# Annual Report

2024-2025



# GEORGIA GERONTOLOGY SOCIETY, INCORPORATED ANNUAL REPORT 2024-2025



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# About the Georgia Gerontology Society (GGS)

## **About**

Since 1955, the Georgia
Gerontology Society,
Incorporated (GGS) has been a
tradition for professionals in
aging as a membership
organization of people with a
common interest in the field of
aging. GGS is the largest state
organization of multidisciplinary
professionals in the field of
aging.

Through collaborations, GGS gives voice and guidance to aging issues at the state and national level.

By providing quality education and training opportunities, GGS enhances professional and personal development.
GGS supports students pursuing careers in gerontology through networking, mentoring, and scholarships.

# Board of Directors

GGS has a Board of Directors that directs the business of the organization. The GGS board is elected by the membership and comprised of the officers, past president, sections and chapter representatives, if applicable, and members at large.

## **Mission**

GGS is a statewide multidisciplinary professional network that educates, serves, and advocates for older adults and their families.

## **Vision**

GGS will be the principal network of educators, professionals, and businesses that serve older adults in Georgia.

## Statement of Operations

## **Period of Report**

August 1, 2024 - July 11, 2025

## Income

Total Income	\$129,214.02
Other Income	\$5.02
Membership Dues	\$8,945.00
Scholarship Fund	\$5,209.00
Annual Conference	\$115,055.00

## **Expenses**

Annual Conference	\$146,348.60
Payroll Expenses	\$0.00
Consulting Fees	\$32,623.00
Administration	\$5,172,31
Committee Expenses	\$2,230.63
Other Expenses	\$977.28
Community Foundation Admin	5,723.36
Total Expenses	\$190,844.55

## **Community Foundation Fund**

\$371,374.99

<sup>\*</sup>The Community Foundation is used exclusively for Student Scholarships

<sup>\*\*</sup>Available assets include Checking/Savings Account and Money Market Account

# 2024-2025: A Year in Review

## **Membership**

## **Individual Memberships**

General: 83Student: 16Lifetime: 20Retiree: 8

## Organizatinoal Memberships

For-Profit Organizations: 2Non-Profit Organizations: 22

## 189 Total Memberships

## **Committee Work**

## **Advocacy and Public Policy**

GGS continued to support the Georgia Council on Aging and Coalition of Advocates for Georgia's Elderly (Co-Age). GGS participates in the Co-Age grassroots priority planning process every year by holding a GGS membership listening session and selecting an issue to submit for consideration by Co-Age. As an organizational member of Co-Age, GGS participated in the submission process for the 2025 legislative session. GGS's legislative submission proposed the establishment of legislation in Georgia to establish a formal process for supportive decision-making as an alternative to guardianship to create an avenue for adults seeking decision-making assistance in the least restrictive way. While this issue did not move forward, GGS looks forward to supporting Co-Age's continued efforts to find a legislative sponsor for the 2026 session.

GGS also supports the other Co-Age priorities. For 2025, the priorities included the following:

- 1. Perennial Budget Request: Funding for Non-Medicaid Home & Community-Based Services (HCBS): Co-Age advocated for an additional \$2.5 Million for HCBS and secured almost half the ask with over \$1 million in HCBS funding added to the FY2026 budget. These funds will provide critical resources to help seniors live independently, including services like home-delivered meals and respite care.
- 2. Funding to Study Medicaid in Assisted Living: Exploring how Medicaid coverage for assisted living could improve access to long-term care in Georgia did not receive any funding, but Co-Age continues to actively advocate for support for the request for independent study funding.
- 3. Updating Georgia's Adult Abuse, Neglect & Exploitation Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) Law to better address adult abuse, neglect, and exploitation throughout the state in a systematic effort. Through the Co-Age workgroup meeting discussions in the fall, Co-Age decided to tackle this issue in two coordinated efforts. First, Co-Age requested funding for \$200,000 for one MDT Coordinator position within the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council to coordinate the efforts of the current Adult Abuse MDTs that exist. This would be a pilot for the program that the state could build on. Unfortunately, the legislature did not add any funding for FY2026, but Co-Age remains committed to advancing this priority in future sessions. Second, Co-Age partnered with the Alzheimer's Association to support their legislative priority, HB 238 At-Risk Adult Training that included Alzheimer's and dementia training for all First Responders. This legislation passed both chambers with overwhelming support, and the Georgia Public Safety Training Center is already at work implementing this new training program online.

