



NAMI Northern Virginia

Board of Directors

Officers:

Tania Romanoff, Chair

Stephanie Lesko, Vice Chair

Mary Rollins, Secretary

Heather Rose-Glowacki, Treasurer

Current Board Members of NAMI Northern Virginia:

Ellen Galant (serving on the Board since May 2019)

Ellen Galant has had a distinguished career in association and nonprofit management for over 30 years, most recently as the Director of Membership for the American Public Health Association (APHA). Ellen has served in various leadership roles to include two appointments as Executive Director. Mental illness has touched Ellen's life significantly and personally. Her goal as a board member is to help de-stigmatize mental illness and be a resource to others. Based on her life experiences Ellen is passionate in her desire to further NAMI Northern Virginia's mission.

Christy Iredell (serving on the Board since November 2021)

Christy spent most of her early years in Columbus, Ohio and attended Wittenberg University, about one hour away from home. Her first job after college in 1994 was processing disability claims for the state of Ohio. After living in Columbus for many years, Christy decided in 1997 that she wanted to live in a bigger city and applied for a job in Washington, D.C. She moved to D.C. and started her new job with Healthcare Financial Partners in 1998. She transitioned into the field of sales in 1999 and has been successfully working in sales ever since. Christy married her husband in 2001 and has two children, an 18-year old son and a 15-year old daughter. When she's not working, she enjoys spending time with her family, hiking with her dog, playing pickleball, and volunteering with dogs at Lost Dog and Cat Rescue Foundation.

Wendy Leedy (serving on the Board since February 2021)

Wendy Leedy is a member of the IPv4 Acquisition Team at Amazon Web Services (AWS). In her role as an IPv4 Acquisition Specialist she supports IPv4 and IPv6 IP strategy and is primarily responsible for acquiring IPv4 addresses. Prior to joining Amazon, Wendy was the Community Engagement Specialist for the American Registry for Internet Numbers (ARIN), one of five registries worldwide. She is a community builder who has expertise in public relations, member, community, and volunteer engagement, fundraising, and non-profit management.

Stephanie Lesko (serving on the Board since June 2019)

Stephanie Lesko is the Senior Strategic Communications Advisor at the U.S. Customs and Border Protection at the Department of Homeland Security. Prior to joining DHS, she worked for more than 20 years in different capacities at the U.S. AbilityOne Commission, the federal agency responsible for administering the AbilityOne Program, one of the largest sources of employment in the United States for people who are blind or have significant disabilities. Stephanie has served as Secretary of the NAMI Northern Virginia Board of Directors for two years, and she collaborates with the rest of the Board on ways of de-stigmatizing mental illness and increasing awareness of NAMI throughout Northern Virginia. Stephanie holds a master's degree in Public Relations and Corporate Communications from Georgetown University and a bachelor's degree in International Affairs from James Madison University.

Claudia Matteo (serving on the Board since June 2021)

Claudia Matteo is a cybersecurity professional and a mental health advocate. In addition to a BS in Computer Science and Technical Communications and an MS in Industrial and Organizational Psychology, she is trained in Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), Mental Health First Aid, Sources of Strength, Opioid Overdose and Naloxone Education (OONE), and Pathways to Justice for Persons with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities (I/DD). Claudia is Lead Presenter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Ending the Silence program and has received a Youth Education Champion Award for educating youth, organizations, and families on how to identify and address warning signs of mental health conditions and suicide. On the board of This Is My Brave, she collaborates with the Trauma-Informed Community Network (TICN) and the Loudoun Human Services Network (LHSN) to ensure availability and access to human services.

Mary Rollins (serving on the Board since February 2021)

Mary Rollins has extensive experience as a purpose-driven leader with a passion for driving enterprise-wide growth and building and leading high-impact teams across the communications, digital, media and educational technology sectors. Mary currently serves as Principal, Organizational Effectiveness and Accountability at Communities in Schools, a national non-profit that provides integrated support and services that empower students to stay in school and achieve in life. Before joining CIS, Mary spent 25+ years at Discovery Communications, expanding the company's mission to transform K-12 teaching and learning across the globe. More recently, she served as Chief Officer, Marketing, Education and Advocacy for the Food Allergy Research Education group. Mary holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Mt. St. Mary's University and resides in Fairfax, Virginia with her husband and family.

