August 21, 2023 - September 16, 2023

**AL!VE Board of Directors Nominations Open Until 9/16**
Due by 9/16/23

**Why be an AL!VE board member?**

Board service is a chance to grow personally and professionally, to develop skills, gain unique experience, and make lasting connections with a team of other passionate and motivated professionals throughout the country. Becoming a Board member is an opportunity to share your professional knowledge, expertise, and passion to help AL!VE craft and forge the future of the profession.

**Our Mission:**

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2023 Dates for this COP - all times 2:30 Eastern
February 27
April 24
June 20 3 PM Eastern only this meeting
August 28
October 23

If you have any questions, please contact Sheri Wilensky Burke, COP Facilitator.

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Join in the conversation about volunteers programs that manages volunteers who respond during an emergency. This is a very broad range from citizen corps, Red Cross, government, state, federal and non-profit. Share success and struggles during blue skies, gray skies and black skies. How to keep your volunteers engaged year around when things are (enter Q word here). Between meetings, share burning questions or share resources on the Emergency Response Volunteer Programs message board

Here https://mms.volunteeralive.org/members/forum/board_list.php (Must be signed in to Member Log In). This is where we can share best practices, ask questions, brag, vent and connect.

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Mar 1, Jun 7, Sep 6, Nov 1

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9/11 National Day of Service
Varies - see website
Sponsored by Points of Light

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Health Care COP Meeting Noon Eastern

Noon Eastern

This is an AL!VE Communities of Practice for those involved in managing volunteers or programs in health care settings such as hospitals, hospice, Blood Banks, Health care facilities, long-term health centers, etc. Health care can have some unique situations, requirements, and environments for volunteers! Join your colleagues in discussion about your questions, situations, needs, and share your experiences with others as well. Let’s support each other!

Upon registering, we will email you the meeting log in information (and a reminder, too).

(All times Noon E)

July’s topic is: “Having Hard Conversations with Volunteers”.

Jul 13
Sept 14
Nov 9

For more information about this COP, please contact Marie Howell, Health Care COP facilitator.

Look forward to seeing you there!

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September 14, 2023

AL!VE Member Webinar - All are welcome!
01:00 PM - 01:30 PM EST
Meet your peers and colleagues at an AL!VE Member webinar!
In this 30 minute call, we will highlight:

Member benefits
Resources
Where to find them, share the
Associations goals for 2023
Discuss what’s happening in the field on a regional or national level
Bring your own topic - have a question you need to discuss? We’re happy to connect.

All members are invited to attend! Considering membership? You’re also welcome to attend to learn more.

Can’t make this meeting? Check out 2023 dates on our calendar.

(all times Eastern)
Sept 14, 1 PM
Oct 26, Noon
Dec 5, 2 PM

We look forward to seeing you online!
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Eliminate words that undermine your work and find better ones--like your bio saying you’re "trying" or "attempting" to do something instead that you ARE doing it.

If you’re ready to begin Bragging Better--to telling the truth about your accomplishments with grace and confidence--this book is for you.

Reading Schedule:

September 20: Part One
October 11: Parts Two and Three

Facilitated by Brittany McGarry, MA, CVA. She is a Senior Manager in Volunteer Engagement at the National MS Society. Currently residing in Denver, CO and working remotely full time, she enjoys a good networking happy hour, especially if it's on a patio when weather allows. With a Bachelor’s degree in Communication from Bellarmine University, a Master's degree in College Student Development from Appalachian State University and completing her Certification in Volunteer Administration (CVA) in 2021, she thrives on being a forever learner.

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September AL!VE Academy: Recruitment Isn't The Answer
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM EST

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Presented by Rob Jackson

Everyone knows recruitment can be tricky now, post lockdowns etc. But the answer isn't simply trying harder to recruit. We need better, more flexible, opportunities that fit with people’s interests, motivations and availabilities. We need a culture in our organisations that welcomes and nurtures the potential of volunteers, not one that seems them as being nice but not essential. This isn’t just down to the Volunteer Engagement Professional - everyone needs to embrace it. In short we need a sea change in our organisations. This session will explore what needs to happen and how we as leaders can get the ball rolling.

