



Open Library Foundation Board Meeting  
June 16, 2025 — 9:00 AM to 11:21 AM EST  
Virtual Meeting

**Present:**

Tom Cramer (President), Nancy Kirkpatrick (Director), Donna Bacon (Director), Sam Brooks (Director), Thorsten Meyer (Director), Jesse Koennecke (Officer), Stephanie Buck (Officer), Christopher Spalding (Officer), Scott Anderson (Officer)

**Regrets:**

Agnese Galeffi (Director), Liu Wei (Director)

## Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM EST.

## Regular Business

- Approval of [meeting minutes](#) from January 13, 2025, OLF Board Meeting

Motion: Approve the minutes as submitted.

Result: *Approved without objection.*

- Financial Reports:

The Treasurer provided a consolidated financial overview for May 2025. Key points:

- Funds previously stranded at TD Bank were fully recovered and the final account closed.
- Systematic invoicing for all OLF projects will begin on or around July 1, 2025, marking the first coordinated fiscal-year billing cycle.

- Work continues toward achieving Pennsylvania sales tax exemption, which requires amendments to the OLF Articles of Incorporation. Legal counsel has been engaged.
- Cash on hand is approximately \$237,000, with retained earnings around \$268,000. No significant receivables or payables are outstanding.
- Fraud detection and credit card payment services with PNC Bank are now scheduled for the next fiscal year.
- The BitCurator Consortium (BCC) is fully onboarded into OLF financial operations. OLF paid \$4,444.44 for administrative support and expects reimbursement.

No concerns were raised. The report was accepted into record.

## WOLFcon Updates

Planning continues for WOLFcon 2025, scheduled for September 22–26, 2025 in Kansas City, Missouri.

Discussion included:

- Registration is open and planning committees are active.
- Concerns were raised about international attendance, particularly from Europe, due to budget and travel constraints.
- The Board agreed that a robust virtual participation option is critical to global engagement and accessibility.

## Project Updates

### FOLIO

- Attorneys are updating documentation to secure not-for-profit status under Pennsylvania requirements.
- Community continues to explore funding opportunities and organizational engagement.

### BitCurator Consortium (BCC)

- Fully onboarded and operational under OLF governance and banking frameworks.

### GOKB

- Now includes 5,612 packages (an increase of 1,002).

- Exploring partnerships with Jisc and the Haaga-Helia University of Applied Sciences in Finland.

## **Koha**

- Finalizing integration processes; governance participation expanding. Target completion is end of summer 2025.

## **Aspen / ReShare / OpenRS / LDP-MetaDB**

- Aspen has expressed interest in becoming a full OLF project.
- ReShare and OpenRS remain quiet pending external timelines.
- LDP / MetaDB leadership proposal is nearing the agreement stage.

No project motions were brought to vote.

## **Board Of Directors Terms And Roles**

The Board discussed upcoming term expirations and potential new members, with emphasis on identifying candidates from:

- Latin America and
- France

A proposal was made to formally acknowledge outgoing members for their contributions. No motions were voted on.

## **Strategic Planning**

The Board engaged in discussion around long-term Foundation sustainability, potential organizational evolution, and the need for clarity of mission and scope.

- A strategic retreat was proposed.
- Possible dates and locations were reviewed; no consensus was reached.
- Board members agreed the retreat requires a defined agenda and measurable objectives before proceeding.

Discussion will continue offline.

## Any Additional Business

No additional business was raised.

## Closing Remarks

The Chair thanked the Board and reinforced WOLFcon planning importance.

Meeting adjourned at 11:21 AM EST.

## Upcoming Board Meetings

Monday, September 24, 2025 — WOLFcon25, Kansas City, Missouri

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM EST (or as adjusted based on conference schedule)

## Action Items

Responsible Party	Description
OLF Officers	Finalize amendments to Articles of Incorporation for PA sales tax exemption
WOLFcon Planning Team	Distribute preliminary WOLFcon 2025 agenda
Board Members	Identify potential board candidates from Latin America and France
Executive Committee	Develop strategic retreat proposal (date, location, purpose, funding)