

BUILDING A CONFERENCE: FEEDBACK & BRAINSTORMING FOR THE FUTURE

OLA Conference 2024 | Friday, 4 p.m.

Panelists: Taylor Worley, Patrick Bodily, Shirley Roberts, Anne Campbell

Welcome and review of expectations and session content

Introductions

- Name and pronouns
 - Workplace and title/role
 - What is your current role on the conference committee, and what has been your previous experience with the OLA conference?
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Why do you attend conferences and what do you hope to get out of your conference experience(s)?

How does the annual OLA conference fit into your wider professional development plan/schedule/etc.?

What factors play into your personal decision to attend and/or your employer's decision to send you to a conference?

What are some perennial hurdles or disappointments with conferences?

What type of reporting, sharing, or training is expected of you on behalf of your employer as part of your attending a conference?

What types of opportunities, activities, learning experiences, etc. would you like to see at a future conference?

What topics and/or themes would you love to see covered at a future conference?

What format(s) do you find most engaging and informative? Do you prefer straight-up presentations, facilitated conversations, interactive workshops and activities, or something completely different?

Whose voice feels loudest at a conference? Who do you see represented by the committee, the programs and sessions, the activities? Who and what is missing?

If you could add anything to the conference, even if you've never thought of it as part of a conference experience before, what would it be?

Have you ever considered presenting or facilitating a conversation at a conference previously, or even volunteering as an organizer? Why or why not? What has encouraged you to or hindered you from doing so?

I *MIGHT* BE INTERESTED IN HELPING ORGANIZE THE 2025 CONFERENCE IN EUGENE! **SEND ME SOME INFO:**

Name (first and last) and pronouns	Email Address	What roles might you be interested in?