

Acadia Lifelong Learning Advisory Board Nominees



Jean Casey

Education: English and History from St Mary's, St FX and Dalhousie.

Career: Registered Nurse in Obstetrics worked several years as a Labour and Delivery nurse
Extensive courses in Teaching Methods, taught in the Nova Scotia Community College Practical Nursing Programme in Sydney and Bridgewater.

1980-1998 Executive Director and Registrar of the NS Provincial Practical Nurse Programme.
1998 relocated to join my husband who was teaching at West Virginia University.

Volunteer work:

In US involved in volunteer work with the poor through the Church and with Habitat for Humanity.

2004 returned to Nova Scotia and worked as a volunteer with the Palliative Care programme in Cape Breton and became a Board Member.

Recently concluded a Palliative Care course here in the Valley.
I volunteer one day a week at the Valley Hospital.

Involvement with ALL: since arriving in Wolfville in 2004, I try to take at least two courses with ALL every year and try to never miss the Thursday noon lecture

Love for Travel - I have travelled the world and have seen many wonderful sights. I have sailed on the Nile, walked into Tut's tomb and the Pyramids of Egypt, swam in the Dead Sea in Israel, walked on the Great Wall of China, held a Panda Bear in my arms, walked through the Winter palace in Tibet, went on a safari in South Africa, saw the wonders of Dubai, sat on the Diana Bench in front of the Taj Mahal in India and floated around giant ice bergs in the Antarctic. My travels also included winters spent in Australia, New Zealand and Mauritius.

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Dale MacArthur

Dale was born in Halifax, NS and attended Dalhousie University where she obtained a BA and B.Ed. Her interest in education began at a very early age, and after her education degree she taught senior high school in the Annapolis Valley and in Halifax.

Her career changed to the non-profit world when she became a Big Sister Coordinator with the YWCA and later became Executive Director of the Help Line in Halifax. After moving to the Annapolis Valley, she continued her work in the education field by teaching various educational programs, especially the GED program to adults who needed to upgrade their education.

Her latest work was in the health care system, with the Annapolis Valley Health Authority as the Coordinator of the Central Kings Community Health Board. The CHBs are responsible for gaining input from the community about its health needs, based on the Population Health model, then reporting to the health care system to respond to those needs.

Her interest in ALL began four years ago when she retired. She became a member of ALL and took a variety of courses including Blue Beach and Joggins Fossil Cliffs, Oscars and Tonys, Brain Health and a variety of Lunch and Learns. Because of her interest in the ALL program, she also took adult education courses at the Coastal Carolina University (Myrtle Beach, SC) through the OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute) program.

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Stephen J. Slovenz

Stephen was born and raised in Keyport, NJ, a small coastal town with a boat building history. He has a Bachelor of Science degree from Monmouth University and a Master of Arts from Rutgers University. He served two years active duty in the US Coast Guard. He then served in the USCG Reserves, retiring as a Master Chief Boatswain Mate after 31 years.

After teaching Earth Science and Chemistry, and serving as Science Department Supervisor, Steve moved on to a district-wide position, Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction, K-12. He retired in 1994. Early retirement gave him the opportunity to accept the position of Principal of the International School of Grenada, “the best job I ever had”. He lived in Grenada with his wife, Linda, for five years.

Steve was always intrigued by the Maritimes and, following a visit in 2007; the decision was made to move here. Wolfville was attractive because of the University, and the fact that it is an easy community in which to integrate. While living here, he served as the Vice President of the Wolfville and Area Newcomer’s Club, and is still an active member.

During the time he’s lived in the area, Steve has enjoyed the Lunch Time Learning series and has taken several of the courses offered by ALL. Serving on the Board will provide an opportunity for him to contribute to this organization, a major reason that living in Wolfville is such a unique experience.