

Ballot for 2017 HLAAWI Board of Trustees Election

Note: This ballot rescinds and supersedes the ballot that was included in the HLAA-WI Fall newsletter. That ballot contained incorrect information. Please disregard the original ballot and vote only with this corrected ballot.

Who may vote: Wisconsin residents who are national members of HLAA, are eligible to vote for applicants to the HLAA-WI Board of Trustees. There are four openings on the Board this year.

Applicant Bios & Nominating Committee Recommendations

_____ **Kimberly Fager** - Kimberly was appointed to fill a one year vacancy last year and has chosen to run for a three year term this year. She is a member of the Madison Chapter where she is on the chapter board and serves as webmaster. Kimberly is a recent cochlear implant recipient.

_____ **Namrata (Neethi) Magar** is from Pardeeville, and is active in the Madison HLAA Chapter. She writes: I am very excited to apply for a position on the HLAAWI State Board of Trustees. Hearing loss has been a cause that is very close to me and is something that I interact with on a daily basis. Personally, as someone who has hearing loss and uses bilateral hearing aids and as a mother of a D/HH child. Professionally, as a physician who cares for older adults, several that deal with various degrees of hearing loss and its consequences. Advocacy has been my daily passion. I've been a member of HLAA for 3 years and have seen and benefitted from its tireless work in spreading the word about hearing loss, education, latest technology, policy change, and helping make connections with people who totally understand it. I recommend HLAA every day to my family, friends and patients. By becoming part of the Board, I intend to continue working on hearing loss education and advocacy.

_____ **David Seligman** – David is actively involved in the Madison HLAA chapter. Although he had hearing loss as a child, he was not fitted with hearing aids until he was 26 and in graduate school. He says: “Hearing aids have made a world of difference for me.” Further, “Meeting other people through HLAA who have shared support and personal experiences has been rewarding”. He has attended the past three national HLAA conventions where he has gained a great deal. David is an appointee to the Governor’s Council for Deaf & Hard of Hearing. He believes that the HLAA-WI Board can play an important role in initiating, supporting and promoting various efforts to improve the lives of the deaf, deaf-blind and hard of hearing citizens of our state, and would like the opportunity to help promote these important efforts as an HLAA-WI board member. He also wants to promote telecoil awareness and hearing loop technology.

_____ **Emil Quast** - Is a member of the Madison Chapter. He is from Evansville. He says he is getting ‘up to speed’ on pressing accessibility issues, & believes that’s a high priority issue. He has lived with progressive hearing loss for 25 years, and is especially interested in advocacy.

_____ **I cast my vote for the slate as presented.**

(Optional) Write-in Candidate: _____ (Please provide information about this write in candidate when you return your ballot.)

You may cast your vote at the annual meeting on October 27th if you will be in attendance, or you can vote by e-mail. E-mail your vote to: Nominating Committee Chairperson, [Stephanie Long](#).

If voting online, please include your HLAA National Membership number. _____ It can be found on the label of *The HLAA Magazine* that comes with membership in HLAA.

2017 Nominating committee: Stephanie Long, Natalie Eberle, Pamela Martin & Lisa Zovar