For the 2026 legislative session, the GGS advocacy committee held a listening session with the membership to learn about potential issues for submission consideration. The committee had an overwhelming number of members attend this listening session, and it led to the board of directors voting on and submitting both a legislative and budget issue. The legislative submission proposed the creation of a Georgia Master Plan on Aging to serve as a roadmap for government agencies, organizations, and stakeholders to coordinate efforts and allocate resources effectively to support well-being and quality of life for older adults. The budget submission for 2026 requests advocacy for state funding to support aging programs that may be impacted by federal cuts.

#### **Awards**

GGS annually acknowledges the outstanding achievements of individuals in the fields of gerontology and aging through the presentation of awards during its annual meeting and conference. GGS established an early tradition of recognizing significant achievements and contributions to the field of aging and, since 1966, has included an awards ceremony as a highlight during the annual meeting.

Over time, GGS awards have been renamed for individuals who have been significant to GGS, gerontology, and other aging fields in the state of Georgia. In 2025, as part of GGS's ongoing efforts to ensure its awards remain inclusive and meaningful to all members of the community, the awards committee decided to return to the GGS tradition of using award names that describe the nature and purpose of each award. This change was made with deep respect for the GGS legacies after whom the awards were previously named, and their contributions continue to be honored through the values embodied in each award. The impact of these forebearers remains foundational, and their influence is acknowledged through efforts to ensure the awards are accessible and relatable to all members. To further recognize these foundational figures, a new award dedicated to them will be announced at the 2025 annual meeting on July 15th. A second new award will also debut at that time.

Additionally, this year, the awards committee clarified the eligibility criteria for all GGS awards, making the criteria for each more detailed. This specificity provided better insight into the types of contributions and achievements the awards are intended to recognize. The expanded criteria include examples to help illustrate eligibility, but are not exhaustive or strict requirements, and award recipients do not need to meet every listed element. The new level of detail is meant to guide and inspire thoughtful nominations.

The awards are now:

\*Two new awards to be announced on July 15th

The Change Agent Award (formerly the Kay Hind Award)

The Direct Impact Award (formerly the Dan Hickman Award)

The Distinguished Professional in Aging Award (formerly the Elsie Alvis Award)

The Educator Aurora Award (formerly the Marietta Suhart Award)

The Pioneer in Positive Aging Award (formerly the John Tyler Mauldin Award)

The Public Service Champion for Aging Award (Formerly the David Levine

Legislative Award)

Certificate of Merit

To read eligibility and criteria for the awards, visit the <u>awards page</u> of the GGS website.

# SEE THE 2024 AWARD WINNERS ON PAGES 14-16. 2025 AWARD WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON JULY 15, 2025

#### Communications

The communications committee coordinates internal and external communications, with special attention to the GGS website, social media, and public relations activities. Through communication campaigns, the committee promotes membership in GGS and awareness of issues important to both GGS and gerontology generally. The committee also serves as the documentarian of the long, rich legacy of GGS and helps GGS meet the requirement of publishing the annual report.

The committee played a vital role in amplifying GGS's mission and enhancing engagement across members, partners, and the public throughout the year. Efforts focused on strengthening GGS's digital presence, ensuring diverse communication usage, and supporting society-wide initiatives. The committee's work included delivering newsletters and targeted email campaigns promoting events, scholarship opportunities, conference registration, and member news; sharing conference updates, relevant news, advocacy updates, and highlighting aging professionals across the state on Facebook, LinkedIn, and X; and creating templates, forms, and guides to support committee work and member communications.

