

Mike Czuba (National, Coach)

I joined the board of Naperville Little League in the winter of 2015. At the time, the National league was struggling due to lack of support and volunteers from our members. Although everyone loves little league, there are many things that need to be done in order for it to work well. I have had the privilege to work with and recruit many volunteers to Naperville Little League and it is my honor to run for the board again in 2018. The experience of being Vice President of Naperville Little league, National League Director and a Head coach in A, Supreme and now Majors has given me the ability to use my experience to put new people in new roles and continue to grow our organization.

We still have work to do. Sunday League is just getting off the ground after our initial season. Off Season training is being formulated. Important decisions need to be made like the future of our office...continue to rent or invest in our own building. I am happy to add my experience with these issues. I appreciate your support.

Jeff Dorjath (Republic, Coach)

My name is Jeff Dorjath. I'm an 18 year resident of Naperville. I have been involved in this terrific community based Little League program for 3 years. The first 2 years as a coach and now this past year as a member of the NLLB Board of Directors, where I served as American League Director. Prior to my involvement in Little league, I served for 8 years as a manager and Board Member for the Naperville Diamonds Fastpitch Softball organization and Southwest Suburban Softball Assoc. where I was the Vice President of Leagues and ran the "House" programs. I'm a firm believer that if you want to see change or improvement, you have to get involved.

I hope to be re-elected to the BOD for NLLB to continue to help strengthen and guide this great program which has such a positive impact on the lives of our children.

Rich Kulaga (Continental, Coach)

Having served as NLLB Manager and Coach in both drafted and non-drafted leagues, summer tournaments, and for a 11U/12U Sunday team, I've been fortunate to witness firsthand how the baseball experience can benefit more than a player's game skills and competitiveness. I've also watched the children

develop tools that will pay dividends for them in life: teamwork, positive thinking, coping skills and work ethic. I believe the current and prior NLLB administrations are to thank for not only cultivating this growth, but all the while elevating the kids' love for the game. If elected, I would look forward to working with the Board, fellow coaches, volunteers and parents in continuing this philosophy and looking for new ways to complement the renowned NLLB program.

Emily Langan (Republic, Non-Coach)

I am hoping to be re-elected onto the NLL Board of Directors. I've enjoyed volunteering on the Board this past year as the Republic League Director. As the League Director, I have been responsible for assigning managers, conducting drafted league tryouts, creating teams at all levels, communicating with parents, as well as participating in monthly meetings to address any issues that relate to the Republic League and NLL as a whole.

I feel a great sense of responsibility in finding the right volunteers to manage our kids. I value good sportsmanship as well as solid coaching at all levels. With two sons participating in NLL, one in Majors and one in AA, I will continue to build on the strengths of the League at all levels. I am proud to be a part of this organization and hope that I can build on what we, as a Board, have done this year to improve the overall experience of NLL.

Mike Llewellyn (Continental, Coach)

This past year I served my first year as Continental League Director and I really enjoyed being a part of the NLLB Board of Directors. As a first-year board member I learned a lot about how the league is run and what it takes to ensure that NLLB continues to grow in the future. There were a lot of exciting changes that I was a part of in 2017. I would like the opportunity to keep improving on those changes in 2018 and implement other programs that we did not get a chance to complete. As a former player and a current parent in NLLB I know it is the best baseball experience for Naperville families and I would like to make sure it stays that way for years to come.

Larry Lucas (Republic, Non-Coach)

I'm currently serving on the Board and running for reelection.

I have assisted the NLLB organization as Player Agent, Operations Manager, team manager, a volunteer on many projects, and presently the Board President. Regarding the business aspect of running a league, I have a BA and MBA degrees.

I bring a knowledge of both National and local rules, a working relationship with our key partner (Naperville Park District), and years of experience in interfacing with parents, players, coaches, and the Board. I am retired, and I have the time and passion to devote to my number one past time, Naperville youth baseball. If you think I'm right for this position, I would appreciate your support. Thank you.

Laurie Manzardo (National, Non-Coach)

My name is Laurie Manzardo. I am a non-coach and I would like to be considered for the Naperville Little League Board of Directors. My husband Rob and I have lived in Naperville for 12 years. We have four sons ranging in age between 10 and 17. Each of our boys have been involved in Naperville Little League from the age of 9. Our 17 year-old twins played through Majors, our 10 year old played Supremes and will be playing Majors this coming year, and our 13 year old played through Supremes and then moved into travel. My husband Coached for many years and I managed each of our teams. We have watched/experienced the league changes over the last 8 years and I am excited to be involved in the evolution of the organization.

I bring perspective as a little league baseball and a travel baseball parent and I am excited to be involved in continued success of the program. I hope to help attract and maintain talent within Naperville Little League, as we have a great pool talent here and really if we can harness that talent and development, family's perceived needs to move to travel will likely diminish.

I am looking forward to working with each of you and contributing to the continued success of the League.

