

Brief Biography for Election to Church-Wide Positions

Position (check one)



Metropolitan Council



Pension Board

Name of nominee: Alexis Liberovsky

Parish/Institution/City, State: Saint Sergius Chapel/OCA Chancery

Hierarch's Signature of approval: _____

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Education:

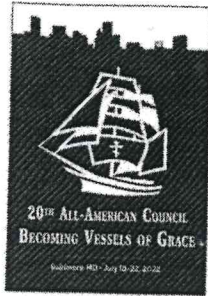
- Saint Sergius Orthodox Theological Institute, Paris, France
- Saint Vladimir's Seminary, Yonkers, NY
- Modern Archives Institute at the National Archives, Washington, DC
- Historical/Archival institute in Moscow as part of a church archivists training course in Russia

Relevant Professional Experience:

- OCA Archivist since 1988
- Recording Secretary of the Metropolitan Council since 2010
- Member of the OCA Statute Revision Task Force 2013-15

Personal Statement Born and raised in Montreal, Canada, I have been a lifelong member of the Metropolia/OCA. I have lived in the US for over four decades. As OCA Archivist for more than three decades, as a participant in drafting the new OCA Statute adopted in 2015, and as Recording Secretary of the Metropolitan Council for a dozen years, I am thoroughly informed and immersed on a daily basis in the nuances of ecclesial structure, the history and functioning of the Church's administrative bodies. This knowledge and experience provides a strong background for working as a member of the Metropolitan Council.

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Name of nominee: Dheanna Pappas Fikaris

Parish/Institution/City, State: St Luke The Evangelist, Palos Hills, IL

Hierarch's Signature of approval:

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Education: Chicago-Kent College of Law 2004

Relevant Professional Experience: Family Law Attorney - Divorce, High Conflict Resolution & Trial, Child Custody, Parentage, Domestic Violence, Orders of Protection, Wills, and Trusts.

Personal Statement I would endeavor, with my legal experience, to bring from the advocacy of my clients and their specific hopes, goals and needs in mind, with compassion and understanding in order to be of assistance within the Orthodox community in any way of which I may be able.

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Name of nominee: Lynnell Brunswig

Parish/Institution/City, State: Holy Resurrection, Tacoma Washington

Hierarch's Signature of approval: _____

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Education:

Business courses, no degree

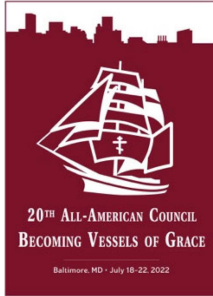
Relevant Professional Experience:

Non-profit administration - 30+ years
Parish Treasurer - 12 years
Parish Council - multiple terms
Diocesan Council - multiple terms
Metropolitan Council - current term
AAC 16 Local Committee lay chair
AAC 18 & 19 Secretariat member

Personal Statement

It's been an honor to serve the Metropolitan Council over the last term, which has seemed all too brief. The opportunity to serve a second term would allow me to apply the experience I've gained over the past four years and continue to contribute to the work of the Council.

"Hierarch authorized via email."



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Name of nominee: Elizabeth "Lisa" Mikhalevsky

Parish/Institution/City, State: All Saints of North America Mission, Alexandria, Virginia

Hierarch's Signature of approval: + 

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Education:

Bachelor of Science in Nursing, with Distinction
Graduate Coursework in Education
Certificate in Human Resources Management
Post Grad Program in Accounting

Relevant Professional Experience:

Retired Educational Administrator/Nurse
Parish Office Manager/Bookkeeper
Sunday School Coordinator
Women's Guild President
OCA Administrative Committees
Diocesan Representative to the Metropolitan
Council

Preconciliar Commissions for AACs
Member Dedicated Diocesan Benefactors
Committee of the ADOW
Parish Council/Treasurer for All Saints

Personal Statement

Having spent many years working for the church, I am aware of the demands and needs that will be required as a member of the Metropolitan Council. I am ready to give the time and effort needed to help the OCA be successful as it transitions its headquarters to the Washington Metropolitan area.



