



SOLS Board Summary

June 2017

New Board Members

The Board is pleased to welcome Kimberly Grafton to the Board. Kim is from Meaford Public Library and was elected to SOLS at the spring meeting of Trustee Council 3 for the remaining three years of the current board term.

Linkage Development – OSUM (Ontario Small Urban Municipalities)

For the tenth year, SOLS participated in the trade show at the OSUM conference which was held in the Town of Blue Mountains on May 3rd and 4th, 2017. The purpose of our participation is to raise the profile of SOLS with municipal decision-makers and the MPPs who attend the conference. SOLS will be participating at the AMO Annual Conference as an exhibitor alongside FOPL, OLA and OLS-North. SOLS also plans to exhibit at the OEMC (Ontario East Municipal Conference) trade show which will be held in Kingston in September and at AMO in August alongside OLA and FOPL.

Connectivity

The Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport [announced special funding of \\$3 million](#) for the 2017-2018 fiscal year to support public library digital services.

It will be administered through the new Improving Library Digital Services program, which will support improvements to digital resources and services at public libraries, including Wi-Fi hot spot lending programs, computers, printers, e-readers and technology-based training. At this time, the program details are still in development and will be communicated later in the summer.

Annual Report 2016/17

The Board approved the audited financial statements as well as the Annual Report for 2016/17 at this meeting. They are available on our website (www.sols.org) under About SOLS – Plans and Annual Reports. The Annual Report will also be published in hardcopy and distributed to client libraries, MPPs and councilors who visited our booth at OSUM.

Operations Plan 2017/17

SOLS' Operations Plan for 2017/18 as well as an updated on SOLS' services is available at www.sols.org.

Next Board Meeting

The next meeting of SOLS Board is scheduled for Friday, October 13 and Saturday, October 14, 2017 at SOLS' office in Toronto.