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COSLA Elects New Board Members for 2025

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The Chief Officers of State Library Agencies (COSLA), is pleased to announce the election of new members of its governing board of directors.

During the 2024 COSLA Fall Conference, the organization conducted its Annual Membership Meeting, which included the election of Board members. Nicolle Davies, State Librarian of Colorado, ascended to the office of President, following a two-year term as Vice President. Davies offered, "I am excited to be taking up this position at this dynamic time in the organization's history. As we develop our new strategic plan, COSLA is poised to be stronger and more impactful than ever."

Jamie Ritter, State Librarian of Tennessee, was elected to the position of Vice-President / President-Elect, and will serve in that post through Fall 2026, before assuming the Presidency 2026-28.

Michael Scott, State Librarian of Iowa, was elected to a second-term in the position of Director, and will serve a two-year term.

The previous Board President, Julie Walker, State Librarian of Georgia, transitioned into the role Past President, and will continue in that position for two years.

Previously elected and remaining on the Board are: Mary Soucie, State Librarian of North Dakota, Secretary; and Lori Fisher, State Librarian of Maine as Director. Jamie Ritters ascension to Vice President has created a vacancy in the role of Treasurer that will be filled by action of the Board.

The operation and direction of COSLA is overseen by COSLA's seven-member Board of Directors, which are elected to two-year terms by a vote of the membership.

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About COSLA

The Chief Officers of State Library Agencies (COSLA), an independent organization of the principal library officials in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and two territories, responsible for statewide library development. Its purpose is to provide leadership on issues of common concern and national interest; to further state library agency relationships with federal government and national organizations; and to initiate cooperative action for the improvement of library services to the people of the United States. cosla.org