This year, the committee began a process to have a comprehensive content audit of the GGS website and initiated updates to improve the accuracy of the website's information, as well as its usability and accessibility. The committee also partnered with Reckon Branding to refine GGS's messaging and visual identity, laying the groundwork for a refreshed GGS brand strategy.

## Development

The development committee coordinates fundraising activities and resource development and assists with the implementation of strategic plan goals and objectives approved by the board of directors. The development committee is the lifeblood of GGS. By ensuring GGS' economic growth and seizing new opportunities for development, the committee leads efforts to provide for the longevity of GGS.

During the 2024-2025 year, the development committee faced challenges in advancing its planned initiatives due to a vacancy in the committee chair position. Without consistent leadership in place, the committee was unable to convene regularly and maintain the necessary momentum to meet its established goals.

Efforts are currently underway to identify and appoint a new chair to ensure the committee can resume its critical work and make meaningful progress moving forward.

## **Access and Belonging**

To better reflect the focus and purpose of its work, members of the diversity, equity, and inclusion committee decided to rename the committee to the access and belonging committee in early 2025. This change was made with careful consideration and is intended to more accurately convey the committee's ongoing efforts to create inclusive environments where all individuals feel welcome, valued, and supported.

The access and belonging committee constantly endeavors to make GGS a place that welcomes all persons and seeks to address inequities, social injustice, and disparities in access to community resources. The committee develops strategies for promoting access and belonging throughout GGS's programming and organizational structure, as well as within the larger aging network.

Though the work of the committee did not advance as expected due to a midterm vacancy in the chair position, the committee members and larger board partnered to ensure accessibility remained a priority when planning the annual meeting and conference.

## **Executive Committee**

This year, the executive committee led the board in navigating its new operational structure, which was established in 2024. With this structure, the board no longer has an executive director, and two independent contractors perform administrative tasks formerly executed by the executive director. GGS currently works with two independent contractors – a virtual assistant and a bookkeeper – who have continued to be excellent resources for GGS in the 2024-2025 term.

This year, the executive committee also implemented further measures to provide for secure maintenance of GGS's business records and financial accounts. After multiple attempts to fraudulently access the GGS financial accounts, the executive committee held an emergency vote to close the GGS bank account and open a new account with the financial institution. The president and treasurer also opened a community checking account which is designed for non-profit organizations and allows for greater flexibility and support options.

The immediate past president also continued work to revise GGS's bylaws through an ad hoc committee authorized during the 2023-2024 term. The committee is undertaking a process that involves reviewing GGS's existing rules and then researching requirements, best practices, and the rules that apply to non-profit organization bylaws in Georgia to inform the revision process. Committee members partnered with the communications committee to solicit participation in the bylaws revision process from the wider GGS membership. The committee's work will continue into 2026.

The president also led efforts to increase the accountability of board members to help ensure active participation and an equitable distribution of responsibilities across the board.

## Membership

GGS is a membership-based organization. The membership committee is the steward of GGS's most precious asset: its membership. The committee promotes the benefits of GGS membership, recruits new and renewed memberships, and seeks input from members regarding opportunities to make GGS membership more rewarding

## Nominating

GGS is led by a 30-member board of directors. The nominating committee ensures that the GGS board is comprised of bright, resourceful, and committed leaders.

The committee recruits GGS members to serve in the positions of officers, board members, and the next nominating committee. The committee employs surveys to identify gaps in leadership and recruits potential board members who offer professional, geographic, and identity diversity.

## SEE PAGES 18-21 FOR THE SLATE OF OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS ELECTED IN 2024 AND 2025.

## Research, Education, and Training

The research, education, and training (RET) committee promotes professional development, expands awareness of issues important in gerontology and aging, and supports research beneficial to older adults. In 2025, the RET committee hosted a webinar with over 30 registrants on Elder Justice Coalitions and the vital role they play in ensuring older adults' needs are represented in areas such as food insecurity, transportation, housing, abuse prevention, and supported decision-making.

