

The Global Council is made up of elected members from each of three Regions: the Americas Regional Council (ARC), the Europe, Middle East and Africa Regional Council (EMEARC), and the Asia Pacific Regional Council (APRC). Delegates serve as representatives for OCLC members and should have an understanding of OCLC, its unique role in the library landscape, and the importance of libraries as community builders. The final slate of candidates for Election is determined by each regional Council's Nominating Committee. Individual Regional Councils may have additional delegate criteria based on diversity requirements and the need for adequate regional (country, library-type, etc.) representation.

Expectations of the Council as a Whole

As the member-elected leadership body of OCLC, the OCLC Global Council is responsible for:

- Taking a proactive role in reflecting the interests, issues, concerns, and challenges that face OCLC members and their regions
- Encouraging and informing cooperative efforts that benefit OCLC members
- Facilitating the flow of information between OCLC members and OCLC management, the Board of Trustees, and the Global Council
- Electing six (6) of the 15 members of the OCLC Board of Trustees
- Ratifying amendments to the Membership and Governance Protocols, which defines membership, details the member-governance structure, and outlines the purpose and responsibilities of the Global and Regional Councils

Expectations of Individual Council Delegates

Individually, delegates are expected to:

- Serve as advocates and ambassadors in support of the objectives of the OCLC membership
- Act on behalf of their Regional Council and its members in matters within their scope
- Inform and reflect on library trends, evolving customer behaviors, and pressing issues facing libraries that help inform OCLC strategic and service directions
- Nominate, evaluate, and vote for Global Council-elected Trustees to the OCLC Board of Trustees
- Vote on all matters brought before and within the scope of the Global Council
- Serve with full participation on committees
- Fully prepare for and participate in Global Council meetings and OCLC-sponsored events and activities

Elected delegates serve a three-year term. During their term, they are expected to attend two (2) official Global Council business meetings annually (currently held virtually) and participate in OCLC-sponsored activities. Delegates must be able to conduct Council business in English (oral and written). Delegates will be appointed to Global and Regional Council committees and will be expected to attend all meetings of the committees on which they serve, participate in internal discussions, and actively engage in external discussions with libraries within their regions to support Global Council goals and OCLC advocacy. When selecting candidates to run for the position of a Global/Regional Council delegate, Regional Council Nominating Committees will consider responses to questions asked of nominees, their backgrounds and job responsibilities within the context of the needs of their Regional Council and the OCLC organization.