

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT – Martin County Library Board of Trustees – Please Print

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Name: Nelson Pole

INCUMBENT

Residence Address: 8003 SE Saratoga Drive

Hobe Sound 33455

Street - City - Zip Code

Mailing Address: same as above

(if different)

Street - City - Zip Code

Commission District in which you reside: 3⁰⁴ Staff will complete.

Are you available year round to attend meetings? ☒ yes ☐ no If no, what months are you available?

Telephone numbers: daytime: 440-796-1564

alternate:

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~ Area Codes are considered 772 unless you note otherwise.

EMAIL: nelson8003@vivaldi.net

Have you ever pled guilty or "no contest" to a crime, been convicted of a crime, had adjudication withheld, prosecution deferred, been placed on probation, received a suspended sentence or forfeited bail in connection with any offense (except minor traffic violations)? Please show all convictions, including driving while intoxicated (DUI) convictions. ☐ yes ☒ no If yes, please provide the following information:

TYPE OF OFFENCES:

DATES:

PLACES (city/state):

SENTENCES OR FINES:

A conviction record does not necessarily disqualify you for consideration. Factors such as age at time of offense, nature of violation, and rehabilitation will be considered. The Martin County Board of County Commissioners retains the right to remove, at will, any appointee to a Board or Committee with or without cause.

Length of time lived in Florida? 4.5 years, since August 2017

Involvement with the Martin County Library System to date: Card holder and heavy borrower since 2017.

Member of Friends of the Library since 2017.

Member of the Library Board since April, 2020.

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Why do you wish to serve on the Library Board of Trustees?

Among my earliest memories is being taken to the library to find books. Later, I was able to go on my own. Libraries have always been an important part of my life. There are just too many books and other materials for most people to be able to afford to buy them all for personal use. Borrowing is important for an informed citizenry. Now that I am retired, I want to use part of my free time to aid the community in which I live to have a vibrant and useful resource. Libraries also give the public a place to work in silence. Outside of the home, there is virtually no other quiet place to read, write or think.

What, in your opinion, is the real purpose for having a public library system in the community? _____

To allow people to deepen and further their education as well as to give them access to resources without having to use their own funds; also to freely obtain instruction in the use of technologies new to them. And, obviously, to be a source of great enjoyments.

EDUCATION/EXPERIENCE: A resume is recommended to be attached containing this and any other information that would be helpful to the Board in evaluating your application. Resume or letter of qualifications attached? ☒ yes ☐ no

Education: Cass Technical HS, Detroit, Michigan, graduated 1959. B. Phil, Monteith College, Wayne State University, 1963.

PhD (Philosophy), Ohio State University, 1971.

Employment Experience: Faculty of Philosophy, Cleveland State University, 1968-2011.

Other experience you feel would be helpful to the Board in making this appointment: _____

Board member (and other committees) for B'nai Jeshurun Congregation, Pepper Pike, Ohio 44124, 1999-2017

Director of Liberal Studies at Cleveland State University as well as member or chair of numerous committees and task forces at the Department, College and University level.

President (as well as numerous other positions) in the American Association of Philosophy Teachers in the 1980's.

Community Experience and Affiliations: Board of Directors, Heritage Ridge South Property Owners Association, 2018-2020.
(HRSPOA)

Member, Temple Beth David, Palm Beach Gardens, 2016-...

Member, Friends of the Martin County Library, 2017-...

Member, Martin County Library Board since Spring 2020

Other County Boards/Committees/Task Forces on which you have served: _____

None

Do you or any member of your immediate family work for Martin County or hold a position that might conflict with your duties for this Board/Committee/Task Force? If yes, please explain: _____

No

REFERENCES: Please list two references:

Pam Riley, retired Martin County Employee, 2059 Panther Trace, Stuart 34997, rerpjr9@verizon.net

Bob Souza, Past President HRSPOA, 7591 SE Shenandoah Dr, Hobe Sound 33455, souzarobert@hotmail.com

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- Applicants may be required by State Law and County Ordinance to file a Financial Disclosure Statement as part of the appointment process.
- Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing and that the facts stated in it are true. (Pursuant to Section 92.525 Florida Statutes, falsifying this application is a Third Degree Felony punishable by up to five years imprisonment and up to a \$5,000 fine.)
- Florida law prohibits an advisory board member from doing business with its agency (the County). Section 112.313(3) and (7), Fla Stat.

→ Signature: 

Date: 3/15/2021

Applications must be filed with Martin County Administration, 2401 SE Monterey Road, Stuart, Florida 34996 by Friday, March 19, 2021. All information submitted becomes public record. If you have any questions, please call (772) 221.1352 or send email to dgordon@martin.fl.us.

