Nominees for 2019-2020 OLLI@UGA President-Elect and Board of Directors

Nominee for President-Elect
Cher Snyder: A three-time UGA graduate, Cher Snyder relocated to Athens in June 2017 following nearly 30 years with the South Coast Air Quality Management District, a regional agency charged with ensuring healthful air quality for those living in Southern California. Prior to her retirement, Cher served the agency as the Assistant Deputy Executive Officer of Compliance & Enforcement directing a team of 150 field staff, supervisors, managers, and support personnel dedicated to determining compliance with local, state, and federal air quality rules and regulations. A “recycled” Athenian, Cher has found coming home to Athens to be a breath of fresh air, highlighted by opportunities to rekindle long-standing relationships, develop new friendships, and become involved in OLLI@UGA. This past year, she has served as Chair of the Membership Committee; as a member of the Hospitality, Curriculum, and Fund Development committees; and as a member of the Board of Directors. She has also served as the volunteer coordinator of Mighty Networks.

Nominee for 2018-2020 Board of Directors
(Vote for 1)
Susan Dougherty (Candidate to fill remainder of term vacated by Cher Snyder): Susan Dougherty is a retired organization development consultant. Originally from New Orleans, she moved to Athens with her family to pursue her doctorate. After completing her degree, Susan started a consulting business focusing on leadership, team development, and organizational change. She worked with international corporations and small businesses, both for-profit and nonprofit. Susan retired when her husband, George, was diagnosed with cancer. In addition to caregiving, she enjoys travel, gardening, reading, and visiting with family and friends. Susan has been an active member of OLLI@UGA since 2015, serving as a class presenter and as Host Coordinator.

Nominees for 2019-2021 Board of Directors
(Vote for 5)
Jim Alberts (Candidate for re-election): With training in biology and chemical oceanography, Jim Alberts served as director of UGA’s Marine Institute on Sapelo Island. He has been a member since 2003 and has served on the Curriculum Committee. He has also taught classes on topics ranging from the history of oceanography to sea monsters and, most recently, the Spanish Armada. Jim says, “I would like to continue to serve OLLI@UGA membership as a member of the Board by continuing to provide the most diverse offerings to its members and to try to expand the opportunities OLLI@UGA offers to as wide and diverse a community as possible.”

Roy Martin (Candidate for re-election): Roy Martin was born in Boston while his parents were serving in the military during WWII. He grew up primarily in Los Alamos, New Mexico. After beginning his college career at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, NY, Roy switched career paths and became a professor of Educational Psychology at Temple University and then here in the College of Education at UGA. Long an active member in OLLI@UGA, Roy has taught classes titled “The Elements of Music” and “Understanding the Individual Differences Among Children.” He recently did a popular OLLI@UGA luncheon on “The American Songbook.” Roy joined OLLI@UGA in 2011. He is a volunteer violinist and sings with The Athens Symphony.

Victor Gagliano (Candidate for election): Victor Gagliano is interested in returning to Board duty after a brief hold. Holding a BBA from the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee, he transferred to Athens for his budgeting and forecasting job in private industry more than 30 years ago. He and his wife, Linda, loved it so much that they made Athens “home” and have been here since. Victor joined OLLI@UGA in 2013 and served on the Finance Committee from 2014 to 2018 and as Treasurer from 2015 to 2018. He has received OLLI@UGA’s prestigious Carol Fisher Award for long and significant service. Victor asks for your vote and support.

Sherry Malone (Candidate for re-election): Sherry Malone has served on the Board for OLLI@UGA for the past two years. She has also been a member of the Curriculum Committee for nearly five years and was Co-chair for two years. She recruits and regularly hosts OLLI@UGA classes. Previously, she was a state evaluator for leadership development. She wrote the curriculum for K-8 Real/LEDGE entrepreneurial education and led institutes for this curriculum throughout Georgia, in several other states, and as far away as Norway and Honduras. Since making Athens her home, Sherry has served as a teacher and school principal in Athens-Clarke County. She also worked with the Social Circle Schools, Hall County schools, and the NEGA RESA network of educational systems. Sherry joined OLLI@UGA in 2013 and feels that it answered her need to continue to be active and learn while doing so. She wants to assure that others have this same positive feeling through their involvement.

Bob Yorczyk (Candidate for re-election): Originally from Virginia, Bob Yorczyk spent most of his career in Chester County, PA. After graduating from Virginia Tech with a degree in Statistics and later obtaining a Professional Engineering Certificate in Quality Engineering, he worked in the field of systems engineering development and, eventually, quality control. He later started his own publishing business. Active in local civic affairs, Bob was elected School Director for Downingtown Area School District and was on the county’s intermediate Unit (Vo-Tech) Board and their legislative council. He was the Southeast Pennsylvania Coordinator for Ross Perot for President in 1992 and served on the executive committee to form the Reform Party as an alternative third national political party. He and his wife, Bea, retired to Madison County in 2017 and joined OLLI@UGA shortly thereafter. They are parents of two daughters and four grand children who reside in Pennsylvania.