



## 2023-2024 El Segundo Little League Board of Directors

### Candidate Bios

*(in alphabetical order)*

#### **Sarah Barlup:**

My family and I have been residents of El Segundo for seven years and our boys have been involved in ESLL since my oldest son's rookie season in 2016. Our oldest, Joey, just finished his last season in Majors and our youngest, Charlie, finished his first season of AAA. Anyone who is friends with me, or has been on a team with me, knows my passion for this baseball community. My husband, Matt, has either been a manager or assistant coach every season since the boys started. I have served on the board for one year as Treasurer and have been Team Parent for several of my sons' teams. I am a Managing Director at a large asset manager, Nuveen, and Co-Head our Global Consultant Relations team. My entire 20+ year career has been in the asset management industry and I have prior experience being a Treasurer for a 501(c)(3) I founded with three peers in 2014, Women in Institutional Investments Network (WIIIN). I hope to be able to continue to contribute to an already successful board!

#### **Ashley Becker:**

For the past year I have served on the ESLL Board handling schedules and umpires. It has been a great learning experience. I hope to take all that I have learned over the past year and do my part to improve the participant's experience in the league.

I manage the public relations and marketing for a number of professional athletes, celebrities and sports brands. I started my own firm in 2017 after a number of years working for large sports representation agencies.

I have two boys who attend Richmond Street School and we live in Hawthorne/HollyGlen. Wyatt (10) is currently playing in AAA and Hudson (8) is playing in AA. We have truly enjoyed being a part of the El Segundo Little League. The Board does so much to enrich the lives of parents and children. I hope to continue to serve the community through ESLL.

**Anna Braff:**

I have been an El Segundo resident for nearly 10 years. I am an entrepreneur, wife, and mom of two boys, Evan and Seth, in ESLL in both AAA and AA divisions respectively. Both children attend Richmond Street School. I would love to run, be considered, and be part of the ESLL Board.

I love baseball, our little league community, as well as the El Segundo community at large. Baseball is such a great sport for my kids to learn teamwork, camaraderie, positive attitudes, the fruits of hard work, and, of course, fun while playing.

I want to be more involved and help make this awesome community even better. I'm excited about the opportunities of getting to know more families and kids and deepen my love and appreciation for the sport even more.

**Scott Burton:**

A 20 year resident of El Segundo, Scott is coming off his 2<sup>nd</sup> term on the ESLL board and has coached several teams; Rookie through AAA. The Burtons have two children, Makena and Tanner. Tanner has played in every division through AAA. The family enjoys the time spent at Brett Field and the camaraderie that is part of ESLL. Go Gundo!

**Shannon Crouch:**

I'd like to be considered for the ESLL Board. I have three players in El Segundo Little League – Kaden (Majors Mets), Kelly (AA Dodgers), and River (Rookie Sun Devils). They live for the game of baseball, and while my husband and I grew up soccer players, we have developed a love for the game as well. We feel so lucky to live in such a special town with a strong baseball tradition.

Our family has lived in El Segundo for 12 years and participated in Little League since our eldest's first Rookie season in 2017 on the Tigers. Over the years my husband and I have coached and volunteered as team parents for AYSO and ESLL. This coming season, I'd love the opportunity to take on additional responsibilities and serve on the ESLL board. Thank you for your consideration.

**Matt Drott:**

I served as the ESLL Field and Equipment Manager this past year. Looking forward, I would like to explore other roles within the board going into the 23/24' season. While 22/23' was a wild one (weather wise), I have enjoyed the friendships made with other members and love making a positive difference with the league and our community. I am the father of Parker Drott, age 9, who will be playing his second year in AAA and I have been a resident of El Segundo and an active member in its little league program since 2017.

**Mike Edwards:**

This will be my third year as a board member of ESLL. I grew up in El Segundo and played little league from T-ball to Majors. I have great memories of playing the sport that has always had a huge impact in this town.

My oldest son is participating in his fifth season with ESLL. Every year I have been an assistant coach with his teams. We are creating more little league memories together and are making many new friends. I have enjoyed my time as a board member and would like the opportunity to give back to the community that has provided so much for my family and I.

