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- Leon McCrea
- Stacy Koilor
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- Amanda Simon
- Erica Vanstone

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#### **Executive Board Slate**

- Anne Albert, President
- Stacy Koilor, Vice President 1
- Michael Wang, Vice President 2
- Ya-Chi Tsao, Treasurer
- Recording Secretary, Jennafer Howard
- Corresponding Secretary, Chelsea Badeau

**President: Anne Albert** 

Why are you interested in serving on the Masterman HSA Board? I deeply value the excellent, diverse, and student-focused school that so many years of families and school staff worked to build here. I want to help maintain that and make it the best experience it can be for students and teachers. I am invested, with kids in early grades of both the middle school and the high school!

Please describe any previous Board experience or other relevant skills you have related to serving on a Board? I have served as Corresponding Secretary for the HSA on the interim board this year. I also serve on another volunteer board, since 2020, so I have experience understanding and working with the annual budget of a large non-profit, and some experience fund-raising. I am a good communicator and consensus builder and can run a team, as I do in my professional life. I am also an educator with a doctorate in history.

Please share your vision for the HSA or what you feel is the role of the HSA at Masterman. The HSA should above all work to improve the student experience at Masterman. Depending on what is most needed, that can mean providing support through challenges, promoting school spirit, raising money for student activities and experiences, organizing volunteers to chaperone events and clean up the school, amplifying concerns of families about school affairs, or advocating for better policies. Through it all, it should strive to represent the collective rather than only a few and it should be sensitive and responsive to the varying perspectives of its members.

Vice President 1: Stacy Koilor

Why are you interested in serving on the Masterman HSA Board? I am deeply concerned about the future of Masterman and ensuring that it continues to operate as a school of excellence with students at the center of all strategic decisions. Our students and families need a high performing HSA to advocate on behalf of families, support school needs, and provide a platform to restore our community. Additionally, it is extremely important to me to have the HSA partner with administrator to provide the necessary support and funding related to areas where there is a lack of resources.

Please describe any previous Board experience or other relevant skills you have related to serving on a Board? I have served as Vice President of the Meredith HSA for one year, as co-Treasurer of the Meredith HSA for two years, and prior to these positions, as a board member of the HSA for several years.

Please share your vision for the HSA or what you feel is the role of the HSA at Masterman. The HSA should represent the interests and concerns of the Masterman families, provide the platform for solution based discussions with administration and families, and work to fund the school's operating budget deficit as a result of limited funding from the School District.

**Vice President 2: Michael Wang** 

Why are you interested in serving on the Masterman HSA Board? As a proud parent of a current Masterman 6th grader and an incoming 5th grader, I am strongly interested in taking on a role that will positively shape the lives of all Masterman students and the Masterman community. The HSA has been a driver on many key initiatives at Masterman, and I want to continue and build on those fantastic projects and initiatives.

Please describe any previous Board experience or other relevant skills you have related to serving on a Board? I was fortunate enough to be selected as a member of the parent board for my youngest child's previous school. There, I helped to shape fundraising initiatives and was a parent volunteer for their music program.

Please share your vision for the HSA or what you feel is the role of the HSA at Masterman. The role of the HSA is to create a collaborative space to bring together the students, parents, teachers, and school administration to develop shared goals with the best interest of the students and the rest of the larger Masterman community in mind. The HSA is also to help facilitate discussions by those within the Masterman community, to raise and address community questions and concerns, and to communicate and address anything that may impact the instruction and well-being of the students. With that comes the HSA's (along with student leadership, parents, the SAC and other community groups within Masterman) a shared responsibility of advocating on behalf of the students and parents to ensure that their needs are addressed.

Treasurer: Ya-Chi Tsao

Why are you interested in serving on the Masterman HSA Board? As a parent of a current student at Masterman, I have been consistently impressed by the level of dedication and commitment that the HSA has demonstrated towards improving the educational experience of our children and supporting our teachers. Having been an active member of the Masterman community for several years, I have had the opportunity to observe firsthand the important role that the HSA plays in providing support for various school initiatives, including fundraising, community outreach, and volunteer coordination. I believe that my skills, experience, and enthusiasm would make me a valuable addition to the Board, and I am eager to contribute my time and energy towards furthering the HSA's mission. In my professional life, I work as a project manager, where I am responsible for managing budgets, organizing events, and developing workflow strategies in a collaborative environment. I believe that these skills could be of great use to the HSA. Additionally, as a previous science teacher, I have a strong interest in education and am passionate about helping to create an environment where all children can thrive and reach their full potential. As a member of the Masterman HSA Board, I would be committed to working collaboratively with other members of the Board and the wider school community. I am excited about the opportunity to contribute my ideas, energy, and resources towards making a positive impact on the lives of our children and their families. Thank you for considering my application, and I look forward to the opportunity to serve on the Masterman HSA Board.