About our presenter:

Rob Jackson is Director of Rob Jackson Consulting Ltd, a consultancy and training company that helps engage and inspire people to bring about change. Rob has almost 30 years experience working in the voluntary and community sector, holding a variety of strategic development and senior management roles that have focused on leading and engaging volunteers. Rob has run his company since 2011 working with a wide range of clients in the UK, Australia, New Zealand, Europe, the USA and Canada. Rob is co-author of The Complete Volunteer Management Handbook (DSC, 2012 and 2019) and From The Top Down - UK Edition (Energize Inc., 2015).

AL!VE Academy Webinars are free for Individual, Agency and Local Association members. The general public is welcome to attend, but will be billed $25 after attending and will receive a copy of the slide deck, recording, and attendance certificate upon request. If you registered as a Local association member, please be sure you have listed your local association’s acronym or name in the registration. Learn more about AL!VE membership here.
State Service Commissions – a Partner for Leaders of Volunteers with Alli Zuel, CVA

Did you know that in the United States there is a federally-mandated organization dedicated to service and volunteerism in almost every state and several territories? State and territorial service commissions are the state-level partners of AmeriCorps, the federal agency for national service and volunteerism. Service commissions are responsible for not only the administration of AmeriCorps funding in states/territories but also for promoting service and volunteerism. During this webinar, we’ll discuss the variety of ways service commissions are supporting and advancing service and potential avenues of collaboration for leaders of volunteers.

Alli Zuel, CVA formally jumped into the volunteer engagement field in 2015 after being involved with service from a young age. She works as the Volunteer Engagement Manager at America’s Service Commissions (ASC). In her day-to-day work, she has the pleasure of working with so many fabulous fellow CVAs and LoVols. Alli is a proud AmeriCorps alum and loves seeing how service and volunteerism can create change in communities.

REGISTER

AT https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAtdeuopjosEt20IAh39o2iPWNJW2cGVYqf
Parks & Recreation COP
12:00 PM - 01:00 PM EST
AL!VE Parks & Recreation Community of Practice

The Parks & Recreation Lunch and Learn COP is designed to include a broad range of topics regarding urban and rural parks, botanical gardens, parks, and nature preserves. The objective of this COP is to connect volunteer engagement professionals within these organizations to share resources and best practices.

This informal venue encourages open discussions for anyone seeking or offering advice in tackling the unique challenges facing volunteer engagement professionals in the Parks & Rec field. Bring your lunch/brunch and beverage! If you’re not sure if you fit with us, please join us!

This COP is facilitated by
Meagan Patterson, Gateway Arch Park Foundation, Volunteer Manager
Yvonne Dunphe, Five Rivers Metroparks, Volunteer Coordinator
Susan Czaplicki, Richfield Heritage Preserve, Volunteer Coordinator

This COP will meet from noon-1pm Eastern.
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For more information please contact:
Megan Patterson
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Museums COP
03:00 PM - 04:00 PM CST
Museums Community of Practice:
This is an AL!VE Communities of Practice for those managing volunteers in museums, galleries and arts centers. Join us as we discuss and share insights and experiences that we are all having in the arts education/enrichment communities. COVID has posed certain challenges and changes for us all so let’s rely on each other for ideas and inspiration! This will be a time for networking, sharing ideas, asking questions, and brainstorming with your peers.

