President’s Message

By Mike Stover, President, OLLI-CSUF

The six-month process for recruiting, nominating, electing and installing the next OLLI leadership team is underway.

I hope you’ll consider applying or nominating others. The application deadline is November 15. Detailed Information and links about the OLLI nomination and election process and the 2023-24 open positions are presented elsewhere in this ChroniCLE edition.

There is a good reason why term limits receive widespread popular support. All governments and organizations benefit from a regular infusion of new leaders with fresh perspectives. And that’s why OLLI governing documents limit elected officers and trustees to no more than an elected two-year term.

Good leaders, such as those I’ve served with, are focused on and creative in sustaining and improving the value of OLLI membership. This effort must continue for a simple reason—more than 80% of everything done in support of OLLI programs and activities is done by volunteers, not paid staff.

Still, changing leaders is not a panacea. Problems have a nasty habit of persisting till addressed. And one-time opportunities can evaporate if not seized. New leaders must be willing to do the necessary work to get the job done. Yet, I can assure the next-gen leaders that they will work with a committed team and have sufficient organizational and financial resources to succeed.

I plan to do all I can to encourage members to step forward regardless of their membership

OLLI Board of Trustees Openings and Application Process

By Chris Shaw, Editor

This is your chance to become part of managing OLLI. Each year approximately half of the officers and trustees at large on the Board of Trustees finish their two-year terms of office (one-year for the president), and new members are elected to replace them at the General Meeting and Election in April.

Following are the Board positions that will be up for election in April 2024:

- President—OLLI’s chief executive officer presides over meetings of the Board of Trustees, Executive Committee and other meetings, implements decisions at those meetings and keeps OLLI’s membership informed.
- Vice President Administration—Acts for the president in the president’s absence. Responsible for supervising personnel, office support, parking, OLLI Trolley and Archivist/Historian operations.
- Vice President Communications—Responsible for supervising internal media, including the ChroniCLE, Blue Book, newsletters and other email announcements, website, social media, electronic bulletin board, event & member photographs and Digital Image Archive.
- Vice President External Relations—OLLI’s liaison to CSUF is responsible for supervising research studies, grants, awards, speakers bureau, OLLI-CSUF Collaboration, long term planning, external publicity & relationships, and membership recruitment operations.
- Vice President Technology—OLLI’s liaison to CSUF IT and responsible for supervising audiovisual and classroom support operations.
- Secretary—Prepares and distributes the minutes of the Board of Trustees, Executive Committee and general membership meetings, reports Board

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What Does a Trustee Do
On the Board of Trustees?

By Chris Shaw, Editor

To some it could seem like there is a “good ol’ boy” network of the same people running the Board of Trustees year-after-year, but if that happens it’s only by necessity when not enough new members step forward to apply.

The Board is very eager to get more applications from OLLI members who are new to the Board and new to OLLI. In fact, OLLI’s Nomination & Election Policy states: “With due deference to long-time members, OLLI encourages a continuing reservoir of vitality. Experience on the Board is best ensured by considering new and recently retired members after they have become acquainted with OLLI.”

Importantly, any OLLI member may apply to be a nominee for trustee at large (or any of the open Board positions, except president) simply by submitting an application from the OLLI website, or getting it from the OLLI office, completing the form and emailing it to Renee Cabrera, OLLI Secretary, at rmcabrer@csu.fullerton.edu.

OLLI at Cal State Fullerton was founded on the idea of community seniors banding together, volunteering their time and contributing their skills and knowledge developed over a lifetime, to provide a low-cost, no-tuition, perpetual college of lifelong learning for seniors. There are numerous opportunities for OLLI members to contribute their time and talent, from teaching courses to support services to managing the organization.

It is this last function, managing OLLI, that the Board of Trustees fulfills. There are 11 elected officers on the Board, including the president, eight vice presidents, a treasurer and a secretary. Their responsibilities are fairly obvious from their titles, but the Board also includes nine elected “trustees at large” whose responsibilities are not self-evident and are largely unknown by OLLI members. The most common question I get about OLLI’s elected offices is “What does a trustee do?”