**Jamin Griffiths:**

For the past year it has been a privilege to serve as the President of El Segundo Little League. Before that I was the Field & Equipment Director. I've been involved with the board since 2019. From the time that I have been involved with the board we've had to navigate a pandemic and one of the wettest seasons in the last couple of decades. I have one son who currently plays AAA and another older son who played his final season of Majors in 2022. Since 2015, I've been an ESLL volunteer helping the coaches out at practices and games, while my wife has been a team parent multiple times. ESLL is an important part of our community and I look forward to the opportunity to return to the board and continue to contribute to the league's mission.

**Corey Haber:**

I have lived in El Segundo since Aug 2021. I work at Northrop Grumman and have been with the company for 15 years. I am a single father to my 8 year old son Christopher Haber.

I coached Christopher's Spring 2021 season, managed his fall ball team and managed his Spring 2022 team.

I really enjoy being involved with ESLL and am extremely happy to have moved to the community. If my help is needed for the board I am happy to volunteer.

**Adam Hall:**

I moved to Los Angeles nearly 20 years ago, starting in El Segundo. After a few years in Seattle, I returned six years ago to settle down with my family in El Segundo. My wife, Edith, and I have two children, Emiliana (11) and Jonathan (10). In recent years, we have thoroughly enjoyed being part of the El Segundo Little League. Jonathan has participated as a player these last two in AAA, and our whole family supports and cheers for the teams from the announcement booth, concessions, and viewing stands each game. I have gained over two decades of leadership experience throughout my career, working with large and small teams in various technology and media companies such as Disney, Amazon, Fox Sports, and Netflix. I hope to add that experience to the board as we support this great little part of our community.

**Adam Huie:**

I am excited to be returning for my fifth year on the board. My utmost priority is to ensure that every child has a fantastic, fair, and unforgettable experience playing baseball. It is essential to me that we create an inclusive environment where all kids, regardless of their batting average, feel valued and supported.

**Greg Maechling:**

I am seeking my third year on the ESLL Board of Directors. I have previously served as the VP of Majors and AAA divisions. From El Segundo, I have one son who currently plays in ESLL and another who has aged out and now plays Babe Ruth. Playing here while growing up had a significant impact on my life. I look forward to the possibility of continuing to serve our community through this wonderful program.

**Vijay Manickam:**

This will be my 2nd year running as a board member. My love for El Segundo, Baseball, and to help the baseball community has only risen. I played the role of the Registrar and Info League Officer previously and thoroughly enjoyed it while learning/streamlining several processes along the way. My family (11 year old son, 5 year old daughter, my wife and I) have lived in El Segundo for close to 10 years.

The experience with ESLL the last 7+ years as a parent, as a volunteer, as an assistant coach, and more importantly as a community member has been nothing but fantastic. I love to contribute to the enrichment to the kids, being fair, and an ardent fan about the simple philosophy to make it all about the kids. I'd like to continue to contribute to ESLL by infusing my passions in any which way possible with an eye on the future to provide the best for the kids and the community. It will be a privilege and honor to be on the board again.

**Ray Marsden:**

I am the father of a son in Double A and a son in Rookie. I have been an assistant coach for 5 ESLL teams and am the father that started and ran the first ever Rookie Ball Summer program and inaugural Rookie Ball Fall program. I am a high school PE Teacher and Football Coach and really want to stay involved with ESLL and share my knowledge of working with kids and parents and creating a positive experience for everybody. This past season I served on the Board as the Team Parent Director and oversaw league t-shirts, signs, rings, team photos, all star pins, among many other things. I was also in charge of ESLL Day at Dodger Stadium. I look forward to another year on the Board if chosen.

**Mickey Meyer:**

I fell in love with El Segundo for the very reason that makes ESLL so strong; community.

I feel lucky to have managed/coached in El Segundo for the past 7 seasons and enjoyed my 4th year on the board despite the challenges covid brought. I'm very proud of our ability to push through and give the kids the opportunity to not only compete, but develop amidst challenging times. I want to continue to serve the league that has already given our family so much.

I've played, coached, and volunteered in a variety of youth sports for most of my life, and would be nowhere if it wasn't for the love that my parents and coaches put in. Sports, especially team sports, have the power to transform a child's outlook on the world around them. That is something to be safeguarded, and I would be honored to continue helping El Segundo Little League in that way.