Josh McBroom – (Continental, Coach)

My name is Josh McBroom and I'm submitting my name as a candidate to be considered for a 2018 NLLB board of director's position. I'm coaching fall ball now and plan to coach Continental AAA ball in the Spring. I have three sons, 11, 8, and 5 who all love baseball and sports in general. I plan to be involved with

NLLB as a coach and volunteer for at least as long as my 5 year old ages out of the league.

I believe I'm a good candidate for the board for a variety of reasons. I run an established Edward Jones financial planning practice in Naperville, which allows me to stay local and have almost complete control over my schedule. Since I have lived and worked in Naperville over the past 15 years I have built an extensive network of relationships including with several local community leaders. I've been and continue to be an active member of the Naperville area Chamber of Commerce holding several leadership positions over the past decade.

Outside of coaching, my volunteer involvement includes being a past Winding Creek Estates Homeowners association President and past Maplebrook II Swim and racquet club social chair. I am the current president of KidsMatter, a local nonprofit focusing on youth development and helping kids make healthy choices. After 3 years as president of KidsMatter board I plan to step down end of the year which will free up time for other volunteer opportunities. I'm very passionate about youth character development and I believe little league baseball serves the same mission.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jim Meurer – (Republic, Non-Coach)

Jim Meurer has been a Little League volunteer since 1988. He joined the Naperville Board of Directors in 2000 and was President of Naperville Little League from 2006 to 2010. Since 2010 he has volunteered in the capacity of Umpire Director while also filling the role of Umpire Consultant for Illinois District 11. For the last seven years he has dedicated numerous hours teaching our young adult umpires the proper application of rules, proper mechanics and appropriate positioning on the field.

He has been honored to have been assigned to umpire three Little League World Series. In 2001 he was assigned to the Little League Softball World Series in Portland, OR; in 2011 the Little League World Series in Williamsport, PA and in 2016 the Senior League World Series in Bangor, ME

Jimmy Mosier – (Republic, Non-coach)

I have been involved with Naperville Little League for over 10 years, as a coach and manager of regular and all-star teams. Most recently I managed a Majors

team in the American (now Republic) League.

Being directly involved with LL for these years, I find the program excellent for our youngsters, and I would like to contribute to the continual improvement. I would appreciate your vote, thank you.

Ethan Moore (Continental, Coach)

I come from a family of sports leadership in youth athletics, and I have a passion to continue to develop community-based programs. I have volunteered for the league for the past several years as an A Coach, AA Coach, Supreme Coach, and Sunday League Coach. The relationships I have made with Naperville Little League families have value well beyond the baseball field. My goal is to assist in the continued growth of NLL and prepare our young men and women for success in athletics, the classroom, and life.

Bob Shibla (Republic, Coach)

My name is Bob Shibla. I would like to be on the board of directors for 2018 and below is a list of why I can be a great board member.

I have played baseball from the age of 7 all the way till I was 39. To me this means that I have a lot of baseball knowledge and I hope to bring some of that to the board of directors team. I went to college on a full ride scholarship for being a pitcher. As I played baseball my whole life I had all sorts of coaches and umpires. I think I can bring a nice prospective on how to handle both sides. I have two eight year old boys who will be playing in NLL for many years so I will be able to see firsthand how the process, practice and games are going all year long.

Ray Shinkle (National, Coach)

I've been a Naperville resident since 2003 and a proud father of three with my 11-year-old son being the avid baseball player. My love of the game and of coaching keeps me very involved with NLL. Being a coach in NLL since 2013 opened my eyes to how much work goes into running this league and I felt the need to get more involved and help the small group of people doing all the work behind the scenes. I served on the Board in 2017 as the Treasurer along with other needed positions such as Fall Ball Director. With my son having two more years in the league, I will serve as his National League Majors coach and

fully intend to continue to devote my time to help the Board run the league in whatever way I can.

John Strougal (Continental, Non-Coach)

Hello, my name is John Strougal. I would like to be considered to be on the board of directors for Naperville Little League. I have been the head coach for over 15 teams ranging from Tee Ball up to Pony League. I have managed regular season teams as well as Sunday League and Fall Ball. I was a Majors manager for 2 years (2014, 2015) and was honored to be the manager of the 2015 12U Continental All-Star team.

I am passionate about baseball and even more so about coaching and developing kids. I have 3 boys (14, 11, and 10) who currently or have previously played with Naperville Little League. I like to think I am a double-goal coach who puts development of each and every kid above the bottom line of winning. I am very inclusive and strive to make it a great experience for all the kids - regardless of talent level.

I think Naperville Little League has done a great job over the past few years and I would like to help continue that. I see no reason why kids at these ages need to travel to get a great baseball experience. My oldest son played travel ball after aging out and so I can bring perspective on that. Naperville has tremendously talented kids. There are levels for everyone. I would work to retain kids and keep our leagues going strong. I would love to work with all the coaches to ensure our kids are playing in a positive environment. I am truly an advocate for Naperville Little League and would love to serve it as being part of the board.