Trustees need no prior experience of any kind, making that position the easiest entry onto the Board. To apply for some officer positions, like treasurer, it’s helpful to have accounting or other similar experience in your pre-retirement life. For vice president positions, it’s helpful to have experience on committees that are supervised by that officer. All candidates for officer positions benefit from experience on the Board as a trustee.

Trustees learn by experience, learning how the OLLI organization functions and how the various officers manage their areas of responsibility. Specifically, OLLI’s Bylaws direct the Board to promote the training of trustees at large for greater future responsibilities by assigning them to work with and assist officers on the Board. In this way, the trustee may become a potential candidate for an officer position in a future election. Trustees may also be asked to join operational analysis and planning committees.

Perhaps the trustee’s most important job is to represent the interests of all OLLI members in Board meeting discussions and decisions on issues that determine OLLI’s direction and how its resources are used to best serve OLLI’s members. The title “Trustee at Large” means each trustee represents all of the OLLI membership, as opposed to any one person or group.

The Board of Trustees is the decision-making body of OLLI. As such, it is vital that it be regularly

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longevity. For those who do, we are planning OLLI leadership information presentations and discussions to remove any “mystery” about the OLLI leadership service.

Don’t hesitate to apply because you believe you do not know enough about OLLI and its processes. We’ll teach you. After all, we are a lifelong learning organization. If you are interested in serving, please contact me at stovermw@gmail.com.

Five years ago, the OLLI membership approved bylaw changes and several OLLI Board of Trustees initiatives to enhance nomination and election transparency and attract a broader selection of potential leaders. These changes included:

• A one-page form for members to nominate themselves or others for OLLI officer and Trustee at Large positions: https://tinyurl.com/olli-nominate.

• Enhanced communication about leadership opportunities, responsibilities and the nomination process to heighten member awareness and stimulate nominations.

Since adopting these initiatives, the Nominations and Elections Committee has recommended more than 90% of the self-nominated members. Those not selected for the Committee’s recommendations are often appointed to leadership positions in the ensuing year.

So, please nominate yourself or encourage others to step forward. The future of OLLI is literally in your hands.

Since my appeal for volunteers in the last two ChroniCLEs and the recent OLLI Today and Tomorrow Forum, I have received several offers of assistance.

Many members have discovered the rewards of volunteering for our well-respected OLLI-CSUF Collaboration program, which provides various one-time, short-term or ongoing opportunities to help CSUF students and assist campus faculty and staff.

However, some of our most urgent needs remain. These include more instructors and new class advocates, live streaming technicians, trolley drivers, publication designers, hospitality event organizers/helpers, news media publicists, researchers and seasoned MS Office or Google software assistants to help OLLI officers and project leaders manage their workload.

Please be—or continue to be—an OLLI helper if you can. We need you.

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positions up for election to the Board, solicits applications for the election, and maintains the list of committees.

• Trustees at Large (four positions)—Learn how OLLI functions and Board officers’ areas of responsibilities: back up officers, serve on various committees and represent OLLI members’ interests on the Board.

All OLLI members are encouraged to communicate their interest in being nominated for any of these positions by completing a short and confidential application form and submitting it to the OLLI Secretary, Renee Cabrera. Download the fillable application form at http://olli.fullerton.edu/_resources/pdfs/NominationApplication.pdf, complete the form and email it to Renee at rmcabrer@csu.fullerton.edu. All applications must be received no later than November 15, 2023.

All applications received will be considered by the Nomination and Election Committee for nomination. Applicants will receive further notification from the Nomination and Election Committee. Any applicants who are not nominated by the Committee may submit a petition to be added to the election ballot.

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refreshed with new members joining in the process of discussing and deciding the myriad issues faced by the Board, like how to navigate the aftermath of the pandemic, as a recent example. New trustees are the principal source of new perspectives and ideas for the Board, often representing the interests and needs of incoming, younger generation members.

As are all officers, approximately half of the nine trustees’ two-year terms of office end each year and are replaced by other members, who are elected by the OLLI membership each April. Applications for nomination for next April’s election are being accepted now (see “Board of Trustees Openings” in this ChroniCLE).