**Steve Olson:**

My wife Chelsea and I have lived in El Segundo for 15 years and have two sons (Grady and Dax) currently playing in ESLL. I've served on the board for the last three years as the AAA VP, Majors VP, Fall Ball Coordinator and Fields and Equipment Director. I've also managed eight teams from Rookie to AAA over the past 7 years. I've thoroughly enjoyed my time on the board and coaching in ESLL; having the opportunity to make a positive impact on the players and help them develop and grow their love for the game of baseball. I hope to continue to serve next year to ensure a positive experience for all ESLL players.

**Mark Pilla:**

I have been coaching in ESLL for the past 2 seasons - both in A & AA. Being a coach has provided me with the ability to teach the core fundamentals of the game as well as providing mentorship on how the game and its challenges relates to being a good teammate and all-around good kid. I have both played & umpired baseball at a high level and with my personal and El Segundo's love for the game it would be an honor making it a better experience for all kids involved in the program.

In addition, I currently work as a finance executive in the sports industry and have direct involvement with some of the local teams (i.e. Angels, Rams, Chargers) on their hospitality and merchandise businesses. With my business connections, I believe I could provide added resources based on my professional network.

**Ashley Richmond:**

My son, Jack, currently plays Majors for El Segundo Little League and attends Center Street Elementary School. I am currently the uniform coordinator for the El Segundo Little League and would be honored to serve on the board this next season. My husband, Eryn, and I have lived in El Segundo for 12 years and love this community! We own the Standard Station in town and I am a teacher and the Activities Director

at El Segundo High School. In the past, I have coached cheer at the high school, been the adviser to campus clubs, and have participated as the team parent in the past for ESLL and AYSO. As a softball player growing up, I know how much this sport means to youth and their families and that it is essential to personal growth, character development, and team building. I also know that it takes a village and I would be honored to continue to serve the community.

**Ish Salcedo:**

My family has been part of the El Segundo community for over 15 years. I had such a positive experience serving on the board for the first time for the 2023 season.

I've had the pleasure of assisting coaching my son since his rookie year, he is now finishing up his first year in AAA division. I have seen tremendous growth in his skill level as well as his confidence and overall love for the game. I also coach in-line roller hockey with the El Segundo In-line Hockey association.

I love volunteering with our local youth programs and trying my best to make a positive impact. Thank you for your consideration.

**Heather Sutherland:**

I grew up in El Segundo and watched my little brother play ESLL his entire childhood. My oldest son went through MB Little League and when we moved back to El Segundo my nineteen year old went through the ESLL. My husband, Steve, has coached for the last 8 years. I have been around ESLL my entire life. I played softball growing up and then went to play collegiately until an injury, tearing my hamstring, stopped my playing. So to say I know the sport and the respect the field deserves is an understatement.

For the last 8 years I have been a part of the PTA at CSS. I was President and ran a very successful non profit. My claim to fame during my time as President of the CSS PTA was I worked on building a new playground for the 4th and 5th grade area. Center Street PTA donated \$185k to the EL Segundo School District. The playground will be complete in the fall of this year.

I currently will be the El Segundo PTA Council President, which means I will oversee all 4 campus PTA's. I am the Ladies Night Out Chair for the El Segundo Education Foundation and I currently sit on their board. I also am on the Center Street School Site Council, which oversees funds the state brings to the schools and how it's spent.

My reason to join the EL Segundo Little League board is to bring my expertise to a new entity in El segundo. Anything my family is a part of I love to know the nitty gritty and see how and why things are run a certain way. I always say that you cannot change anything sitting cozy on your couch at home, but maybe in this case it's your bleacher seat. I love to be a part of organizations that develop better experiences for things I find dear to my heart. And in this case it's baseball!

**Jennifer Tyler:**

I have served on the ESLL Board for the last 8 years as Majors VP, AA VP, and am currently Secretary. I hope to continue to serve the league to encourage a positive experience for all players, parents, coaches, and volunteers. My two boys and my daughter started in ESLL as Rookies, and next year, my youngest son will finally play his last season in Majors. If voted in, this will be my final year serving on the board, and an opportunity to transfer all the institutional knowledge I've gained over the years to our future Board Members.

I've played organized sports all my life and I was a dual-sport athlete in college and played Softball and Soccer for Point Loma University in San Diego, CA. I also coach AYSO soccer, and there is nothing I love more than getting to know each individual child, meeting them where they're at, and helping them grow. I've seen how participation in sports can shape the person you become and truly believe there are so many advantages to being involved in sports at an early age. I'd like to serve on the Board of Directors to ensure that the children in our community are able to have the same great experiences that I did. Thank you!