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Name of nominee: Barry Matthew Gluntz

Parish/Institution/City, State: Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, Parma Ohio

Hierarch's Signature of approval: _____

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Education: BSME, Mechanical Engineering, The Ohio State University, '89

MBA, International Business, George Mason University, '93

Relevant Professional Experience:

I have owned several businesses over the last 28 years. I currently own a hydraulics manufacturing company, a manufacturer's representative firm, an international brokering company, and I am a partner in two real estate investment companies. I have served on the Pension Board for the last 11 years, I was on the Board of the DOM for 3 years, I am on the board of FOCUS Cleveland and was Parish President for 5 years.

Personal Statement

I have owned and managed several businesses over the past 28 years including managing all the things that go into running a business including budgets, people, manufacturing, logistics, and sales/marketing. On a regular basis, I am dealing with all levels of our organization and others from service worker level to CEO's of large multinational companies. I have experienced a lot of business situations and can bring that experience to the Metropolitan Council.

I served on the Board of the Diocese of the Midwest, and was part of the committee that developed the percentage contribution model for parishes. I serve on the board of FOCUS Cleveland, and was President of Parish Council at Holy Trinity during the transition from a priest of 48 years to a new priest. I have experience with the operations at the Parish Level, Diocese Level, and with our Charitable organizations.

Additionally, I have been a member of the Pension Board for the last 11 years. I feel we have struggled to establish effective communication between the Pension Board and the Metropolitan Council about the operation of the Pension Board and decisions made on a regular basis. I believe by serving on the Metropolitan Council, I can liason with the Pension Board and help improve that communication and interaction. I think this is critical to the future of our church because it will put the MC, the synod of bishops and the clergy members of the pension plan at ease and allow them to focus on the important work of guiding their parishes and supporting the mission of the Orthodox Church.

"Hierarch authorized via email."



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Pension Board

Name of nominee: Kirk D. Ries

Parish/Institution/City, State: St. Innocent Orthodox Church - Olmsted Falls, Ohio

Hierarch's Signature of approval: ____ (Bishop authorized via email)_____

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Education:

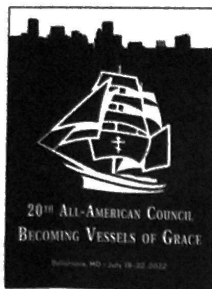
Bachelor of Social Work
Master of Non-Profit Administration

Relevant Professional Experience:

I have nearly 30 years of non-profit experience, including school social work, counseling, mental health residential treatment, and business development. I have served on my parish council as a trustee, the vice-president and currently as the president. As council president, I have overseen two transitions of priests over the past 8 years. I have served on the St. Herman House Advisory Board, including at the time of its acquisition by FOCUS North America. I have chaired the St. Herman House Golf Classic since its inception and we have raised a combined total of well over \$400,000 in 9 years.

Personal Statement

I have served on parish council at St. Innocent Orthodox Church in various capacities over the past 12 years. During this time we have significantly increased the number of outreach opportunities and our parishioners have engaged the community, and we have likewise bolstered our financial support and volunteerism toward recognized Orthodox charities. My passion is to leverage this same support toward recognized Orthodox charities on an OCA wide scale, and I sincerely desire to help equip the Church--through work within the Metropolitan Council--to dedicate more of our people and resources to the work of Christ in this land. Given the current divisions within our society right now, it is vital that Orthodox Christians both take the lead and witness in orienting our beautiful world to Christ.



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Name of nominee:

M. Sarah Geana

Parish/Institution/City, State:

Holy Trinity / Springfield, VT

Hierarch's Signature of approval:

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Education:

Plymouth State University, MA in Marriage + Family Therapy, 2022-present

St. Vladimir's, M.Div., 2004-2007

Clark University, BA in Sociology, 1999-2003

Relevant Professional Experience:

I have spent the last 8 years building a rich, literature-based education curriculum to homeschool my 5 children. During those years I also started my own successful Childbirth Doula business. I have led group workshops for the married couples in my parish.

Personal Statement

Blessed to be a lifelong member of the Orthodox Church, I am happy to serve in whatever capacity is necessary.