

HLAA-CA BALLOT - Deadline January 15, 2018

The HLAA-CA Nominating Committee is proud to submit the following candidates for the HLAA-CA Board of Trustees. The term of office is three years. Successful candidates will begin their terms at the Board of Trustees 2018 annual meeting. Please vote for no more than five candidates by entering an "X" in the space next to the candidate's name.

Note: Only members in good standing of the Hearing Loss Association of America (National organization) may vote. The return address is the only identifier used, so it is important that your return address match the records of HLAA membership. Family memberships are identified as two names on the membership records we receive from HLAA National. In this case, each member is entitled to vote. Return envelopes containing ballots must show the voter's name and address in the return address area of the envelope, but not on the ballot. Envelopes without a return address or postmarked after January 15, 2018 will be considered invalid and will not be counted.

Toni Barrient, HLAA Mission Viejo Chapter

I have been an HLAA member for 20 years. I was President of the SHHH Orange County chapter in 2000-2001 before being recruited to work in the SHHH (now HLAA) office in Bethesda. I worked for SHHH/HLAA for 9+ years as Director of Member Services and Chapter Development. I retired from HLAA to move back to California. Currently I am a chapter advisor for the Mission Viejo Chapter (6 years) and the City of Orange Chapter (2 years) as well as president of the Hearing Well Club in Laguna Woods Village (6 years). I have a profound hearing loss and wear a cochlear implant and power hearing aid. I am interested in advocating for hearing accessibility and want to work legislation to require T-coil counseling for each hearing aid purchase so hearing aid users are able to access hearing loops and personal neck loop technology.

Lynne Kinsey, HLAA-Silicon Valley Chapter, *Incumbent*

I am currently president of HLAA-Silicon Valley in San Jose and am on the Board of Directors of HLAA-CA, now running for re-election. HLAA-CA serves as a conduit between HLAA and local chapters. During my term, I have visited a variety of chapters and have tried to keep in touch regularly with presidents and members. It is important for chapters and members to feel their connection to something larger, to see themselves as part of a bigger picture. I hope the state organization will continue to sponsor events like the Hearing Loss Expos, which make information available to our members and members of the community about resources and products to help with hearing loss. I am proud and appreciative of the things HLAA does nationally and I look forward to representing you in this communal effort to educate and advocate for the needs of those with hearing loss.

Gail Morrison, HLAA-Long Beach/Lakewood Chapter, *Incumbent*

Over the years, I have served on the Board of Directors of seven different organizations, holding nearly every officer's position including President. From 2008-2010, I served on a multi-million dollar corporate Board of Directors as Press and Public Relations Chairman for the Assistance League of Long Beach. I have been promoting publicity for HLAA-Long Beach/Lakewood Chapter and the American Association of University Women (AAUW) since 2008 by sending out press releases to 30+ media newspapers/online sources on a monthly or as-needed basis. In February 2011, I was appointed to serve on the Disabled Resources Center, Inc. (DRC) Board of Directors in Long Beach and have served as Vice President since 2015. My past activities can easily be transferred to service on the Board of Trustees for the Hearing Loss Association of California. I have been serving as HLAA-CA Vice President since 2015.

Louis H. Shaup

I became an HLAA veteran-member just prior to attending the Salt Lake City conference this past June. I have been retired since June 2010. My work background includes military service, private sector employment and private and public school education. I became hearing impaired during my military service. I have been wearing two hearing aids for many years now. I have severe to profound hearing loss. My involvement with hearing impaired folks has been with my work in public school education. I had responsibility as a counselor and administrator for Special Education students with hearing and visual impairment, communicative issues as well as multiple issues. Since we had something in common, I related well with students and parents in giving them the full range of opportunities. I was their advocate and support. I feel that I can contribute much to HLAA and HLAA-CA. It is my hope that you will give me the opportunity to serve our communities as a board member.

Katie Wright, HLAA-Long Beach/Lakewood Chapter

My vision for HLAA-CA includes expanding the Tech Expos to include workshops, becoming involved in legislative issues to help shape the State's response to the needs of the hard-of-hearing community and reaching out to working adults who may be struggling to find or keep a job with their hearing loss. A member of HLAA for 4 years, I've been involved in the leadership of my Chapter from the beginning and am currently President. A retired teacher of 38 years, I was recently certified by HLAA as a Hearing Assistive Technology Trainer with the N-CHATT program. I am also the Late-Deafened Representative on the Administrative Committee for the California Phones program. I believe I have much to offer the HLAA-CA Board of Trustees and I look forward to serving.

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