

Biographical Information – LLF Michigan

Board Chair and President: Dr. Nancy Seminoff has served on several agency and non-profit boards at the national, state and local levels, including as Board Member of the International Reading Association (now ILA), National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) Appeals Committee, Michigan Association of State and Federal Program Specialists, and the Michigan Reading Association (Past President). She received the MRA Individual Literacy Award for 2017-2018. Prior to founding LLF Michigan Dr. Seminoff served as a teacher, professor and administrator at the local school and university levels.

Secretary: Phyllis Aurich has served in a leadership capacity on various non-profit boards including as a President of the Michigan Association of College Stores, and as President of the Volunteer Board for the Marquette General Hospital. She has experience as a university bookstore manager, and for several years she and her late husband owned a nation-wide imprint distributorship that served university bookstores. She taught for a brief time and holds a teaching degree in secondary education.

Treasurer: Gloria LaPointe has served on various nonprofit boards as President, Secretary and Treasurer. Some of these organizations included Community Foundation of Marquette County, Community Coordinated Child Care, Superiorland Soccer Association, and others. She has also been very active in her church in many volunteer capacities and committees, including Treasurer and Accountant. She has accounting and auditing experience as a CPA and financial planner for over 35 years, including being a partner with Cowell & LaPointe, PC. for 25 years.

This experience involved working with many types of businesses, nonprofit organizations and governmental entities.

Development Chair-Donor Solicitation: Carolyn Jane Blough has leadership experiences with non-profit groups at the local and state levels including as a Past President the Michigan Reading Association and as the MRA Annual Conference Chair for Local Arrangements (for years). She served as Board President for the United Methodist Church Pre-school over a span of 45 years, and continues to serve as a Board Member of the Lowell Area Historical Museum. She has teaching and administrative experience as a Reading Consultant and Director of Reading for the Lowell Area Schools. She is a Charter Donor to LLF Michigan.

Member at Large: Bonnie Kilburn received a Bachelor of Science degree from Northern Michigan University and a Master of Arts from Michigan State University. She has a diverse background as an educator, business owner and author. Bonnie's many ventures include instructor at the University of Hawaii, owner of Bon's Bon Bons, a homemade candy store, a stint with Lifetouch Studios, real estate sales, and recently retired after 34 years as an insurance agent. She self-published **Just Imagine**, a children's book with stories of diversity, acceptance and respect.