

Secretary Nominee – Bonny Weil

Short Blurb

Bonny brings over 30 years of management experience to her role as OLL Secretary, where she's already implemented a dual note-taking system and professionalized the office's communications infrastructure. She's passionate about creating institutional memory through organized documentation and clear protocols that will help future board members build on past work rather than reinventing the wheel. Beyond the library, Bonny volunteers as Secretary for Democrats Abroad, leads a monthly community kitchen team at Comedor Lili, and volunteers with EnVia, a non-profit which offers microloans and business education to women in the Tlacalula valley, demonstrating her commitment to strengthening community organizations throughout Oaxaca.

Long Blurb

Bonny retired to Mexico in 2020 after a decades-long career as a building contractor, bringing deep experience in project management, complex coordination, and turning vision into tangible results. After five years in the Yucatan Peninsula, she moved to Oaxaca almost two years ago and immediately connected with the library as a source of community information. When then-President Gail needed a secretary mid-term, Bonny stepped up without hesitation—a pattern of community service she continues through her roles with Democrats Abroad and her monthly community kitchen volunteer team [at Comedor Itzel?].

As Secretary, Bonny has already transformed the role's infrastructure. She created a comprehensive dual note-taking system with detailed internal minutes for board continuity and streamlined public versions for transparency. She established a professional secretarial email account, and she's building organized volunteer databases and contact groups to make information accessible across the organization.

Looking forward, Bonny envisions creating tiered documentation systems that preserve institutional memory and prevent the conflict that can arise from unclear procedures. Her goal is establishing clear protocols for all positions, on and off the board, so future board members can build on existing foundations rather than starting from scratch. She finds organizing work deeply satisfying and sees her organizational skills as her way of ensuring the library's sustainability and professionalism for years to come.