So, help the Board refresh itself and help lead What Does ...Continued on page 6
OLLI Members Surveyed About Graphic Novels and Comics

By Barbara Glaeser (Instructor), Irene Bourdon (member) and Jill Patterson (Coordinator)

Three OLLI members from the “Graphic Novels, Comics and More!” book club, Barbara Glaeser, Irene Bourdon, and Jill Patterson (pictured in that order), wanted to find ways to make our book club more interesting by finding out what OLLI members thought of this form of literature. Along with a fellow comic lover and amazing artist, Andrew Sanchez (pictured), we wrote a survey that asked members what kind of comics and/or graphic novels they read over the course of their lives and what they did or did not like about them. We also did a few follow-up interviews to get more in-depth viewpoints. A few older adults outside of OLLI were included as well. The team applied to present this research at The Comic Arts Conference at Comic-Con in San Diego, which hosts 100,000 attendees. We were accepted, and proudly presented our results July 22!

Results were very informative. We created a chart that graphically depicts the results that were gleaned from the survey and interviews. Eighty percent of readers wrote that they liked the unique characters and plots in comics and graphic novels. An interviewee stated: “I enjoy the interplay of art and story. I like the different characters and the unlimited possibilities of the comic world (superpowers, different environments, and dimensions). I appreciate and enjoy studying the ‘unwritten’ of the storyline to fully understand the emotions and actions taking place in comics.” Another found them easier to read. “With limited time, I find I can plow through graphic novels and informational graphic books much more easily and with sustained interest.”

Sixty percent found graphic novels easier to read and enjoyed the interplay of art and story. For example, one told us: “I really appreciate the artwork. I have been taking some introductory art and drawing classes so I can appreciate the skill of the artist and the choices they make in terms of colors, pen strokes, etc.” Conversely, those who said they preferred traditional texts found the art distracting and more difficult to read. One wrote that he preferred to let his mind make his own interpretations of what the author is describing rather than have to look at detailed pictures on a page. They felt that “Because there are more of the illustrations and less text, more interpretation is required by the reader.” and “In a traditional book, there is a definitive plot to follow which doesn’t require the same degree of interpretation.”

Interestingly, one interviewee said that the interplay of art and text helped her to learn to read. One respondent who has dyslexia reported that comics “… helps to clarify some things I can’t understand due to learning disabilities. I liked, when I was a kid and had to do a book report, when I realized I get it in comic book form. I could understand it better, it made it more interesting, and I could keep up with the class and know what the teacher was talking about. The comic clarified a lot of the words, statements and ideas in a way I could understand.”

From the bottom of our hearts, we want to thank the OLLI members who participated in our study and helped make it a success. Two of the five Ranganathan library laws are: Every book has its reader and every reader has her/his book. Our results showed us that most OLLI members read newspaper comics when they were young, and the things they liked about them then are now expanded into the diverse and complex graphic literature available today.

There is a graphic novel or comic for every reader and you may find yours by joining our class! Watch for our reading list in OLLI’s weekly newsletters and drop in any time!
New Courses Added to Fall Semester
Classical Geological Sites in North America and Europe

Rich Lozinsky, an Earth Science Professor at Fullerton College for 30 years, will take you along on his sabbatical journey in 2005 to visit classical geological sites in the Canadian Rockies and Europe. He began touring Alberta to examine mountain building processes and for key fossil localities. Then he went to Great Britain to study landscapes and to find Nessie in Loch Ness. Italy will include volcanic features near Naples and the processes that formed the picturesque Amalfi coast. In the Alps he studied the forces that uplifted this spectacular range and the glaciation that carved out the amazing peaks and valleys. His final stop was in the Burgundy area of France for a goodbye toast.

The coordinator is Ellie Monroe, and this one-class seminar will be offered on November 7 at 10:15 to 11:45 a.m. in Mackey Auditorium.