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Local Association COP
01:00 PM - 02:30 PM EST
Our topics for 2023 include:
Financial and Legal – March 29, 1 - 2:30 Eastern
Financial Frameworks
Board Insurance
Fundraising

Marketing and Outreach – June 28, 1- 2:30 Eastern
Communications and Networking
Member Recruitment and Benefits
Program Planning and Event Logistics

Succession Planning – September 27, 1- 2:30 Eastern
Leadership Implementation and Sustainability
Board Structure and Support
Administrative Framework and Removing Barriers

First Quarter 2023:
March 29 1-2:30 Eastern, 90 minutes
Financial Frameworks for Local Associations
ALIVE will present a professional development opportunity for leadership for our local association members.

Financial Frameworks for Local Associations
How does the status of your local association affect your filing status? Do you need to hire a CPA or conduct an annual audit for the IRS? How do you add checks and balances into your work for transparency?
Financial matters are one of the most talked about discussion topics in local association meetings, and we have put together a solid presentation to help you gain knowledge and give you a workplan to keep your local association on track. This will be a panel discussion with your peers who have nearly 50 years combined experience in leadership of local professional associations!

We will be sure to discuss the following areas:
Role of the board and treasurer
Budgets
By-Laws
Bank Accounts
Taxes and filing status
Local Government Documentation
Accountability
When do you need an external audit or CPA?
We will provide valuable resources to participants, so be sure to join us for this knowledge packed session on financial management for local associations.

ALIVE local association members can invite as many attendees as they like; within this registration you can register everyone.
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Transportation COP Noon Central, 1 PM Eastern
01:00 PM - 02:00 PM EST
This is the meeting for the ALIVE Transportation Community of Practice. This meeting is open for ALIVE members and all volunteer engagement professionals (first one is free, the subsequent will be for members only).

The call will last one hour and will focus specifically on volunteer programs with transportation as a volunteer role.

After registering, you’ll be emailed a zoom link to the event. We will send a reminder too!

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All times Noon Central, 1 PM Eastern

January 4, 2023
April 5
July 5
October 4

Advisory Boards & Committees COP
03:00 PM - 04:00 PM EST
The Advisory Boards & Committees COP group will be a chance to network, share expertise, ask questions, and solve problems with your peers.

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**October 10, 2023**

**Literacy COP**

02:00 PM - 03:00 PM EST

Literacy Community of Practice is a group of professionals with the interest of improving literacy levels for youth and adults. We convene bimonthly to offer support, share best practices, provide a safe space for discussion, and networking. For more information contact Brandy Tolbert, Wendy McClure, Facilitators.

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**October 11, 2023**

**Mental Health COP**

02:00 PM - 03:00 PM EST

AL!VE Community of Practice - Mental Health COP

July 13, October 11, January 12, 2024, April 13 2024

Each year millions of Americans with mental illness struggle to find mental health care. Despite the passage of the Mental Health Parity and Addictions Equity Act of 2008, significant barriers remain which keep many Americans from accessing mental health treatment and support. As individuals struggle to access care, a common form of support many turn to are community based or national short term services such as crisis hotlines. With the existence of organizations like The Crisis Text Line and 988, the growth of these platforms and the increasing supply and demand of volunteers to help staff the lines has created a need for professional staff to oversee quickly scaling volunteer bases that are at risk for burnout and tertiary trauma as a result of exposure to graphic and intense feelings of suicide, among other things. Despite these risks, the need and desire to hold space for those in crisis, has created a need for volunteer engagement professionals to navigate creating engagement and community for these amazing volunteers.

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If you're ready to begin Bragging Better--to telling the truth about your accomplishments with grace and confidence--this book is for you.

Reading Schedule:

September 20: Part One
October 11: Parts Two and Three

Facilitated by Brittany McGarry, MA, CVA. She is a Senior Manager in Volunteer Engagement at the National MS Society. Currently residing in Denver, CO and working remotely full time, she enjoys a good networking happy hour, especially if it’s on a patio when weather allows. With a Bachelor's degree in Communication from Bellarmine University, a Master's degree in College Student Development from Appalachian State University and completing her Certification in Volunteer Administration (CVA) in 2021, she thrives on being a forever learner.

