conference will be held October 23-25, 2024.

**Draft Budget**

Budget spreadsheet is available in [UNYOC Google Drive](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ywaTgleoRpjO3Pp8E4Qnuph2C6AqnaEqeUW9viVPATE/edit?usp=drive_link)

The draft budget is based on costs from the last year’s budget, and vendor projections from Jennifer McKinnell.

Based member feedback about the rise in registration fees, we have endeavored to lower the cost slightly while still covering most of the food costs for the conference. We are able to do this largely because food costs are static from the 2023 conference in Clayton, NY.

To encourage early registration, the committee proposes that anyone who submits an abstract for the conference will get a code that will entitle them to $50 off the price of registration. Furthermore, we propose that this $50 discount is time-limited and tied to the end of early bird registration.

Updates to the member registration form are forthcoming. We will continue to offer an option to purchase a UNYOC commemorative pin, a place to identify if you are a first-time attendee, and a place to volunteer to be a mentor to one of our first timer attendees. The form will go live in July.

Vendor packets were sent out in March. We currently have five registered vendors (Covidence, EBSCO, Gideon, TDNet, Wolters Kluwer). Jennifer McKinnell will be sending out reminders next week.

**Conference Program**

Three Keynote Speakers have accepted our invitation and signed the contract:

* Lori V. Quigley, Ph.D.
  + Full Professor & Program Coordinator in Leadership and Policy at Niagara University
  + **Topic**: Multigenerational Effects Resulting from the Native American Residential Boarding School Era
* Anne M. Meore, MA, LMSW, HTR
  + Licensed Master Social Worker & Registered Horticultural Therapist
  + **Topic**: Designing and managing therapeutic garden spaces and conducting Horticultural Therapy programming
* Steve Petersen, Ph.D.
  + Associate Professor of Philosophy at Niagara University
  + **Topic**: "Why AI is an Existential Risk"

In choosing speakers for this year, I have endeavored to listen to members' feedback by choosing speakers from the region around the meeting venue. Drs. Quigley and Petersen are both professors at Niagara University. Furthermore, Dr. Quigley is a member of the Seneca Nation; these are the Indigenous Peoples who were the stewards of the lands where we are gathering.

One of my innovations as Conference Chair for 2024 was to reach beyond the performative activism of a Land Recognition statement, to embrace humility and self-reflection, and ultimately educate ourselves (as a chapter) in a meaningful way about the communities whom we acknowledge. As a committee, we agree that the best way to achieve our goal is to hear directly from a member of the Seneca Nation by inviting someone to deliver a keynote address at this year’s conference. My hope is that, by setting this precedent, conference planners who come after me will continue to prioritize this kind of content for our members.

The CE session has been more difficult to schedule this year. Our current choice for CE, " Writing up your research for publication" is taught by two librarians from Ottawa. Due to the distance between Ottawa and Chautauqua, the speakers are asking for $1000 per speaker. While this is reasonable, it does present a problem for our current budget. Having discussed the options with my committee and with UNYOC leadership, I propose that we remove the in-person CE from this year's program and present it virtually instead. I believe that this is a reasonable response to feedback from UNYOC members who want both more engagement with the Chapter and more online offerings for professional development. The CE can be scheduled on the same day as the annual business meeting, which members in 2023 approved to move online and out of the in-person conference.

## 2025 Conference Planning Update

Our 61st annual meeting will be held in online via Zoom, hosted by Southeastern NY Library Resources Council.

This report is respectfully submitted by Lorraine Porcello, Conference Planning Chair 2024.

# Mid-Year Membership Report

**Submitted by Elizabeth Mamo 6/24/24**

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|  | **US** | **CA** | **Total** |
| **Total Members- All Levels** | 65 | 20 | 85 |
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| **Total by Level:** |  |  |  |
| Fellows/Emeritus/Retires | 10 | 3 | 13 |
| Students | 2 |  | 2 |
| Regular | 53 | 17 | 70 |

**Notes:**

* Of the 85 members 12 have not paid dues for 2024. Email reminders were sent in June.
* I submitted calls for new members and reminders to renew to multiple listservs across our geographic area in early 2024.
* Do we still want to track AHIP/MLA membership on the registration form?
* Several new members indicated they were interested in volunteering for the Chapter. Per procedures I have given those names to the Chair.
* Consider member renewal period to align with conference?
* Some members in the Wild Apricot database have not been active in several years and have not responded to my emails. I set their member status to inactive and I will provide Nell with an updated active member list.

# UNYOC Treasurer’s Report 6/21/24

Rachel Becker, Treasurer

2024 Budget Report

* 2023 saw a net profit of $8880.76
* Current assets: $37,805.19
* Estimated 2024 conference expenditures: $19,809.58
* Estimated other expenses based on 2023 spending and anticipated 2024 costs: ~$4500

Analysis:

Thanks to a pause on awards and scholarship disbursement, as well as good conference attendance last year, UNYOC currently has healthy assets and a small amount of room for extra spending. If we can increase revenue from this year’s conference as well as from the additional CE we plan to offer, we should enter the 2025 budget year in a similar situation.

