

The OLLI Steering Council: what's it all about? (continued)

by David Langdon

Committees and their chairs are:

College for Seniors

Planning: Cindy Berryman-Fink

Programming: Paula Withrow and Erik Vedeler

Civic Engagement – Sarah Reincke

Facilities – Terry Liles

Finance – Terry Reincke

Hospitality – Sandy Bowles and Stephanie Ward

Inclusion – contact Larry Haas

Life Transitions – Dave Castel

Marketing – David Langdon

Nominating – Kirk Borland

Planning – Barbara von Hauzen

This all-volunteer leadership council advises the Executive Director on policies and actions. Strictly an advisory group, the council has no legal or fiduciary responsibility; that responsibility rests solely with the Executive Director.

Denise Snodgrass, former assistant director at the North Carolina Center for Creative Retirement (NCCCR), OLLI's predecessor organization, recalls the genesis of the leadership group, "Fifteen years ago, senior staff knew we needed a unifying body, so the College for Seniors board and other NCCCR advisory groups morphed into the Center Steering Council." Denise remains an OLLI member.

All OLLI members have a voice. Our members help:

- Set goals and direction
- Implement programs (plan, teach, and evaluate)
- Make things happen through numerous volunteer efforts

OSC chair Catherine Jordan explains, "The Steering Council offers the membership's perspective as it advises OLLI and University staff on future directions and opportunities." "Our biggest challenge," according to OSC chair-elect Kirk Borland, "is to keep building on one of the greatest lifelong learning programs in the country."

To learn more about "How OLLI Works," consider becoming a volunteer. Bring your new and creative ideas. OLLI has relied on the strengths and talents of its members for many years to become one of the nation's premier lifelong learning centers.

For more about volunteer opportunities, go to <https://olliasheville.com/volunteering> or call Caitlin Han at 828.251.6140.