News: Up Close and Personal

Instructor Mike Stover presents enlightening discussions of the day’s news, including current events, entertainment, culture, technology, business, the economy, health and medicine, successful living, politics and law. Participants need not have similar views—just similar interests. In a world where too many talk over each other, this class emphasizes respectful exploration of the news. The class is offered only as an on-campus option to enhance effective discussion.

The coordinator is Barbara Rosen. This series is offered on alternate Thursdays on October 12, October 26, November 9, (no class November 25) and November 30 at 10:15 to 11:30 a.m. in Shapiro CD. An additional class will be offered on December 7 at the same meeting time but in Room 21.

Indie Author Day Coming to Anaheim Central Library

Several OLLI authors will promote their books and Marilyn Schultz will conduct a Portraits in a Poem Workshop at the Indie Author Day on Sunday November 5 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Authors include Ann Casas, Larry R. Macklin, Stephanie Leon, Betty Redmon, Marilyn Schultz and Veronica Michalowski. At last count, OLLI authors have published over 100 books of all genres.

Members of the “Authors’ Central OLLI-CSUF (ACOC)” course will be there to promote OLLI authors and our OLLI program.

Selecting a photo of a person eating, the workshop participants will write a structured poem describing what the person looks like, what he is doing and what he is thinking. The purpose is for the reader of the poem to visualize the scene without seeing the picture.

Our “Poetry for Pleasure” course members tried this exercise last July. Michael Sultan’s poem is an excellent example of visualizing the scene:

*Posh eatery, seated alone in a place where cost is of no concern*
*Bejeweled on all surfaces of head and neck*  
*Not doing. Just being. Totally self-involved. In a trance*  
*Behind that camouflage of makeup and diamonds*  
*Behind that image of power and wealth*  
*She asks herself. “What am I? Who am I? Someone. Please help me*  
*No one can see. I am powerless.”*

The library is located at 500 W. Broadway, Anaheim, CA 92805.

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OLLI into the future by applying for a position on OLLI’s Board of Trustees no later than November 15.
OLLI Hospitality Committee’s Holiday Luncheon is Coming

By Elaine Mitchell, Staff Writer

OLLI Policy describes the policy of sponsoring social gatherings in the interests of entertainment, relaxation and fellowship several times a year. The Hospitality Committee has the responsibility, and privilege, to create, plan, organize, publicize and coordinate these gatherings.

The Committee supports the January Spring Preview, the General Meeting and Election in April, the breakfast retreat for the Board of Trustees in May and the Fall Open House in August. Hospitality’s role in the Fall Open House and Spring Preview is coordinated with the OLLI officers, Board and several other committees, because they are specially arranged events to attract prospective members and are often heavily attended.

The Committee’s hosts other events that are usually self-supporting. These events may include lunches or dinners, such as the Halloween party last month and the Holiday Luncheon coming up on December 6 at Alta Vista Country Club.

All these social events get to the heart of the Hospitality Committee’s purpose: to promote collaboration, enrichment, entertainment, fellowship and good health, all while having fun! Committee members have a great time and each one brings their uniqueness to the committee, where there is a very welcoming space for so many different talents. They are definitely not one-size-fits-all; some are excellent at planning delicious meals for a crowd, many are idea people to come up with party themes, some are good organizers and planners, some are excellent shoppers, others are worker bees, some are computer folks doing spreadsheets, most are people-persons who really enjoy seeing others having a great time, many are creative and artistic to make posters, flyers and centerpieces, and there are also those who can guide and inspire others as team leaders. The Committee is also gender neutral, being a good host and party planner is not limited to any sex. A side benefit to being a Committee member is, just as is true in the many OLLI classes, the opportunity of getting to know many wonderful folks and learning from them.

If you are tempted to find out more, drop in to any first-Friday-of-the-month meeting at 10:45 a.m., usually in Room 8. You are more than welcome.

The Hospitality Committee’s next event, the Holiday Luncheon, is usually the most elegant, but not stuffy, of the year. The recently refurbished Alta Vista Country Club is arranging a beautiful meal (yes, of course, a vegetarian selection will be available) to serve you. The Committee has been assembling another selection of truly impressive and valuable raffle baskets. They are also working on the charming “Gnome for the Holidays” centerpieces. They have engaged the Orange Empire Chorus and its barbershop-style quartets to entertain you with warm seasonal sounds, and harmony and humor in equal measure.

