

# Elections

## **Announcement of Election of Officers and Advisor-at-Large by OLLI 's Board of Advisors**

At the August 17 meeting of the OLLI Board of Advisors, Marion Jervay was elected President of the OLLI Board of Advisors for 2020-2021, following the resignation of Matt Epstein in mid-July. We are grateful for his service as Board President over the last year.

Upon Marion Jervay's election to Vice President (2019) and now President, Marion becomes the first African American to be elected to hold an officer position on the OLLI Board of Advisors. Marion was elected as Member at Large and joined the Board of Advisors in 2018. As it happens, she checks several Duke boxes as a Duke Law graduate and as the former Director of Contract Management at Duke Clinical Research Institute. Marion grew up in Method, an African American community in Raleigh, NC. She and her husband, Kenton Cobb lived in Florida, Washington and California before settling in Durham in 2000.

The Board of Advisors also elected Alan Teasley, Vice President. Barbara "Bobbie" Hendrix, who had been appointed to the Board of Advisors to fill a one-year Advisor-at-Large vacancy, was elected to a two-term as an Advisor-at-Large. In her new role, Marion appointed Virginia Lee as Recording Secretary.

The following is a current listing of OLLI's officers and advisors:

President — Marion Jervay  
Past President — Ginny Knight  
Vice President — Alan Teasley  
Advisor-at-Large — Susan "Sue" Dennison (Term Ending 2022)  
Advisor-at-Large — Barbara "Bobbie" Hendrix (Term Ending 2022)  
Advisor-at-Large — Abdul Waheed (Term Ending 2021)  
Advisor-at-Large — Vacancy (Term Ending 2021)  
Recording Secretary — Virginia Lee (Ex Officio)

The Board of Advisors extends special thanks to Mike Bahaman who recently stepped down as Recording Secretary, completing thirteen years of service (2007 to 2020). Mike served in a variety of roles, At-Large Advisor (2007 - 2010), Strategic Planning Chair (2008 - 2009), Instructor Relations Chair (2009 - 2019), President (2011 - 2013), Past President (2013 - 2015), and Recording Secretary (2015 - 2020). He received the Bill Wright Award

and the Milestone Award, in recognition of the depth and breadth of his contributions over many years. Gratefully, Mike agreed to continue to serve on the Instructor Relations Committee as Associate Chair.

## East Campus & Bishop's House Off Limits to Visitors

Last week I was contacted by Duke Police to let me know that there have been people gathering on the porch of Bishop's House to visit. These individuals identified themselves as OLLI members. A Duke housekeeping staff member also contacted me to share that she is especially uncomfortable having people gather since we are not open. With the return of undergraduates to campus, their jobs are difficult enough these days without adding any unnecessary stress.

I'm reaching out to respectfully ask that you not gather in the parking lot or on the porch of Bishop's House, until OLLI is able to open again for in person classes.

Duke Administration has asked all staff and OLLI members to stay off Duke's East Campus.

OLLI staff are all working from home and unable to return to Bishop's House/East Campus without filling out a symptom monitoring app each time they return. Keep in mind everyone at Duke is under a great deal of pressure and regrettably, they are super nervous about the prospect of older adults being in proximity to younger Duke students, even if you are hundreds of feet away from them.

Thank you for understanding.

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