

OLLI Election: New Officers for 2023-25

The annual Fall membership meeting will be held on Saturday October 14, 2023 at 1 PM. This year OLLI has its biennial election of officers as well. The 2023 nominating committee, consisting of Beau Chandler, Sandra Lamoureux, Rebecca Lizardi, Gary Murph, and Bill Shaddle, has selected an outstanding slate of officers for the 2023-2025 term. The volunteer spirit of OLLI is strong.

Your participation in this OLLI annual event is heartily encouraged. You can voice your questions or opinions either in person or via Zoom on our HyFlex system. Regardless, OLLI is a better organization with you involved.

Executive Board for 2023 - 2023

President - Marc Davidson retired in 2017 after practicing architecture for 45 years and is a native of Lake Charles, Louisiana, with a BArch from U. of Houston. Marc has resided with wife Pattie in Long Beach since 1982. Marc is a musician, singer-songwriter, and currently performs with Pattie as a duo, as well as in their group *Second Wind*. Marc is going on 7 years as an OLLI music instructor and currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Arts Council, LB. He mentors for first generation college students with BRDG To Connect. Marc and Pattie are members of Temple Israel in Long Beach. He looks forward to collaborating with Exec. Director Patti LaPlace, the amazing staff at OLLI, and the governing board. An advocate for growth and community outreach, he will continue to support the strong work already in motion.

Vice-President - Bill Shaddle is a Midwesterner originally (Illinois native) who has lived in California for nearly 40 years. Mostly retired since 2018, he's been attending OLLI since Covid era and has been helping out moderating the Current Events class and thoroughly enjoying himself! He started out as a sales rep, moved into training sales people and ultimately managing a medical education team. An avid reader, Bill counts himself a life-long learner; hobbies include woodworking, travel, cycling and swimming. Bill and his wife Cathy have lived in Seal Beach for more than 30 years and share their house with their dog Toby.

Secretary - Karin Covey is a long-time volunteer who joined Senior University in 2001 after retiring from Hughes Aircraft. She served as treasurer for over 18 years, is an administrative volunteer in the OLLI office and a member of several Working Groups. Karin has a BA and an MA in Management from the University of Redlands. A native of north-western Washington, she moved to So. California in the late fifties and has lived in the Long Beach area ever since. She has a son, Greg, and daughter-in-law, Wendi, and seven grand cats along with her own.

Treasurer - Myles Newborn III is a CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™, Founder and managing member of MY Financial Services, LLC, a NY financial planning firm. He spent most of his working career at Bayer HealthCare, retired after 30 years. Myles and his wife, Yvette, have 3 adult children. They relocated from CA to Stony Point, NY in 2000 and then back to Long Beach in 2018. For the past 10 years, he volunteered as a tax planner with AARP. Other interests include golf, walking, biking, traveling and attending jazz concerts.

Member at Large - Mary Kay Toumajian is a native of Ann Arbor, MI, and one of eight children. She is married to Robert, they have three children and four grandchildren. Mary Kay received both her BS in Marketing and MS in Counseling from CSULB. At Cerritos College, she was a counselor for health majors, primarily nursing students. The Long Beach Symphony and gardening are two of her favorite pastimes. She is a life-long learner and has taken OLLI classes every semester since retiring. Thanks to the gardening classes she has finally grown tomatoes that survived to "adulthood."

Member-at Large - Joan Smith was born and raised in Brooklyn and, with a few stops along the way, came to California in 1953. She has been a member of OLLI for umpteen years, taking many classes and facilitating one. She has served on several non-profit boards and considers herself a professional volunteer. She proudly lays claim to 4 children, 11 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. She loves to read and has had a few things published.

