

OLL Committee Reports
BOD Meeting 5/15/2025

Welcome to Oaxaca Committee

The attendance for the month of April was around a handful per session. The attendees included many retirees who are considering moving to Oaxaca and some younger people and tourists. The discussions were enthusiastic and helpful especially for the possible new residents.

- Bliss Wilson

Terrace Talks Committee
We have no news this month.

- Gail Ament

Technology Committee
No tech report

- Doug Long

Social Committee Report
No report

- Enaj Schlak

Book Committee Report

Members: Sara Boskivich, Diana Carr, Siobhan Grogan, Kate Hart, Joyce Hinton, Gabrielle Larew, Peter McCallion, David Myler, Cathy Pekel, Liz Renn, Patricia Saull, Lissa Waite.

Circulation: 787 items

Fines collected: 3,559 pesos

Book Sale income: 6,540 pesos

ACTIVITIES:

Shelved books, magazines and DVDs

Trained volunteers in shelving and other tasks

Gave tours to visitors and new members

Staffed Circulation Desk

Catalogued new and donated books

Trained new cataloger (Gabrielle Larew)

Managed Wish List and communicated with donors

Accepted, evaluated, and organized book donations

Managed Book Sale

Provided readers advisory to users

Continued refining the Dewey numbers in Mexican History making searching easier for users

Added policy and form for Book/ Material Challenge to the Collection Development Policy

Mobile Book Display: "RIP Mario Vargas Llosa" and "Graphic Novels"

Continued to update "Recommended Reading" on OLL website

Reviewed and weeded Spanish Fiction collection

Began weeding DVDs according to Collection Development Policy

Improved signage

- Siobhán Grogan

Facilities Committee Report

ACTION ITEMS :

1. Terrace : Comply with Municipal Regulations
 - a. Will request copy of Structural Engineer report. It does not have any entries about which to be alarmed.
2. Pending Projects:
 - a. Reupholster Chairs in Main Salon/Cafe Area - Obtaining quotes

-John Dumser

Comite de Vinculacion y Divulgacion (Outreach)

ACTION ITEMS :

1. Draft Agreement of Collaboration with Esc 36 has been sent to the school for their review and input to proceed to discuss — Complete by end of month of May
2. Plan to invite Representatives of English and Spanish programs of Esc #6 to visit the OLL and present available resources in both languages — Complete by end of month of May
3. Plan to develop workshops to impart to local NGO's to position the OLL as a leader in this area of education/training in Oaxaca
Examples as listed below:
 - A. Fundraising
 - B. Project Management
4. Continue to develop collaboration with UABJO and ITO and UNIVAS— Present OLL as a resource in English studies at these universities

-John Dumser

Present: Ralph Gault, Marirose Lescher, Teresa Cokl, Gordon Hawley, John Dumser, Adriana at Library

Agenda:

1. Any Treasurer concerns and maybe cash flow status. This should not duplicate the Treasurer's Report for Thursday's board meeting. More forward-looking thoughts.

Comments: Presently there are no ultra issues to be reviewed. There may be future comments as the summer passes and there is more activity in the Fall. Three of the committee members are on the Board and would be aware of any big issues.

2. Confirm that the discussion questions for the OLLF are ready and when shall we set a meeting date.

Comments: The discussion questions for the OLLF have been prepared and Ian will review the document and update if necessary. We will suggest a meeting date in late June or early July. Also, Marirose and Ralph will attempt to balance any discrepancies in donations, disbursements and fees.

3. Status of the Donataria. If not done, is there anything that we (the committee) can do to move it along?

Comment: Marirose has been checking with our legal representative in Mexico every two weeks. She will continue to do so and report back to the committee of every update.

4. What involvement in fundraising for the OLL can be expected from our committee?

Comment: The Finance Committee will act as an adviser to the Fundraising Committee. The committee can assist with the setup of bank accounts, audit on donations, analysis on such income streams such as Membership. Most members of the fundraising committee are away on private matters. Ralph will assist Ian in creating multiyear charts for income and expenses to assist in any analysis.

5. Review of the budget process in general and how to address contingencies and "maybe" future costs.

Comments: Questions raised at the last meeting were addressed through offline discussion. We will initiate budget 2026 discussions in October.

6. Review/edit the Treasurer's mandate and the Finance Committee Mandate

Comments: Marirose will review and edit the Treasurer's mandate. John D. will review and edit the Finance Committee mandate. These mandates will be presented to the Board for approval. A date for this has not been determined

Adjourned: 1:59 P.M.

-Ralph Gault

Excursion Committee

I am sorry to be so late with this report, but I wanted to summarize the season, at least the financial end of it. Bonny had asked me to do a spreadsheet, so here it is. We fell short of our optimistic budget projections, but the combined shortage is only \$13,000 pesos for both hikes and tours. **We worked hard and are proud to have contributed a total of \$459,290 to the OLL's income for the season.**

Note that the figures in the following spreadsheet for hikes are a bit different than the monthly reports, because they incorporate the Coordinator's fees by month (Attn: Treasurer: Tanya will be submitting her invoice for the season shortly for payment.)

Both tours and hikes will offer a few events over the summer. Hikes will also be experimenting with using public transport for some hikes, to reduce the cost for those willing to use public transportation to get to and from hike locations.

Please feel free to contact me with questions, and again, I apologize for submitting this report so late.

-Dottie Bellinger

| | Oct-24 | Nov-24 | Dec-24 | Jan-25 | Feb-25 | Mar-25 | Apr-25 | Total |
|--------------------------------|------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| HOOFING IT - HIKES | | | | | | | | |
| Projected Net Income | \$ - | \$ 12,350 | \$ 18,400 | \$ 68,700 | \$ 53,200 | \$ 25,950 | \$ (1,300) | \$ 177,300 |
| Actual Net Income | | \$ 27,169 | \$ 10,224 | \$ 51,886 | \$ 46,995 | \$ 5,137 | \$ (281) | \$ 141,130 |
| Actual less Projected | \$ - | \$ 14,819 | \$ (8,176) | \$ (16,814) | \$ (6,205) | \$ (20,813) | \$ 1,019 | \$ (36,170) |
| OUT & ABOUT - TOURS | | | | | | | | |
| Projected Net Income | \$ 72,250 | \$ - | \$ 38,300 | \$ 70,500 | \$ 80,200 | \$ 33,800 | \$ - | \$ 295,050 |
| Actual Net Income | \$ 66,950 | \$ 37,390 | \$ 8,000 | \$ 118,590 | \$ 70,130 | \$ 17,100 | | \$ 318,160 |
| Actual less Projected | \$ (5,300) | \$ 37,390 | \$ (30,300) | \$ 48,090 | \$ (10,070) | \$ (16,700) | \$ - | \$ 23,110 |