

PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR THE OLL BOARD OF DIRECTORS, 2022

Jacki Gordon – President

I am a full-time resident of Oaxaca. Prior to Oaxaca I lived most of my adult life in New York City, with seven years in Amsterdam. I am trained and certified as a psychotherapist, an emergency medical technician (expired), and a Certified Medical Publications Practitioner. My advanced degrees are in psychology and social/organizational behavior.

I have been involved with the Oaxaca Lending Library for 6 years, as a volunteer; a member of the Outreach Committee; a co-founder of Crear y Compartir; Chair of the Fundraising Committee; a Director-at-Large, Vice President, and President of the Board. I am also an enthusiastic Orientation Guide for Fundacion EnVia and was on their Fundraising Committee during the pandemic.

I am interested in helping the OLL to not only get back to where we were pre-pandemic, but to move forward with some new ideas, new programs, new members, and increased community involvement.

Dottie Bellinger - Vice President

- **Full-time Oaxaca Resident** and OLL member for the past six years; prior visitor for 12 years.
- **Career Experience:** Current: retired. Previous: Social services advocacy and volunteer management; career coaching/training for an international outplacement company.
- **Board Experience:** Current: Just finishing Director-at-large term on the OLL Board. Temporarily served as Secretary and then Vice President when those positions had been vacated. Previous: Served as Treasurer on the Board of a U.S. national organization and regained their lapsed federal nonprofit status.
- **Other Activities:** Administrator for the website, OaxacaEvents.com, where I and other volunteers research and post events. Also played a key role in the recent OLL “Ensuring our Future” fundraising campaign.
- **Goals:** (1) Continue the OLL as a lending library and as a learning and social resource for visitors, ex-pats and the greater Oaxacan community; (2) Organize a volunteer database to facilitate communication and match their interests and skills with the many volunteer opportunities at the OLL; (3) Improve the financial stability of the OLL through a combination of giving, activities, and memberships.

Mary Phillips – Secretary

I grew up in rural Illinois and remember fondly that the first library I visited was the Bookmobile, which appeared in a town close to us once a month. That began my love affair with libraries. As an educator in an Iowa high school my students and I made regular visits to the local library. My hope was that they would discover the wonders of libraries as I had as I grew older.

I think that the Oaxaca Lending Library is a jewel. Its outreach into the surrounding community is admirable and important. One way for me to support all the good that it offers is to act as Board Secretary. My work as secretary offers me the chance to learn more about the library and help it continue to grow and become an even more important part of the community.

David Shallenberger - Member At Large

David Shallenberger is a semi-retired international educator who moved to Oaxaca with his husband, Harvey, after living in Cuenca, Ecuador, for three years. He continues to teach and advise graduate students and volunteer with various educational and social projects. In addition to Ecuador and Mexico, David has lived in Brazil, Peru, and Spain, and his work has taken him to dozens of countries throughout the world. He has taught at universities in Hong Kong, Vermont, Illinois, and California, and has run study abroad programs for over thirty years in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and Europe. He has served in leadership roles in several educational and social organizations, most significantly the Forum on Education Abroad and NAFSA (The Association of International Educators).

Peter McCallion – Member At Large

Now that I am a permanent resident, I am able to devote more time to the OLL. I am a retired librarian and currently a member of the Book Committee where my duties include book cataloging and collection maintenance. I have served as Chair of the Book Committee and as a member of the Events Committee, the Out and About committee and the library Reopening Committee, among others.