The RET committee has two more webinars scheduled for August and September 2025 that will take deep dives into programs and initiatives that seek to improve the lives of older Georgians - Georgia GEAR and the GUIDE model. The RET is among the most active committees in GGS and had a successful 2024 -2025 term.

## SEE PAGES 12-13 FOR A DESCRIPTION OF THE 2024-2025 RET WEBINAR OFFERINGS.

## Scholarship Fund

The scholarship fund committee oversees the development and distribution of the scholarship fund based on criteria approved by the GGS board of directors. Scholarship funds are administered by the Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta, Inc.

Currently, GGS offers three annual scholarships: the Robert P. Wray undergraduate scholarship, the Virginia M. Smyth graduate scholarship, and the Lois Ricci scholarship for older adults.

## SEE PAGES 16-17 FOR SCHOLARSHIP DESCRIPTIONS AND 2025 RECIPIENTS

#### **Conference Committees**

The annual conference requires year-round planning. Conference committees exist to ensure GGS offers quality sessions at the conference, gains financial support for the conference through sponsorships, and delivers a welcoming and engaging conference experience. As a professional network that values education, professional development, and mentoring future generations of professionals in the fields of aging and gerontology, the annual conference serves as the centerpiece of GGS's activities.

## **Annual Meeting and Conference**

#### 2024 Conference

The 69th Annual Conference was held at the Great Wolf Lodge, LaGrange, GA on August 12-14, 2024. The conference theme was "Aging Better Together."

Sponsors included: Three Rivers Area Agency on Aging, Reckon Branding, Georgia Estate & Elder Law, Tools for Life, AARP, Georgia Health Initiative, G4A, Georgia State University Gerontology Institute, ActiveLife - Troup County Senior Centers, Diversified Resources, GBI, and the University of North Georgia Institute for Healthy Aging.

Exhibitors were the Alzheimer's Association, Georgia Council on Aging, Mom's Meals, and the Southern Gerontological Society.

One hundred and eighty one attendees participated in the three-day event that included 36 session offerings and 66 speakers. The silent auction raised \$2,684.00 for the scholarship fund.

#### 2025 Conference

Chateau Elan in Braselton, Georgia will host the 2025 conference July 14-16. The conference will offer 31 sessions for some 200 attendees scheduled to participate. The theme is "70 Years of Service: Empowering Professionals and Championing Aging."

Thank you to sponsors: Reckon Branding, Georgia Health Initiative, Northwest Georgia Area Agency on Aging, AARP Georgia, Coastal Regional Commission of Georgia Area Agency on Aging, Georgia State University Gerontology Institute, Amramp Accessibility of Georgia, Diversified Resources, Food Fitness First, Inc., Love Feeds, Inc., and Southern Georgia Regional Commission Area Agency on Aging.

# 2024-2025 Research, Education, and Training Webinar Offerings

## Advocating for Aging: The Crucial Role of Elder Justice Coalitions

Anna Thomas, MS, CACTS, Georgia Division of Aging Services

## **Description**

Elder Justice Coalitions are vital to advocacy at the state level. Members from different disciplines come together to ensure older adults' needs are represented in areas such as food insecurity, transportation, housing, abuse prevention, and supported decision-making. During this webinar, Anna Thomas talked about the composition of state elder justice coalitions, which states have elder justice coalitions, and Georgia's progress towards an elder justice coalition.

**Registrations:** 31

## Georgia Gear Improves the Lives of Older Adults in Georgia!

Ted Johnson, MD, MPH

### **Description**

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) funds 43 regional programs across the US to serve as Geriatrics Workforce Enhancement Programs (GWEPs). In Georgia, Emory University coordinates a state-wide partnership to assist older Georgians live better lives. They do this by allying with partners, amplifying their work, and creating eye-opening solutions to common problems. The programs range from improv communication training, primary care for persons living with dementia, training certified nursing assistants, and working with churches to improve their accessibility for those aging with memory loss. During this webinar, Dr. Johnson will share more about the Georgia Gear and the great work they do across the state.