Action items for 2024:

* Active fundraising throughout the year, especially leading up to and at the 2024 Annual Conference. - Fundraising Committee
* Cap Ursula Poland Scholarship at 2 per year, and Professional Development Award at 2 per year. Keep amount offered for each award at $500.
* Explore interest-bearing investments using some of the revenue earned at the 2023 conference. - Treasurer

# Chapter Council Report

The Spring Chapter Council Business meeting took place on April 25, 2024. Each chapter gave report. The representative to the Credentialing Committee had no report. The representative to the National Program Committee reported on registration numbers for the annual meeting. The representative to the MLA Professional Recruitment & Retention Committee reported that they continue to hold virtual resume clinics and will also host in-person clinics at the annual meeting. The committee is also working on updating and redesigning a brochure about medical librarianship, as well as [the list of library schools that offer health science-related courses.](https://www.mlanet.org/p/cm/ld/fid=339)

Chapter Council convened an Elections Committee and the MLA Chapter Project of the Year Award Jury. The Elections Committee oversaw the election of Chapter Council nominees to the Nominating Committee. Nell Aronoff was elected to the Nominating Committee and will be unable to serve as UNYOC's nominee going forward. Olivia Tsistinas will serve as UNYOC's new nominee to the Nominating Committee. The Chapter Project of the Year Award was presented to the Medical Library Group of Southern California & Arizona for its monthly coffee chat discussions.

The Chapter Council discussed sharing key statistical indicators from chapter conferences, such as attendance and budget. Chapter Council representatives also discussed interest in sharing information about individual chapter equity, diversity, inclusion, and belonging activities.

Respectfully Submitted,

Abigail Smith

UNYOC Chapter Council Representative

# Webmaster Report

I continued to update the website as needed, to reflect developing information about the upcoming conference and CE offerings. I replicated the newsletters as blog posts when released, created registration forms for vendor attendance at the 2024 conference, and created a new event for the mid-year CE. Recently I have updated some preliminary information about speakers at the 2024 conference and removed pages specific to the 2023 conference, to highlight the upcoming event. The 2023 conference program is preserved on the ‘past meetings’ page.

2023-2024 UNYOC Government Relations Report (Ontario)

# Ontario Updates (in the news)

There are few items to report for Ontario specific to existing and new legislation and/or bills that have been introduced.

**Budget**

Ontario Library Association (OLA) and Federation of Ontario Public Libraries (FOPL) joint [2024 Pre-Budget Submission](https://accessola.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/FINAL-2024-Pre-Budget-Submission-OLA-FOPL.pdf)

* Requested the creation of an Ontario Digital Public Library to give equitable access to online resources for Ontarians
* Enhance public library funding support for libraries on reserve for First Nations communities.
* Increase provincial funding for school libraries.

**Banned books**

The spread of mis/disinformation is causing the issue of banned books to rise across Ontario.

Beaudry, R. (2023, July 7). *I help librarians handle book bans. Here’s why it’s getting worse.* Maclean’s. <https://macleans.ca/society/ive-helped-librarians-handle-attempted-book-bans-for-20-years-heres-why-its-getting-worse/>

* Richard Beaudry, coordinator of the Teacher Librarianship program at UBC, discusses his 20 years of experience helping librarians handle attempted book bans. Beaudry argues that such bans undermine intellectual freedom and underlines the importance of upholding freedom of expression as protected by the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Brockbank, N. & King, A. (2023, October 31). *How teacher librarians interpreted GTA school board's controversial book-weeding process*. CBC News. <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/teacher-librarians-speak-out-peel-school-book-weeding-1.7003363>

* The Peel District School Board in Ontario faced significant backlash when it was revealed a weeding process was implemented in school libraries which involved removing books published before 2008. This process was part of an effort to update library collections to ensure they are culturally relevant, inclusive, and reflective of current communities, aiming to eliminate outdated or potentially harmful content. This led to concerns that valuable and classic books were being discarded without proper evaluation​. Teacher librarians weeded approximately 31% of the collection before Education Minister Stephen Lecce intervened and instructed the board to halt the process.

Wong, J. (2024, February 21). *Calls to ban books are on the rise in Canada. So is the opposition to any bans.* CBC News. <https://www.cbc.ca/amp/1.7106913>

* The CBC article highlights the increasing calls to ban books in Canada, focusing on works dealing with sexuality, gender diversity, and LGBTQ+ themes. Authors and librarians emphasize the importance of diverse literature in fostering empathy and understanding among students. Despite the rise in book challenges, there is strong opposition from the community, which supports the freedom to read and supports authors of content exploring themes of diversity and inclusion.

[CFLA Position Statement on the Status of School Libraries in Canada](https://librarianship.ca/news/cfla-school-libraries/)

* Calling for a national consensus on the role of school libraries in public education consistent with this vision.

