



## CHIEF OFFICERS OF STATE LIBRARY AGENCIES

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### COSLA Elects New Board Members for 2023

**Lexington, KY, October 27, 2022**

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 2022 COSLA Fall Conference, the organization conducted its Annual Membership Meeting, which included the election of Board members. Julie Walker, State Librarian of Georgia, ascended to the office of President, following a two-year term as Vice President. Walker offered, "I am thrilled to be taking up this position at this exciting time in the organization's history, as we anticipate our 50th year of service to the nation's libraries. As we complete our new strategic plan, COSLA is poised to be stronger and more impactful than ever."

Nicolle Davies, State Librarian of Colorado, was elected to the position of Vice-President / President-Elect, and will serve in that post through Fall 2024, before assuming the Presidency 2024-26.

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

The previous Board President, Jennie Stapp, State Librarian of Montana, transitioned into the role Past President, and will continue in that position for two years.

Previously elected and remaining on the Board are: Jen Nelson, State Librarian of New Jersey, Secretary; Jamie Ritter, State Librarian of Tennessee, Treasurer; and Mary Soucie, State Librarian of North Dakota as Director.

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](http://cosla.org)