

2023 LSCA Board Nominees



Colleen H. Fava moved to Baton Rouge 20 years ago to attend LSU for graduate school. She has lived in mid-city and Spanishtown, before purchasing her first home in Lake Sherwood Acres two years ago with her partner, Jerry A. Peck. Colleen is a proud stepmom to Abigail (18) and Owen (15), petmom to a Trio of Cats known as The Pantses, Mr. Smartypants (15), Lizzie Tish SisterPants (13) and Sophia Belle BabyPants (9), as well as her soul mate, a 14 year old Schnoodle, Chuck E. Cheese aka Chuckleberry Hound. Colleen's degrees and professional experience are primarily in writing and communications. She has taught composition, creative writing, and literature at the college level, served as editor of two magazines, has worked in business development, proposal writing, and marketing in private industry, and has developed and run discipline-driven communications curriculum with university faculty members in STEM disciplines.

As the LaSPACE Assistant Director, Colleen works closely with the Director to manage all aspects of the Space Grant and NASA EPSCoR programs in Louisiana and leads all communications efforts for our programs. On the national level, Colleen serves as co-chair of the National Space Grant Directors' Communications Working Group, runs a monthly webinar series for the national space grant community, and helps facilitate national online discussions and workshops for NASA EPSCoR researchers throughout the country. Colleen's most recent volunteer work includes being a grant reviewer for the Capital Area United Way and a member of the fundraising and outreach committee for Sexual Trauma Awareness and Response (STAR). Colleen is highly committed to social justice and creating inclusive, safe spaces. If elected, she hopes to bring this commitment to the planning and implementation of activities and upgrades for the neighborhood pool and clubhouse association.

Eunice McCarney and her husband Jonathan have lived in Baton Rouge since 2007. The McCarney family includes their son, Henry and they moved into Lake Sherwood Acres in March 2022. They have enjoyed all the amenities the neighborhood has to offer, including the swim team and the neighborhood events. Eunice's first career after college was a fundraising professional, having worked at McMains Children's Developmental Center and Our Lady of the Lake College (now Franciscan University of Our Lady- FranU). Eunice discovered that her passion was actually teaching and is now a certified teacher currently working at St. Thomas More.



Eunice's volunteer service over the years has included board service for the Association of Fundraising Professionals (holding several positions such as President, VP of Philanthropy and Mentor Chair) and international committee service for AFP, Life of the Single Mom Ministries (President and VP/ Treasurer), Kiwanis Club of Baton Rouge, League of Women Voters of Baton Rouge and League of Women Voters of Louisiana. Eunice and her husband are currently active volunteers for Cub Scouts Pack 15 and St. Thomas More.

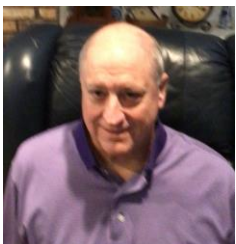


Bonnie Kersch has been a resident of Lake Sherwood Acres for over two years and was an outside member of the pool and clubhouse prior to becoming a resident. Bonnie served on the LSCA board in 2021 as the board's secretary and then took a formal break from the board in 2022, but continued to coach the swim team, serve on the Pool Oversight Committee, and assist the organization in event planning and in many other ways. Bonnie is the Associate Director of Trade Strategy for Wayfair, managing all of Wayfair's imports and exports into the U.S. and Canada, and assisting with European transactions as well. She also teaches LSAT, GRE, ACT, and SAT prep courses for Kaplan Test Prep, something she has done for almost 20 years. Bonnie has a degree in English Literature from LSU where she also was a member of LSU's improv comedy troupe and Sigma Tau Delta, the English Honors Society. Bonnie and her wife Kaycee, an ICU nurse, have three children, Alexis, Hayley, and Lynk. You may know Alexis and Hayley as assistant swim coaches, lifeguards, and swim lesson instructors.

Kyle Whitfield has been a neighborhood resident since 2014 and lives on Deerfield Lane with his wife, Ellen, and five-year-old daughter, Maya. He and his family are members of the Lake Sherwood Club and parishioners at nearby St. Thomas More.



Ray Smith - SLA Board Nominee



My wife Carolyn and I moved to LSA in 2000 from Shenandoah. We raised two sons here. They are both graduates from LSU and are married with children. We enjoy spoiling our five grandchildren. We now have a 100 pound German Shepherd son named Cosmeaux. I am a lifelong resident of Baton Rouge. Carolyn, a native Texan, is a retired high school English and speech teacher. I retired from Shell Chemical in the Pressure Equipment Integrity group of the Engineering Department in 2017. Retirement is great! I enjoy six Saturdays and a Sunday every week. I am an avid LSU Tiger fan and Alum. We are members of Istrouma Baptist Church.