## Guiding and Improved Dementia Experience (GUIDE) in Georgia

Carolyn Clevenger, DNP, RN, GNP-BC, AGPCNP-BC, FAANP, FGSA Laura Medders, LCSW

## Description

The Guiding an Improved Dementia Experience (GUIDE) Model is an innovative Medicare initiative launched by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on July 1, 2024. This eight-year, nationwide program aims to enhance the quality of life for individuals living with dementia and alleviate the burden on their unpaid caregivers. The model focuses on delivering comprehensive, coordinated care that enables individuals to remain in their homes and communities, thereby reducing unnecessary hospitalizations and long-term care placements. Emory Integrated Memory Care has been offering GUIDE services since 2024. The presentation will explore GUIDE's goals and discuss ways to engage with a GUIDE program in Georgia.

## **GGS** Awards

## 2024 Winners

The **Elsie Alvis Award** (formerly the Professional Award) is given to an outstanding professional in gerontology with a minimum of 15 years of service. The award was first given in 1970 as the Professional Award and was renamed in honor of Elsie Alvis in 1980. This designation honors Elsie Avis, an early GGS member who received the Individual Award in 1966, the first year GGS made awards. Elsie served as the Director of the Governor's Commission on Aging, later the State Commission on Aging, beginning in 1960. She served well past the age of 70 and directed a statewide study to develop Georgia's Story of Her Aging, published as the official Georgia report to the 1961 White House Conference on Aging.

2024 Recipient: Becky Kurtz

The **John Tyler Mauldin Award** is given to an older individual in Georgia who exemplifies a positive role model of outstanding achievement in the field of aging. The award was presented to Dr. Mauldin in 1967 as the First Annual Outstanding Achievement Award, and was renamed to honor its first recipient the following year. Dr. Mauldin, a prominent Atlanta surgeon and early GGS activist, was appointed in 1959 to chair the newly established Governor's Commission on Aging, later the State Commission. He directed the planning of Georgia's participation in the 1961 White House Conference on Aging.

2024 Recipient: Renee Sanders

The **Louis Newmark Award** is presented to an individual providing at least 10 years of service to aging, with particular attention to the Georgia Gerontology Society. The award was first given in 1982 to Louis Newmark, the society's first president, to recognize his nearly three decades of service to gerontology in Georgia and GGS. Louis Newmark also won several GGS awards for his social service and service to the GGS, and was GGS's historian for the first three decades of its existence. He was also a founder of the Georgia Conference on Social Welfare.

2024 Recipient: Elizabeth Head

#### 2024 Winners

The **Marietta Suhart Award**, established in 1993 shortly after Marietta's death, is given to an individual with demonstrated ability to educate para-professionals, professionals, and other persons working with older adults; proven leadership and vision in gerontology with the development and expansion educational programs and services; and recognized ability to touch as well as to teach learners. A long-time GGS Board member, hardworking committee member, and enthusiastic educator who fit the description of the award established in her name, Marietta Suhart was the Gerontology Specialist with the University of Georgia Continuing Education program.

## 2024 Recipient: Candace Kemp

The **Dan Hickman Award** is presented to the person who has shown excellence in the profession of care management and who exhibits leadership in the profession by providing exceptional direct services, training fellow care managers, and advocating for improvements in care management. The award was established in 1998 and first presented in 1999 in memory of Dan, who was the Community Care Services Program Manager with the Georgia Division of Aging Services. He helped to define care management as a profession in Georgia, and he exhibited great spirit, zest, and integrity in support of the profession.

## 2024 Recipient: Lynn Joiner

The **David L. Levine Legislative Award**, established in 1993 as the Legislative Award, is given to a legislator who has sponsored or co-sponsored legislation intended to improve the quality of life for older adults; has consistently supported aging issues; and has been willing to listen to the concerns of Georgia's older adults. This award has now been named to honor Dr. David L. Levine, who devoted his adult life to advocating for those who could not advocate for themselves.