Please describe any previous Board experience or other relevant skills you have related to serving on a Board? While I haven't served on a board before, I have been a member of various committees and volunteer organizations where I have gained experience in leadership, decision-making, and teamwork. Additionally, I have professional experience in finance and budgeting, which I believe would be a valuable asset in serving on the Masterman HSA Board (cont'd)

Treasurer: Ya-Chi Tsao

Please describe any previous Board experience or other relevant skills you have related to serving on a Board? I have experience serving as the recording secretary for a local community group, where I was responsible for taking meeting minutes, maintaining records, and distributing information to members. Through this role, I gained strong attention to detail and organization skills that would be useful in serving on the Masterman HSA Board. I have been involved in various school committees and volunteer organizations for several years, where I have gained experience in community outreach, event planning, and fundraising. Additionally, my professional background in marketing and communication would be beneficial in promoting the Masterman HSA's initiatives and increasing engagement with the school community.

Please share your vision for the HSA or what you feel is the role of the HSA at Masterman. As a Recording Secretary for the HSA Board, I was responsible for accurately documenting the meetings and maintaining an organized record of all the decisions and actions taken by the Board. This included taking minutes, creating reports, and distributing information to the Board members. In addition to my Recording Secretary experience, I also served on the Grant Committee for the HSA Board. This role involved reviewing grant applications, evaluating their applications, and making funding recommendations to the Board. This experience allowed me to develop skills in financial analysis, project management, and decision-making. I also gained a deeper understanding of the needs and priorities of the organization and community, which is valuable when serving on a Board. Overall, my experience as a Recording Secretary and Grant Committee member has provided me with valuable skills and insights that I believe would be an asset to the Masterman HSA Board. I am confident that my attention to detail, organizational skills, and ability to collaborate with others would enable me to make meaningful contributions to the Board's work.

**Recording Secretary: Jennafer Howard** 

Why are you interested in serving on the Masterman HSA Board? I want to continue to support the dedicated parents, teachers and staff in ensuring that our students have an enriching and holistic academic experience.

Please describe any previous Board experience or other relevant skills you have related to serving on a Board? I have been an active volunteer with the MHSA for the past 3 years and previously served as Recording Secretary.

Please share your vision for the HSA or what you feel is the role of the HSA at Masterman. My overall vision for the Masterman HSA is focused on creating/sustaining a positive and supportive community for all students and families. By working together, we can help to ensure that our children receive the best possible education and are prepared for success in the future.

Corresponding Secretary: Chelsea Badeau

Why are you interested in serving on the Masterman HSA Board? To keep the Masterman community informed and educated on events and other important information related to the school.

Please describe any previous Board experience or other relevant skills you have related to serving on a Board? I served on the Green Woods Charter School (K-8) board for 3.5 years, three of which I served as president. During that time, I helped rebuild the board and create robust advisory committees, guide the school through a leadership search and transition, resulting in a strong CEO and leadership team with a clear strategic plan and vision for the school, kicked off a three-year strategic plan, added DE&I into the strategic plan, maintained a positive budget, creating a comprehensive tracking dashboard and setting up rainy day funds, adopted new academic curriculums and resources, and added engineering and recess into the curriculum, launched a lunch program and started buildout of the school kitchen, implemented a clear, fair and transparent Teacher Salary Scale, managed the virtual learning plan and the in-person re-opening of the school during the global pandemic of COVID-19. I have also served on boards for Philadelphia Boys & Girls Clubs, Women in Telecommunications (WICT) Philly, West Mt. Airy Neighbors, and Summit Presbyterian church. Professionally, I manage editorial and content operations.

Please share your vision for the HSA or what you feel is the role of the HSA at Masterman. I feel that the HSA can work to serve the best interests of the students and serve as a liaison between the parent and teacher community. The HSA should be the glue that keeps the community strong and rallies support for school needs and growth opportunities. In addition, the HSA helps facilitate the flow of information between the school and families so parents are always in the know on what is happening with the school and how they can be involved.



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