Don’t miss this really special event on Wednesday, December 6. Tickets are available beginning October 23 in the OLLI office. Don’t miss this.

Pacific Symphony’s Holiday Organ Spectacular

Segerstrom Concert Hall, September 19

The event starts with a celebratory group dinner at the Claim Jumper at South Coast Plaza in Costa Mesa. From there we stroll over the pedestrian bridge and walkway (or bus) to the Segerstrom Concert Hall. We will see the Holiday Organ Concert by the Pacific Symphony, including a renowned guest organist on the spectacular William J. Gillespie concert organ. They will perform a delightful mix of holiday and sacred music, including favorite carols and traditional organ works. Our seats will be in the Dress Circle, which has the best acoustics in the house.

Signups begin in the OLLI office on October 30 and continue until November 17. The $85 charge includes the dinner, concert and transportation. See the flyer for details and coupon.
Get It From the Source:
How to Sign Up for Classes &
Where to Eat on Campus

By Chris Shaw, Editor

OLLI President Mike Stover gave the following responses to these two questions from a new OLLI member:

**Special Class Registration Requirements:** For most classes, just show up. A few classes, such as those in the computer lab, may require signups because of equipment limits. Please review the following (updated) Alphabetical Program List for class dates, locations and special requirements.

**Favorite Eating Locations:** There are (so) many choices. See the following link for eating places on the campus: CSUF Campus Dining Hours and Locations - Campus Dining | CSUF (fullerton.edu).

The campus newspaper recently published this article: Campus eateries: What’s cool around school? | Lifestyle | dailytitan.com.

Members doubtlessly have their favorites, but many recommend:

- The food trucks at the Humanities Plaza (Food Trucks - Campus Dining | CSUF (fullerton.edu)).
- The Gastronome (in the student residence area across our parking lot) offers “all you can eat,” buffet-style selections (Dine On Campus at CSU Fullerton || The Gastronome Food Hall).
- Across from the Gastronome and within a hundred yards of our RGC building is the “Community Market,” a convenience store with “ready to eat” options.
- Plenty of fast foods are at the Titan Student Union (across from the Book Store). Carl’s Jr. has a free-standing location near the business college.

My favorite is a rotating selection from the food trucks. Still, you can find me occasionally at the Gastronome when I arrive early for classes, stay late or want to do a medium to large group lunch. And, I confess, I sometimes get in line at the campus Starbucks.

Of course, there are also restaurants across Nutwood Avenue, including The Habit, my favorite hamburger joint.

You can note these locations on the campus map on Page 25 of OLLI’s current Blue Book Program Catalog.

If you have a question, send it in an email to Mike Stover at stovermw@csu.fullerton.edu or Chris Shaw at tashawc01@gmail.com. We will get the right answer for you. We’ll also share your question and answer in the next ChroniCLE, because if you wondered about something, other OLLI members may have wondered the same thing.

What’s Happening at the Board

By Chris Shaw, Editor

Following are highlights from OLLI’s Board of Trustees meeting on September 14, 2023:

- The Open House Organizing Committee is evaluating the 2023 Fall Open House with recommendations for 2024. The overall impression was Wow!
- Technical coordinators Jim Monroe and Tom La Casa were thanked for their special efforts in helping members to register since the Fall Open House.
- As of September 14, OLLI had 184 new members, and various efforts are being made to engage them in OLLI, including the New Member Orientation on September 16. Total membership is at 970 and another 50 or so are projected to join or renew before the start of the fall semester.
- CSUF’s Annual Impact Report will spotlight OLLI’s support, featuring the OLLI-CSUF Collaboration program.
- Implementation of the new virtual parking permits is a success with minimal challenges.
- Staffing and scheduling of the OLLI Trolley has been a challenge. More drivers are being recruited.
- Lot J has been filled to capacity on many days, reflecting that more members are returning to on-campus class meetings.
- Non-member guests must use the new Park Mobile online parking app to find and pay for parking spaces. Lot J is reserved for OLLI members and is not available to guests through Park Mobile. Special procedures are being worked.

