

NOTICE - LearningQUEST Board Nominees

The LearningQUEST Annual Meeting, Tuesday, November 5 2019 at 9:30AM in the Library auditorium, includes the election of new Board members and 2020 officers.

The Nominating Committee, consisting of Arnita Cole (chair), Janice Turner, and Joyce Howell, recommends the following nominees for the LearningQUEST Board of Directors:

Jill Bromley as the mother of three children ages 21, 18, and 15, has volunteered in many capacities. As a volunteer, she served with the U. S. Army, the Red Cross, the schools her children attended, and areas of interest in the communities where she lived. Jill's priorities and commitments lie with her family, but she enjoys giving extra time to worthwhile organizations where she finds fulfillment and is a benefit to the organization. Jill has served LearningQUEST as Board Secretary, worked as an office volunteer and defined and coordinated several courses.

Dr. Charles F. Gattis, Jr served 43 years of ministry in various churches across North Alabama. As a minister, he served on various committees and boards within the North Alabama Conference as well as communities where he lived. He served as a trustee for Birmingham-Southern College, became the founding president of the Alexander City Rotary Club, and served as a member of the planning board for the Benjamin Russell Hospital. He was also a member of the United Methodist Children's Home Board of Trustees. When Dr Gattis retired in 2012 as Senior Pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church, he located permanently in Huntsville. He has served as a member and president of the Pilgrimage Association and currently is president of the Huntsville Photographic Society. As a member of LearningQUEST since 2015, Dr. Gattis has taught has taught two courses and serves on the Program Development and the Communications committees.

Jim Kirkwood served as a civilian supervisor for fifteen years in U.S. Army research, Development, and engineering organizations. His career included working as a senior engineer for nine years at a Huntsville engineering and technology company. He has been a resident of Huntsville/Madison for 22 years. After his retirement in 2014, he joined and became an active member of LearningQUEST. HIS activities include leading Rally Day efforts, supporting attendance tracking functions, assisting the Communications Committee with its media/publicity efforts and providing administrative assistance in the LearningQUEST office.

Linda Carol Hicklin McGuiness, a retired educator and native of Huntsville, holds degrees in Elementary Education from the University of Alabama in Huntsville and Alabama A&M University. She served as a teacher and as an assistant principal and principal in local school systems. Her many volunteer hours include Early Works, Constitution Hall Village, Huntsville Depot Museum, Burritt on the Mountain, St Vincent de Paul Charity Store, and Meals on Wheels in Madison. As a member of LearningQUEST for about 10 years, Linda has "attended outstanding classes, traveled to local sites of interest, traveled to Prince Edward Island, and met many wonderful people." She has also served on the Program Development Committee and as

a program coordinator. She cites LearningQUEST as a wonderful organization that allows her to continue to learn, grow, and stay in touch with others in the community. Linda is married to David McGuinness; they have two children and five grandchildren.

John H. Ofenloch has been very active in his 45 years of living in the Huntsville community, with leadership roles in many organizations which include: the Early Works Museum and Huntsville Utilities Electric, and Water and Gas Utilities, Madison Marshall County American Red Cross, the Huntsville Kiwanis, the Huntsville Jaycees, the Citizens Advisory Council for the City Community Development Department, the Madison County Muscular Dystrophy Association, the United Way, the North East Alabama State Fair, and the North Alabama Kidney Foundation. He was a Charter Board member of the Historic Huntsville Foundation and Huntsville Public Radio. He has served on the UAH Alumni Board of Directors and on the Advisory Board to the UAH School of Administrative Science. John currently serves as the Chairman of the Huntsville/Madison County Metropolitan Planning Committee Citizens Advisory, as a tour guide for the Huntsville Botanical Gardens, as a Docent for the Saturn V display at the ASRC, and as a member of the Rotary Club. At LearningQUEST, John has served as President, Development Committee Chair, and has planned and coordinated several programs. John and his late wife Katherine McMahon have three children and six grandchildren.

2020 Officer Nominees:

President - John Ofenloch

Vice President – Charles Gattis

Secretary - Jill Bromley

Treasurer – Gwen Goins-Pratt