# Canada Updates

* On 21 November 2023, the Canadian Federal Government released its [Fall Economic Statement](https://www.budget.canada.ca/fes-eea/2023/report-rapport/toc-tdm-en.html), which included a statement that they intend to amend two pieces of federal legislation: the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act (BIA) and the Companies Creditors’ Arrangement Act (CCAA). They will amend these laws to exclude postsecondary institutions (colleges and universities) from participation in either process. In the Laurentian University bankruptcy case, it was exposed that obligations laid out in collective agreements could be bypassed using the CCAA while also avoiding accountability for failed governance.

***Copyright***

* The Canadian government's [Consultation on Copyright in the Age of Generative Artificial Intelligence](https://ised-isde.canada.ca/site/strategic-policy-sector/en/marketplace-framework-policy/consultation-paper-consultation-copyright-age-generative-artificial-intelligence#s11) aims to address the impact of generative AI technologies on the creative industries and the broader economy. Launched by Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED), the consultation seeks to gather public feedback on potential changes needed to adapt Canada's copyright framework to modern technological developments.

Key areas of focus include:

* Use of copyright-protected works in AI training, namely the use of copyrighted materials for training AI systems including text and data mining.
* Authorship and ownership of AI-generated content which are currently interpreted to suggest that AI-generated works do not qualify for copyright protection as they lack human authorship.
* Infringement and liability which examines who should be held liable when AI-generated content infringes on existing copyright.
* Consultation concluded on January 15, 2024, and findings should be distributed later in 2024.
* Dentons, global law firm, [Intellectual Property Update and Year in Review](C://Users/ar198/Downloads/Intellectual%20property%20law%20in%20Canada%20Update%20and%202023%20year%20in%20review.pdf) report – Canada.
* May 31, 2024, Landmark decision: Federal court concludes that digital locks do not trump fair dealing stating that the two must co-exist. This decision can be interpreted to indicate that users can still rely on fair dealing when accessing and sharing materials under a digital lock. Content locked by a password does not meet copyright qualifications of technological protection measures. Michael Geist, copyright expert, reports more on his [blog](https://www.michaelgeist.ca/2024/06/huge-win-for-copyright-user-rights-in-canada-federal-court-rules-digital-lock-rules-do-not-trump-fair-dealing/) and links out to the court decision, [Blacklock’s Reports v. Attorney General of Canada](https://www.michaelgeist.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/T-1862-15-JandR-Final.pdf).
* Open Access book, [*Leading the Way: Envisioning the Future of Higher Education*](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fecampusontario.pressbooks.pub%2Ffutureofhighereducation%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cangelique.roy%40QUEENSU.CA%7C1a1dbcabb62442b981f008dc8a2bb4fd%7Cd61ecb3b38b142d582c4efb2838b925c%7C1%7C0%7C638537167571140329%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=q6%2B3hZBl2dEjQAIXhv8%2Flc91n%2BdgHKR%2FJ2oeaFWWApY%3D&reserved=0), published June 2024 includes chapter by three librarians at Queen’s University, “[Beyond the Paywall: Advocacy, Infrastructure, and the Future of Open Access in Canada](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fecampusontario.pressbooks.pub%2Ffutureofhighereducation%2Fchapter%2Fbeyond-the-paywall-advocacy-infrastructure-and-the-future-of-open-access-in-canada%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cangelique.roy%40QUEENSU.CA%7C1a1dbcabb62442b981f008dc8a2bb4fd%7Cd61ecb3b38b142d582c4efb2838b925c%7C1%7C0%7C638537167571153915%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=WO5XbbXiVQq4j1ilnPU0weHMtkhEBSBvgMzwX1eJ1Qw%3D&reserved=0)” which discusses the evolving landscape of open access (including open data and OERs) and provides recommendations for the Canadian government in modernizing copyright legislation.

2023-2024 Objectives

* Recommend closer collaboration with the Government Relations – NYS representative to communicate legislative changes and calls to action as they occur and seek out partnerships with library organizations across New York State and Ontario. Advocacy could be a goal for the future of this role.
  + Expand to Canadian federal legislation to get a fuller sense of the landscape as this is where the decisions are being made that will have a greater impact on libraries.
* Continue to monitor legislation and bills listed using Google news alerts and by monitoring changes through [LEGISinfo](https://www.parl.ca/legisinfo/) for federal updates and [e-Laws](https://www.ontario.ca/laws) and the [Legislative Assembly of Ontario Current Bills](https://www.ola.org/en/legislative-business/bills/current) for provincial updates.

# 2024 Government Relations Mid-Year Report (New York)

Positive Budget News

The Governor’s budget included the funds to support the continuation of the NovelNY program and resources. This program was slated for discontinuation mid-2024, but support and advocacy brought the item back into the budget, which passed.

Current NYLA Supported Legislation

* Access to publicly funded research
* eBook Terms Legislation
* Protection of Patron Access to Library Materials and Services

Current MLA Supported Legislation

* NLM Funding
* Access to Federally Funded Research and Net Neutrality
* IP and Copyright

The membership was sent an email to coincide with the NYLA Library advocacy day, highlighting some of their priorities that are especially relevant to medical libraries.