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out for OLLI’s guest speakers.
  • VP Programs Ellie Monroe is working to find ample space for classes that are over capacity.
  • Instructors are encouraged not to change their class schedules from in-person to Zoom, because members don’t always see the emailed notifications of change and show up to find no in-person class.
  • The information table and morning coffee programs have been very successful.
  • The Development/Philanthropy Committee is coordinating a fall fundraising appeal to members, principally through a letter from President Mike Stover to all members.
  • President Stover gave an informational report and led a discussion with Board members on OLLI’s fiscal and budget development and its relationships with CSUF EIP, ASC and Philanthropic Foundation to better understand how it all works.
  • President Stover asked the Board officers to submit their Short-Term Plans for the remainder of the calendar year.
  • Michelle’s position in the OLLI office is vacant again, and hiring a replacement is a priority.

Get It From the Source: Options for Livestream Classes

By Chris Shaw, Editor

A new OLLI member asked Mike Stover, President of OLLI, if they have a conflict and can’t attend a class would it be available to view via online streaming later?

Many of our classes are available to attend via Zoom and some are recorded via livestream. See the Blue Book Schedule of Classes and Events for the fall semester. It will show which classes are offered on campus (indicated by a room number), which are offered via Zoom (Zoom) and which are offered via livestream (Stream). Classes may be offered in one of these ways, or you may have a choice of multiple ways to attend (Room 21/Zoom/Stream).

Livestream gives you two options: 1. View the class online via a link at the time the class is held; or 2. View a recording of the class later through the same link. The links for both Zoom and livestream for all classes that offer those choices are available directly through OLLI’s weekly Class Information and Updates Newsletter and on the OLLI website at Zoom links - Osher Lifelong Learning Institute | CSUF (fullerton.edu). This website link requires your login through the CSUF student portal, so you’ll need your CSUF username and password.

More information is in the Blue Book Program Catalog on Page 13 under Attending Live Programs Online.

If you have a question, send it in an email to Mike Stover at stovermw@csu.fullerton.edu or Chris Shaw at tashawc01@gmail.com. We will get the right answer for you. We’ll also share your question and answer in the next ChroniCLE, because if you wondered about something, other OLLI members may have wondered the same thing.

Find Volunteer Opportunities In the OLLI Newsletters

The OLLI Announcements and Events Newsletter, which is emailed to members every Saturday, contains a special section titled Volunteers Needed. There you can find current volunteer opportunities at OLLI, along with information about who to contact to volunteer your services.

If you are an OLLI officer or committee chair who is responsible for filling volunteer positions within OLLI, use the OLLI newsletters as an effective way to communicate volunteer opportunities to all members. Send an email requesting a posting to ollinewsbytes@hotmail.com. Requests should be approved by the OLLI office Administrative Manager Patsy Burns, pburns@fullerton.edu, prior to submission.

Want to Volunteer?
Not Receiving OLLI Emails?

If you have unsubscribed in response to any OLLI email, you have unsubscribed from all OLLI emails, including the ChroniCLE emails. If, for any reason, you are not already receiving OLLI emails about upcoming classes, events, the ChroniCLE and special notices, you can subscribe (or re-subscribe) by going to http://bit.ly/OLLISubscription and entering your email address, first name and last name.

If you still have trouble receiving emails from OLLI, send an email to ollinewsbytes@hotmail.com and include your name and email address.

How to Get the ChroniCLE by Email - Save Trees and Stamps!

Unless you elected not to receive emails from OLLI, you are currently receiving an email each month announcing the new ChroniCLE for the upcoming month with links to view or download the publications. You can also access the most recent ChroniCLEs through links in the weekly OLLI newsletters and on the OLLI website.

If you are receiving the ChroniCLE in the mail, but no longer want it mailed to your home, send an email to olli-info@fullerton.edu with your name and address stating: “Do not send me a ChroniCLE in the mail.” If you ever need the printed version, copies are always available in the OLLI office.

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