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(all times Eastern)
Oct 26, Noon
Dec 5, 2 PM

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November 1, 2023

**Emergency Response Volunteer Programs COP**
02:00 PM - 03:00 PM EST

Join in the conversation about volunteers programs that manages volunteers who respond during an emergency. This is a very broad range from citizen corps, Red Cross, government, state, federal and non-profit. Share success and struggles during blue skies, gray skies and black skies. How to keep your volunteers engaged year around when things are (enter Q word here). Between meetings, share burning questions or share resources on the Emergency Response Volunteer Programs message board here [https://mms.volunteeralive.org/members/forum/board_list.php](https://mms.volunteeralive.org/members/forum/board_list.php) (Must be signed in to Member Log In). This is where we can share best practices, ask questions, brag, vent and connect.

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Mar 1, Jun 7, Sep 6, Nov 1

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November 2, 2023

**Local Associations National Summit**
01:00 PM - 03:00 PM EST

Save the Date! Our fourth annual Local Associations National Summit will be held November 2, 2023 from 1-3 pm. Registration and more details will be added in 2023.

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International Volunteer Managers Day
All day long
2023 Theme The Global IVMDay Organising Committee are proud to announce the theme for IVMDay for 2023. “Helping Others Help”

Learn more here.
AL!VE Networking Social - All Are Welcome!
05:00 PM - 05:45 PM EST
All are welcome to join our quarterly networking social for anyone involved in Volunteer Engagement.

All Volunteer Engagement Professionals are welcome to attend a networking social event, quarterly at 5 pm Eastern for 45 minutes. Feel free to leave early or come late as your schedule allows. Connect and network with your peers for live discussions - ask questions and let us know what's on your mind!

All times Eastern:

Feb 28, 5 pm - What are you planning for volunteer recognition?
May 24, 5 pm - How do you manage summer programs/activities?
August 9, 5 pm - Let's talk about you and your professional recognition. What is IVM day?
November 7, 5 pm - Looking back and looking ahead - celebrate successes, not so successes, and what are you planning for next year?

When you register, we will send the meeting information, and you'll be signed up for the following sessions for the rest of the year. You can always opt out by emailing us.

Door prizes, networking and camaraderie will be on hand. Don't miss it!

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Health Care COP Meeting Noon Eastern

Noon Eastern

This is an ALIVE Communities of Practice for those involved in managing volunteers or programs in health care settings such as hospitals, hospice, Blood Banks, Health care facilities, long-term health centers, etc. Health care can have some unique situations, requirements, and environments for volunteers! Join your colleagues in discussion about your questions, situations, needs, and share your experiences with others as well. Let’s support each other!

Upon registering, we will email you the meeting log in information (and a reminder, too).
(All times Noon E)

July’s topic is: “Having Hard Conversations with Volunteers”.

Jul 13
Sept 14
Nov 9

For more information about this COP, please contact Marie Howell, Health Care COP facilitator.

Look forward to seeing you there!

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Faith Based COP
02:00 PM - 03:00 PM EST
Faith Based Volunteer Programs

Join in the conversation around faith-based volunteering and engagement! Whether your organization engages faith-based groups or your organization is faith-based, this is an opportunity to network, share experiences, ask questions, and brainstorm with peers working in the faith space. Discussion topics will be sourced from the group to ensure these conversations are helpful and applicable to your work.

2023 Dates: May 11, Aug 10 & Nov 9, 2 PM Eastern

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If you have any questions about this COP, contact Anna Brandt, facilitator.
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We will send a reminder before the next meeting, too.
The Parks & Recreation Lunch and Learn COP is designed to include a broad range of topics regarding urban and rural parks, botanical gardens, parks, and nature preserves. The objective of this COP is to connect volunteer engagement professionals within these organizations to share resources and best practices.