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Education

Ph.D., The Ohio State University, 1971
Dissertation: The Meaning of Terms Employed in Scientific Languages And The
Problem of Induction (Advisor: Charles F. Kielkopf)

B. Phil., Monteith College, Wayne State University, 1963
Senior Essay: An Understanding Concerning Human Inquiry (Advisor: George Drury)

Administrative Experience

2005-2008 Director of the Liberal Studies Program (Cleveland State University)

Academic Experience

2009-	Cleveland State University, Professor Emeritus
1993-2008	Cleveland State University, Professor
1974-93	Cleveland State University, Associate Professor
1971-74	Cleveland State University, Assistant Professor
1968-71	Cleveland State University, Instructor

Institutes

Co-Founder of The Reasoning Center, <http://www.reasoningcenter.org/>, with Professor
Robert Redmon (Philosophy), Virginia Commonwealth University, 2001. The
Center supports work on computerized instruction in reasoning.
Member of the Institute on Teaching Philosophy conducted by the American
Philosophical Association at Williams College, Summer 1981.

NSF Fellow at the seminar on Engineering Ethics held at Illinois Institute of Technology,
7/16/79 to 7/27/79.

Publications—2008-2011

Programs

Various versions of *LogicCoach*. The latest is:

LogicCoach 10, Belmont California: Cengage Publishing Company, 2008. This program is designed to accompany Patrick Hurley, *A Concise Introduction to Logic*, 10th ed, Belmont California: Cengage Publishing Company, 2008. The program and the text cover all standard topics in introduction to logic including informal, classical, propositional, and predicate logic (through identity) as well as inductive logic and truth trees. There is also an instructor's version that shows a correct answer to each of the exercises covered in *LogicCoach*. It is available for both Windows and Mac Operating Systems.

Articles (Titles with a * were refereed or invited.)

- *"What is Right About Validity?" *Papers Contributed to the 2008 World Congress of Philosophy* (Seoul, South Korea: Seoul National University, August 2008).
- *"Ethical Issues in Program Design," *Educational Technology in Global Perspective: Applications and Innovations*, Shanghai: Eastern China Normal University, 2006. This volume contains some of the papers contributed to the ET2006 Conference that was held in Shanghai.

Professional Organizations

American Association for the Advancement of Science
American Association of Philosophy Teachers,
President 1986-1988
American Association of University Professors,
American Philosophical Association,
Association for Symbolic Logic
Central Conference on Teaching Philosophy,
President 1986-1988
National Network for Pre-College Philosophy
Ohio Moral Education Association
Ohio Philosophical Association,
Philosophy of Science Association
The Reasoning Center, co-founder and co-director
Society for Machines and Mentality

University Service

Director of the Liberal Studies Program and its only faculty member, (January, 2005 until retirement in December 2008). Among my duties was the advising of all majors and prospective majors, acting as a liaison with all other interdisciplinary programs in the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (CLASS), and maintaining already existing Liberal Studies relationships with the College of Sciences (COS). (This appointment made me a member of the administration rather than of the faculty.) Author of a program study report.

Provost's Task Force on Degree Completion, Academic Year (AY) 2007-2008—I began steering through the CLASS approval process a proposal to allow students to earn credit for nonacademic experience. I also began working with the COS Curriculum Committee to do the same in COS.

University Curriculum Committee, AY 2006 and 2007.

Title III Learning Communities Task Force, AY 2006-2008.

Ad Hoc Committee of Faculty Senate that advised on university appropriate computer use policies, AY 2003 and 2004.

The Copyright and Patent Review Committee, AY 2003 and 2004.

College Service, CLASS

Dean's Cabinet, 2005-2008.

Ad Hoc Committee to study granting credit for nonacademic experience. AY 2007 and 2008, Chair and chief author of its proposal.

Interdisciplinary Studies Task Force 2005-2008.

Ad Hoc Committee to search for a Chair in Judaic Studies, AY 2006.

Department Service, Philosophy

Chaired several Personnel Review Committees and chief author of their reports (until no longer a member of the faculty).

Chaired the Speakers Committee.

Undergraduate Affairs Committee and substitute advisor.

Web-master for the Department's web sites.

Scheduling Committee, AY 2003.

Community service related to professional activities

Speaker at the First Unitarian Church's Sunday Forum, Shaker Heights, March 25, 2007.

What does it mean to do the greatest good for the greatest number of people? Or what you may not know about Utilitarianism and why you should understand it. I was invited back but was unable to speak due to my health.