## 2024 Recipient: Representative Sharon Cooper

The **Kay Hind Change Agent Award**, established in 2017, is awarded to an individual who is a driving force in creating change that improves the lives of older adults in Georgia. Kay Hind provided 49 years of exemplary service to Georgia's aging population. Her vision, persistence, patience, expertise, advocacy, and collaborations cemented the foundation for change in southwest Georgia and beyond.

## 2024 Recipient: Dave Lamb

**Citations of Merit** may also be chosen and presented by the awards committee to special individuals who deserve recognition because of achievement, service, exemplary living, and commitment to aging.

2024 Recipient: Fran Stewart

## GGS Scholarships

GGS provides scholarship opportunities to outstanding graduate and undergraduate students who are committed to pursuing a career in the field of aging.

GGS awards two scholarships each year to promote students' interest in aging-related issues and professional development in gerontology. The Robert P. Wray Scholarship of \$2,000 is awarded to one undergraduate student, and the Virginia M. Smyth Scholarship of \$3,000 is awarded to one graduate student.

In addition to student scholarships, one older adult is awarded the Lois Ricci Scholarship for Older Adults, which allows GGS to acknowledge and celebrate their dedication and contribution to aging-related services.

## The Robert P. Wray Undergraduate Scholarship

Robert P. Wray was an active GGS member, a founder of numerous service programs in Pennsylvania and Georgia, and the first director of the University of Georgia's Gerontology Center. He was first posthumously honored in 1989 through the creation of the Wray Legislative Award. However, GGS members quickly realized that renaming the annual gerontology scholarship award after him would better honor his memory.

**2025 Recipient:** Natalia Perez is a student at Kennesaw State University pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Public Health with a concentration in Nursing. Natalia's ultimate career goal is to become a nurse-midwife, providing compassionate care across the full spectrum of women's health, from childbirth to the unique needs of aging women.

## The Virginia M. Smyth Graduate Scholarship

The Virginia M. Smyth Scholarship is presented annually to offer financial support to persons seeking to advance their careers in aging-related studies. The fund, established in 1998, provides scholarships for graduate study in gerontology and other aging-related fields and promotes leadership development in aging to support a broad knowledge base, strong organizational skills, and a vision for the future. The scholarship was first awarded in 2004 and named for Virginia Smyth, a founding member of GGS and the spirit behind the establishment and endowment of the GGS Scholarship Fund.

**2025 Recipient:** Delaney Lockwood is an MD/MPH student at the Augusta University/University of Georgia Medical Partnership. She will be applying to Neurology residency this year, and she has special interests in movement disorders and neurodegenerative diseases.

## The Louis Ricci Older Adults Scholarship

As a network that educates, serves, and advocates for older adults and their families, GGS sponsors an annual gerontology scholarship award program for older adults. This program provides a scholarship opportunity to attend the GGS annual conference for older adults in Georgia. By sponsoring this award, GGS aims to promote continued interest and involvement in aging-related issues across the lifespan.

**2025 Recipient:** Xavier Kim transitioned from a 30-year career in children's education to a passionate advocate for aging populations, dedicating his retirement to serving disadvantaged older adults through community work and policy engagement. As a member of the Atlanta Regional Commission's Advisory Committee on Aging and a leader within local senior organizations, he is committed to promoting dignity, equity, and quality of life for older adults.

# Leadership: GGS Officers, Board Members at Large, and Nominating Committee

## **Terms of Office**

## **Executive Committee Officers**

One year, beginning at the annual meeting and ending at the next annual meeting. Officers may serve up to two consecutive terms.

## Members at Large

Three years, beginning October 1 of the year of election and ending on September 30 of the third year. Members at large may serve up to two consecutive terms.

