

OLLI ESSENTIALS

The **Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at USF (OLLI-USF)** is a member-led learning community of adults age 50+. We offer classes, workshops, lectures, events and social networking. We provide high-quality, low-cost learning opportunities for seasoned adults across West Central Florida.

Our mission is: To provide intellectual stimulation, social interaction, service opportunities, and outreach to the university and the greater community.

We value:

- Supportive peer-group interaction
- Life experience
- Lifelong intellectual stimulation and growth
- Physical activity
- Social engagement
- Creative expression
- The joy of learning
- An inclusive attitude

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Board Member Duties and Responsibilities

The Board consists of:

Seven members, elected annually by the membership for staggered three-year terms;

The chairs of the seven standing committees (Development, Finance, Membership, Program Planning, Strategic & Organizational Planning, Travel Opportunities and Volunteer Management.)

The Board's mission is: To ensure the effectiveness and continuity of OLLI-USF by guiding decision making, enabling program excellence, responding to the membership, and promoting member participation. Sharing leadership with the OLLI staff, the Board is future oriented, continually striving to improve while addressing present challenges and opportunities.

This working Board determines policy, which is implemented by the standing committees. Board members also serve on OLLI's standing committees. Elected Board members may also be asked to lead a Board-initiated project.

Each member of the Board is responsible for:

- 1) Establishing, safeguarding and advancing OLLI-USF's values, vision, and mission;
- 2) Understanding the organization's financial position;
- 3) Advancing the organization's goals;
- 4) Advising and supporting the Director.

Board members fulfill these responsibilities by:

Preparing for each Board meeting by reading material distributed prior to the meeting;

Supporting, by attending and encouraging others to attend, OLLI's social events and Open Hou

Subsequent Board meetings are held on the second Friday of each month at 9:30 a.m. Meetings are about two hours long and have been held on Zoom since the COVID pandemic.

You will receive a number of reports by email prior to each meeting. You are expected to read them in preparation for the meeting. Your monthly time commitment is at least four hours.

Board members receive no compensation, other than the camaraderie of striving to make OLLI the best that it can be. As OLLI volunteers, Board members also receive complimentary parking passes for attendance at all on-campus, in-person Board related meetings and functions.

A Brief History of OLLgs -