Tania Romanoff (serving on the Board since February 2020)

Tania Romanoff is a Foreign Service Officer with the U.S. Department of State and has been living in northern Virginia on and off for the last decade. Several of her close family members suffer from depression and anxiety, and she discovered NAMI NoVA in 2017 when two family members were both in crisis. She credits the support from the Family-to-Family program and family support groups for helping her and her family during that challenging time. She feels strongly that grassroots advocacy is critical to end the stigma surrounding mental illness in our society. Tania has a master's degree in Business from MIT, and a BA in International Studies from American University. She has been active in many community organizations around the world, and brings her analysis, planning and organizational skills to the NAMI board.

Heather Rose-Glowacki (serving on the Board since June 2021)

Heather Rose-Glowacki is Director, Chemical & Industry Dynamics at the American Chemistry Council (ACC), a Washington, DC-based trade association representing companies engaged in the business of chemistry. Heather is responsible for developing and maintaining comprehensive resources and intelligence on the chemical industry, as well as providing industry and economic analyses. Prior to joining ACC in 2004, she held positions in market research, marketing and communications, and business development. Heather holds a certification in Corporate Finance at Georgetown University, is a Certified Intelligence Professional (CIP®-II)/Master of CI, and has bachelor's degree in English from Providence College. She is currently pursuing a Master of Science in Business Intelligence and Analytics from Saint Joseph's University. She lives in Burke, VA with her husband, two daughters, a dog, and three lionhead-mix rabbits.

Dan Scheinkman (serving on the Board since November 2019)

Dan Scheinkman is Vice President of Compensation, Benefits, and Well-Being at Freddie Mac. Since joining in 2003, Dan has been responsible for the design, administration, and communication of compensation, to include executive compensation, and benefits programs. As a seasoned HR practitioner, Dan delivers solutions that recognizes the right impact with the right rewards positively affecting employees' total well-being. Prior to joining Freddie Mac, Dan worked for Ernst & Young and Arthur Andersen providing consulting services to organizations in the areas of compensation and equity incentive program design, litigation and bankruptcy support, and merger and acquisition impact and integration. Dan holds a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Washington University in St. Louis.

Ron Taylor, PhD (serving on the Board since November 2021)

Ronald is a generalist with over 30 years' experience in national & international security, national defense, military issues, science & technology, intelligence, homeland security, counter terrorism, crisis & emergency management, business continuity, and, more recently, trauma treatment/recovery/resilience. He is trained, educated, skilled and gifted as a professional PhD scientist, a security professional, a trauma response/recovery practitioner, and faith minister. His experience includes academia, industry, government, non-profits, consortia, networks and other groupings. His accomplishments are in activities such as education, teaching, research, program & project management, operational duties, senior- and executive-level leadership, and advisory roles. He publishes broadly in the open literature and otherwise. Throughout his career, Ronald received numerous awards and commendations for his achievements across these many areas. He currently assists his local community with emergency response and recovery efforts against the SARS-CoV-2 Pandemic, with various aspects of individual and collective trauma, and with community planning and action efforts to address numerous emerging problems that affect the health and wellbeing of the community itself. He works extensively with the mental health community.

Maggy R. Vaughn, Esq. (serving on the Board since August 2020)

Maggy R. Vaughn, Esq. is a Northern Virginia native, a proud graduate of Herndon High School and George Mason University Alumni. Her private practice focuses on Family Formation Law. While working part-time as an Assistant County Attorney for Fairfax County, she represented thousands of petitioners in mental health commitment hearings. Chair of the advocacy subcommittee, she is passionate about ensuring everyone has access to quality mental health services.