

## Scott Cernich



I am completing my first term on the CHLL Board of Directors having served as Secretary for the past two years. I also serve as CHLL Softball co-commissioner with my extremely talented wife Alison (a position she has held for three years). I have served as a CHLL manager or coach since 2011, and am currently the manager of the Majors Softball team and a coach for the Minors AA Softball team. Most important, I am the father of CHLL players Samantha (Majors Softball) and Corinne (Minors Softball).

Alison and I have worked tirelessly to grow the CHLL Softball program. In the past year, we established a successful partnership with the Washington Nationals Youth Baseball Academy bringing new players from Wards 7 and 8 (which do not have Little League softball programs) into the CHLL program and hosting softball clinics at the Academy for CHLL and Academy players, partnered with McLean Little League to provide a more robust and competitive schedule for CHLL softball players, and took the DC City (MD District 3) Champion CHLL Majors Softball Tournament Team to the Maryland State Tournament in Waldorf, MD – the first time Washington, DC has ever sent a team to the state tournament.

I would like to serve another term on the Board to help continue the growth of the League (especially Softball), responsibly develop our resources and fields, and continue my advocacy for girls' softball on Capitol Hill.

When not coaching or tending to other CHLL business, I am a trial attorney in the Environmental Enforcement Section at the U.S. Department of Justice and an avid cyclist and Nationals fan.

## Craig Cookson



Craig Cookson has enjoyed coaching in CHLL's A, AA and AAA divisions the past four years. He's the proud father of twin 9 year olds currently playing in AAA, and has been dedicated to providing a balanced mix of skills development and fun to his teams. Craig is a lifelong baseball player, bringing his experience as a player from Little League, Babe Ruth, American Legion and collegiate baseball to CHLL.

Craig credits the past and existing CHLL board with the league's explosive growth over the last few years. He has worked with the existing board on improving quality of play at all levels and hopes to join the board to help be a positive representative for youth sports. Craig believes that CHLL is primed for continued growth and is dedicated to contribute his leadership skills in order for Capitol Hill youth to have terrific baseball experiences.

## Jake Cumsky-Whitlock



Jake has been managing/coaching in SOTH and CHLL for the past four years. Raised in the Boston area, Jake and his wife Nadia have lived in DC for the last fifteen years. They are the proud parents of Gus (7, AA Joel Nelson Nats), Percy (4, SOTH t-ball), and Vivian (1). Jake is Co-owner of Solid State Books, a new bookstore opening on H St. in Capitol Hill in 2017.

Jake is a lifelong baseball fan (Red Sox and Nationals), loves coaching in CHLL and all that it entails, and looks forward to continuing to help CHLL further its mission to sow interest in baseball at the youngest levels.

## Katie Holloran



Katie Holloran has lived in the DC area since moving here for college from St. Louis in the mid-90s, and on the Hill since 2008. Both of her sons - RJ (9) and Brendan (6) - are CHLL players, and the entire family roots for the Nats (unless they're playing the Cardinals, of course). Being a fan of all things baseball, Katie is floored with the partnership CHLL has forged with the Nationals organization, and the amazing opportunities it has afforded her kids, and kids across the city. As parents watching most of the CHLL logistics and details from the sidelines for the past two years, Katie and her husband Ryan are continually impressed with the organization's attention to detail, overall philosophy, and undeniable passion for cultivating baseball skills, teamwork, and personal growth in kids.

Katie is a Special Educator and Behavior Analyst by trade. She spends her days and nights coaching families and teachers in DC Charter Schools, homes around the city, and also providing training and coaching online to teachers in International Schools around the world in best practices for teaching children with Special Needs. Katie also serves on the DC State Advisory Panel on Special Education, working closely with the Mayor and the Office of the State Superintendent of Education on issues surrounding Special Education funding, services, and compliance in all of the city's schools.

Katie hopes to support CHLL as a Board Member in its sponsorship, fundraising and inclusionary endeavors. Katie believes baseball can be a vehicle for personal greatness on and off the field for all children, and would like to see the league continue its growth efforts across our neighborhood to include any child who has a desire to join a team.

## Opi Leckzas



Opi is married to Kirsten and has lived on the Hill since 1999. He has one son retired from Little League and another currently playing in the Majors Division. Opi has served three terms on the Board of Directors and has been responsible for field maintenance on all Capitol Hill fields. He has also coached in the Majors, AAA, AA and Single A Divisions“. He also coached the 10U tournament team last spring.

## Erica Martin



A native to the DC area, Erica has lived on Capitol Hill with her family for the last 13 years. Erica became involved in CHLL through daughter Alena (AAA) and expects to be involved in baseball for the foreseeable future through her son Holden (A) and in support of the Nationals. She has supported teams from A through AAA over the last 5 seasons on the field and in the dugout, including as co-manager with husband Nate in Spring 2017 (Young Nats, A). Erica's community involvement has included serving as Co-Chair of the Maury Local School Advisory Team for three years, and she's interested to serve on the CHLL Board to provide a great base of support to the wide variety of volunteers involved in making baseball a positive experience for kids on the Hill

## Adam Meier



I have lived on the Hill since 2000, and has been involved with Capitol Hill Little League since it was founded 2011, first and foremost as a parent and fan, but then as a coach, umpire, commissioner, and board member, currently serving as the board president. My wife Sara and I have three sons; Owen, Tate and Casey are 12, 9 and 5, who are all veterans of many CHLL seasons - either playing in games or scouting out the playground equipment or pretzel stands in the vicinity. I have loved being a part of CHLL, as it is a fun and close-knit part of the Hill community. The CHLL partnership with the Nats has also been a great development for the league. I am still awaiting the Nats-Twins World Series I have previously predicted, however.

## Carlos Vazquez



Carlos has lived on the Hill for about 15 years and is the father of Charlie (9) AAA Hill's Kitchen Nats, Diego (7) DC Access AA Nats, and future CHLL All Star player Sofia (4). Baseball is pretty important to Carlos and family. In fact, he uses Nats games and early morning X park baseball practices as a shameless way to negotiate with his kids who usually team up against him to win the negotiation. Carlos has volunteered as a coach or assistant coach with the league for the past 4 years and is currently co-coach of the AA DC Access Nats.

When he is not playing baseball Carlos works as a management consultant for the federal government.

## Martin (Marty) Welles



In 2017, Martin (Marty) had 3 children in Capitol Hill Little League (AAA, Majors, Softball). For the past two years has served as AAA Commissioner and will transition out of the role after the Fall Ball Season, 2017 and is working with his replacement for a seamless transition to Spring, 2018.

He has strong ties to the Nationals and worked with them, the Community, and DPR to make Ryan Zimmerman Turf Field at Randall Park a reality. He founded and runs a summer soccer camp at Amidon-Bowen Elementary School in SW.

He has lived in Southwest Waterfront for nearly 20 years. He serves as a volunteer on the Board of Directors and as a Member of the following Organizations:

General Counsel, International Association of Business Communicators, DC Chapter  
Treasurer, Near Southeast Community Partners (NSCP), Washington, DC  
Amidon PTA, Officer  
Mayor's Task Force on School Assignment, Washington, DC  
Chancellor's Parent Advisory Cabinet, Washington, DC