### 2023-2024

# Executive Committee July 25, 2023- August 13, 2024

Aimee Stowe, President
Temitope Walker, Vice President
Kay Graham, Secretary
Abby Cox, Treasurer
Lois Ricci, Immediate Past President (deceased November 4, 2022)

## Members at Large

## October 1, 2021 - September 30, 2024

Jeannette David Ajené Hall (filled a vacant position October 1, 2023) Victoria Helmly Bonnie Kin (resigned July 13, 2024) Doug Lueder

Bernard Moore (filled a vacant position October 1, 2023; resigned April 30, 2024)

Nancy Pitra

Tori Windsor Foisy (filled a vacant position October 1, 2023)

## October 1, 2022 - September 30, 2025

Aisha Adkins

Alima Anderson

Mary Caldwell (resigned January 16, 2024)

Carol Jacobs

Beatrice Olden (resigned November 15, 2023)

Stacy Stafford (resigned January 2024)

Aimee Stowe

Shawn Taylor

Temitope Walker

## October 1, 2023 - September 30, 2026

Mariama Battle

Erin Beasley

Pam Clayton

Susie Fussell

Bryan Hay

Annie Long

Kimberly Mathis

Alice Boughrum

Anna Thomas

April-Spring Wood

Dolka Michelle Zelaya

## **Nominating Committee**

Mary Caldwell, Chair (resigned January 16, 2024)

Alice Boughrum, Chair (appointed February 29, 2024)

Kristie Sharp

Jeannette David

Sarah Saint Hamilton

### 2024-2025

### **Executive Committee**

## August 14, 2024- July 16, 2025

Temitope Walker, President

Shawn Taylor, Vice President

Alice Boughrum, Secretary

Nancy Pitra, Treasurer

Aimee Stowe, Immediate Past President

## Members at Large

## October 1, 2022-September 30, 2025

Aisha Adkins (resigned January 14, 2025)

Alima Anderson

Carol Jacobs

Shawanda Jackson (filled a vacant position October 1, 2024)

Kay McCurdy (filled a vacant position October 1, 2024)

Tamala Williams (filled a vacant position October 1, 2024; resigned March 2, 2025)

## **October 1, 2023-September 30, 2026**

Mariama Battle Chisholm

Erin Beaslev

Susie Fussell

Bryan Hay

Kimberly Mathis

Anna Thomas (resigned May 22, 2025)

April-Spring Wood

Michelle Zelaya

## **October 1, 2024-September 30, 2027**

Scott Courson

Ajene Hall

Carrie Harris

Yulisa Hernandez

Yolanda Mendoza-Miller

Megan Passineau

**Audrey Price** 

Amy Riedesel Nicola Williams Tori Windsor-Foisy Jessica Zagarella

## **Nominating Committee**

Aimee Stowe, Chair
Babs Hall (resigned February 1, 2025)
Victoria Helmly
Megan Stadnisky (appointed January 10, 2025)
April-Spring Wood

#### 2025-2026

### **Executive Committee**

Temitope Walker, President
Shawn Taylor, Vice President
Alice Boughrum, Secretary
Nancy Pitra, Treasurer (resigned April 18, 2025)
Susan Morgan, Treasurer (elected for term beginning July 15)
Aimee Stowe, Immediate Past President

## Members at Large October 1, 2023-September 30, 2026

Mariama Chisholm
Erin Beasley
Susie Fussell
Bryan Hay
Kimberly Mathis
Anna Thomas (resigned May 22, 2025)
April-Spring Wood
Michelle Zelaya

## October 1, 2024-September 30, 2027

Scott Courson
Ajene Hall
Carrie Harris
Yulisa Hernandez
Yolanda Mendoza-Miller
Megan Passineau

Audrey Price Amy Riedesel Nicola Williams Tori Windsor-Foisy Jessica Zagarella

## October 1, 2025-September 30, 2028

Alima Anderson
Christina (Tina) Cifuentes
Libby Dunahoo
Shawanda Jackson
Carol Jacobs
Kelley Napier
Ladisa Onyiliogwu
Emily Rogers
Donovan Stephens
Aimee Stowe

## **Nominating Committee**

Jennifer Craft Morgan Andrew Hale Melanie McNeil Kim McRae Natasha Patrick

# Employees and Independent Contractors

Administrative coordinator, contracted through Belay Solutions, May 2024-Present: Lisa Billingsley

Independent contractor for bookkeeping and website and membership database maintenance: Amanda James