

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.

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.

Member-at-Large: 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.

Secretary: 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.

Upper Peninsula Member-at-Large: Lyndsay Carey has degrees from Oakland University, Cornerstone University in Education and Leadership, and Pacific Oaks College in Early Childhood with Trama Speialization. She has experience as an educator in early childhood, elementary and higher education, experience as an administrator, and advocate for young children. Lyndsay is the Upper Peninsula Member-at-Large for the Governing Board of the Michigan Association of Education of Young Children. We welcome Lindsay to the LLF Michigan Board.