

## 2019 OLLI Council Candidates

Council candidates were asked to respond to three questions: 1) When did you join OLLI and what has been your involvement? 2) What would you bring from your professional background to your role as a Council member? 3) How will your previous experience as a volunteer contribute to your work as a Council member?

**Wayne Davison.** I have been an OLLI member since Fall 2015. During that time, I have been the host coordinator and have worked on several OLLI events, including the annual meeting and ice cream social, instructor appreciation event, and fall mixer. I currently serve on the OLLI Legacy Fund.



My professional life was spent working for not-for-profit organizations with an educational mission, including Stanford University, an international consortium of libraries, and St. Patrick's Seminary and University in Menlo Park, CA. I was also involved with the development of computer communications standards. These experiences provided skills in management, strategic planning, budgeting, grant requests and consensus building.

I have volunteered on three not-for-profit boards and chaired one for a private school for three years. My volunteer roles utilized my strategic planning, budgeting and fundraising skills. I have chaired events and a capital campaign. As a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) for children in child protective custody, I have worked with people from a broad range of socio-economic groups. I am eager to provide OLLI with my passion and experience.

**Betsy Gentry.** I joined OLLI in about 2008 (long before I was old enough to qualify for one-credit classes). I've taken classes regularly since then, mostly in arts, history and literature, but I've appreciated the opportunity to get out of my comfort zone with some science classes.



I worked for a big San Francisco-based law firm for over 17 years, practicing general business law in California and Washington, D.C. I'd bring this legal background to the Council, and, more importantly, I'd bring the ability to understand and analyze complex issues and to problem-solve collaboratively.

Before I moved to Ashland, I served for nine years on the School Board in Piedmont, California. In Ashland, I've served on the boards of Siskiyou Singers, Tudor Guild, and Southern Oregon Repertory Singers. I continue to volunteer at OSF, Tudor Guild, the Ashland library, Trinity Episcopal Church and the Ashland Lithia Springs Rotary Club. I understand the work of serving on a board, and would bring enthusiasm, willingness to listen, common sense and (I hope) a sense of humor to the Council.

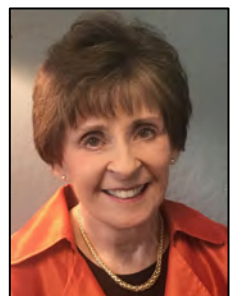
**Larry Hunter.** I joined OLLI in 2014 and have chaired the Communications and Community Outreach (CCO) committee since 2017. Our committee is responsible for communicating OLLI's message and mission to members and the community through the course catalog, Open Houses, lecture series, advertising and PR, and community partner relationships.



The first part of my work life was in sales and marketing, culminating in serving as VP of Sales and Marketing for a furniture manufacturing company. I subsequently attended seminary and became ordained as an Episcopal priest. In this capacity, I served parishes in southern California and the Bay Area for 23 years. As a senior pastor, I led not only the worship life but also was responsible managing budgets and staff.

I have served on a variety of boards, most recently with Episcopal Charities in San Francisco. As CCO chair, I provide monthly reports to the OLLI Council, attend meetings of the Council and committee chair round-tables. I also serve on OLLI's personnel committee and took part in the first Team OLLI leadership program.

**Elisabeth Zinser.** My relationship with OLLI started while I was President of SOU. Our administration worked with SOLIR leaders to acquire grants from the Osher Foundation. I joined OLLI in 2009 and have taken classes in many subjects and served on the Curriculum Committee and as a class host. I chaired an OLLI task force to explore lifelong learning interests of those residing in the greater Medford area, producing a report with information and contacts for the expansion of OLLI services.



My professional career in faculty teaching, research and program development led me to devote 32 years in university administration including president/chancellor of three universities. Prior to academia, I spent about six years in healthcare.

I have served on many boards at the national and local levels, chairing several. Having completed a year as President of the Rotary Club of Ashland, I am eager to step up and join other OLLI colleagues in leading OLLI in its next phase of development. I am impressed that our OLLI is among the largest and most successful in the country.