This informal venue encourages open discussions for anyone seeking or offering advice in tackling the unique challenges facing volunteer engagement professionals in the Parks & Rec field. Bring your lunch/brunch and beverage! If you’re not sure if you fit with us, please join us!

This COP is facilitated by
Meagan Patterson, Gateway Arch Park Foundation, Volunteer Manager
Yvonne Dunphe, Five Rivers Metroparks, Volunteer Coordinator
Susan Czaplicki, Richfield Heritage Preserve, Volunteer Coordinator

This COP will meet from noon-1pm Eastern.
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Family Volunteer Day
Varies - see website
Sponsored by Points of Light

Take time out with your family this season to help others, and make a positive mark on the world.
Rural Programs COP (managing programs in Rural or Frontier Communities)
02:00 PM - 03:00 PM EST
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November 27, 2023  
**AmeriCorps Seniors COP**
03:00 PM - 04:00 PM EST  
This COP is for those managing an AmeriCorps Seniors program(s) as a grantee or sponsor. This includes Foster Grandparent Program (FGP), RSVP (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program), and SCP (Senior Companion Program). Join us as we are a sounding board for sharing best practices and resources that are unique to federal grants and the older volunteers we work alongside.

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November 30, 2023  
**CCVA LEAP Series: Volunteer Program Evaluation**
https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0ofuuuqDkvGN3HQLI9CDozHGwj63W_hRi  
01:00 PM - 02:30 PM EST  
Faiza Venzant, 9517196028  
execdir@cvacert.org

Volunteer Program Evaluation with Sammy Feilchenfeld, CVA  
Evaluating your volunteer program can help you make sure that it is meeting the needs of your organization, your clients and your volunteers. Measuring and understanding the outcomes and impact of your volunteer program can help you capitalize on strengths, address weaknesses and plan for the future. In this interactive session, we’ll explore common evaluation methods, techniques for collecting and interpreting evaluation data, and templates to get you started.

Sammy Feilchenfeld, CVA, is Volunteer Toronto’s Manager, Learning, designing and overseeing Volunteer Toronto’s learning programs for leaders of volunteers, board members, non-profit professionals and volunteer seekers. With a focus on addressing the changing needs of volunteerism, Sammy draws on more than 15 years in volunteer management and adult education. Sammy also serves as Director of Partnerships on the board of the Council for Certification in Volunteer Administration (CCVA).
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Advisory Boards & Committees COP
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June 7,
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Literacy COP
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Animal Welfare COP
01:00 PM - 02:00 PM EST
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February 22, April 26, June 28, Aug 23, Oct 25, Dec 27

The COP - Animal Welfare is designed to include a broad range of animal welfare organizations such as animal shelters, rescue groups, foster-based programs, sanctuaries, direct care for animals, and humane education programs. The objective of this COP is to connect volunteer engagement professionals within these organizations to share resources and best practices. This informal venue encourages open discussions for anyone seeking or offering advice in tackling the unique challenges facing volunteer leaders in the animal welfare field.

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Each year millions of Americans with mental illness struggle to find mental health care. Despite the passage of the Mental Health Parity and Addictions Equity Act of 2008, significant barriers remain which keep many Americans from accessing mental health treatment and support. As individuals struggle to access care, a common form of support many turn to are community based or national short term services such as crisis hotlines. With the existence of organizations like The Crisis Text Line and 988, the growth of these platforms and the increasing supply and demand of volunteers to help staff the lines has created a need for professional staff to oversee quickly scaling volunteer bases that are at risk for burnout and tertiary trauma as a result of exposure to graphic and intense feelings of suicide, among other things. Despite these risks, the need and desire to hold space for those in crisis, has created a need for volunteer engagement professionals to navigate creating engagement and community for these amazing volunteers.

Through connection and an open forum, we will discuss how we can best support volunteers in the mental health field in the hopes of creating sustainable and healthy volunteer experiences.

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https://hubs.ly/Qo1R-Gys0
01:00 PM - 02:00 PM EST
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