

**Friends of the South Coastal Library
Board of Directors Public Meeting for
Tuesday, September 24, 2024, 7:00PM
President's Report *updated***

Welcome to the incoming class of FoSCL Board members!

Annual Public Meeting of the FOSCL Board of Directors:

A 501(c)(3) organization is not required to hold open board meetings unless the organization in question is a governmental institution. Governmental institutions include things like school boards, state educational institutions, state universities, and quasi-governmental organizations like public libraries. Though it is not required by our Bylaws, it has been FOSCL's custom to hold an open meeting in September.

Broadly Speaking: We have a lot going on right now – many activities in a short timespan: FOSCL marshaled our forces to present an exhibit booth at the Boardwalk Arts Festival on September 7 toward our goal of community outreach and strengthening FOSCL visibility, awareness and “brand”; we held our monthly Pop-Up Book Sale on September 14, making tweaks and changes that have built even more community participation and produced more FOSCL revenue from this popular event; we welcomed our new Board members with an excellent orientation conducted by Nominations Committee chair Rachel Maleh on September 19; we held our half-day strategic thinking/planning session on Saturday, September 21, 2024 from 1:00pm to 5:00pm; we will hold our public Board meeting tonight; and we are prepping for our upcoming Dine & Donate in partnership with DiFebo's Restaurant on Sunday, November 10, 2024. FOSCL Board members' time and energy is the fuel behind all of this activity, and I extend deepest thanks to those Board members who contributed to making each of these events happen.

Strategic Thinking/Planning Board Sessions: Straight from the Internet: “Strategic planning is a systematic process that helps an organization set priorities, focus energy and resources, ensure that employees and other stakeholders are working toward common goals, and assess and adjust the organization's direction in response to a changing environment.” With the help of our consultant, Linda Lewis, we identified areas of consensus and have a clearer roadmap for moving forward. Nice work, Everyone! I will circulate the draft report later this week, and a vote to accept the report can take place once Board members have had time to review it. ***Thus, no second session will be needed for further discussion***, and we may move forward with setting priorities and developing action plans.

Board Reports: Reminder that we agreed as a Board that all reports belong on the Members-Only section of the FOSCL website for each of us to read prior to the meeting, and thus need to be sent in pdf form to Lisa Snyder by the Friday before at noon.

FOSCL Bylaws: Since the Board-approval updating our bylaws, I have been keeping a list of corrections , e.g., inconsistencies in the nominations timeline; questions about terms of office, etc. There may be other areas that would benefit from attention, e.g., developing appropriate language to reflect a standing Systems Management Committee; renaming the Publicity Committee to reflect the scope of work of the ad hoc communications committee and elevating it to standing committee status; and revisiting the changes that were made to officer terms to confirm that the changes made were what was intended, i.e., increasing officer terms to a possible three (3) two-year terms, and creating an Immediate Past President officer role that runs through the term of their successor would mean that an individual's Board service could be as much as 18 years (two three-year Board terms + three two-year terms as President + two three-year terms as Immediate Past President. I propose creating an ad hoc Bylaws Committee to consider these and any other changes, and hope that several of you will serve on the ad hoc committee.

Nominations: With a good deal of sadness but much certainty, I am withdrawing my name from consideration for a second term as FOSCL President. I love this organization and this Board, but I can no longer serve as President. This realization literally came to me at 3AM last night, and I bring it with an understanding of the difficulty and surprise that may come with it. I have spent this day working with Executive Committee members to put together the smoothest possible transition plan. It's an exciting time for FOSCL with many new opportunities and much more work to do, and I plan to remain very much involved in my new role.

What to expect at the October meeting: Please let the Secretary know if you have any business items for the October meeting, if you need to attend the meeting by Zoom, and/or of any errors/omissions noticed in this report.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barb Calkins

2024-25 Tentative Meeting Schedule

2024 Meeting Schedule

Tuesday, September 24, 2024 (Annual Meeting open to the public)

Tuesday, October 22, 2024 (*New Board Members First Meeting*)

(November - No Meeting)

Monday, December 2, 2024 (Annual Budget Meeting) Please note MONDAY date!

2025 Tentative Meeting Schedule

Tuesday, January 28, 2025 (no in-person meeting)

Tuesday, February 25, 2025 (no in-person meeting)

Tuesday, March 25, 2025

Tuesday, April 22, 2025

May - no meeting

Tuesday, June 24, 2025 (VP presiding)

Tuesday, July 22, 2025 (no in-person meeting)

Tuesday, August 26, 2025

Thursday, September 25, 2025 Please note THURSDAY date!

Tuesday, October 28, 2025

November - no meeting

Monday, December 1, 2025 (Annual Budget Meeting) Please note MONDAY date!

Parking Lot of Future Discussion Items (lots of updating to do here based on Saturday's Strategic Thinking/Planning meeting)

- Bylaws
- Review and approval of 9/21/2024 Strategic Planning Report
- FOSCL Social Media Presence