

2018-2019 Board of Directors

Laura Fischer – Chair

Laura Fischer is a North Carolina native who attended Appalachian State University as a North Carolina Teaching Fellow. After graduating from ASU, Laura moved back to Cary to begin her teaching career as a third grade teacher with Wake County Public Schools. After 5 years in the classroom, Laura became a Wake County Math Coach for K-5 teachers. As a Math Coach Laura taught professional development sessions for teachers, helped teachers with implementing best practices in the classroom by modeling lessons, and she worked with teachers to effectively use assessments to drive instruction. At RLS Laura has worked with teachers on providing professional development opportunities in-house and finding professional development opportunities for our teachers outside of RLS.

Laura is married to Jeff and they live in Apex with their two children, Owen who is a kindergartener at RLS and Parker who is 2. Owen and Parker love playing outside and enjoy playing sports including soccer, baseball, and hockey. Laura enjoys running and working out at Camp Gladiator.

Jeff and Laura are members of the church and Laura has been a member of the RLS Board since 2016.

Tim Farmer – Vice Chair

Tim Farmer is a Michigan native who attended Central Michigan University. He holds degrees in Finance and Marketing. Tim currently works for Square 1 Bank, a division of Pacific Western Bank where he is responsible for the Credit Administration and Loan Operations functions for the Venture Banking group. Prior to working for Square 1, he worked in financial consulting for a number of years. Additionally, Tim teaches a Boot Camp for New Dads at WakeMed. The course focuses on building confidence in soon-to-be dads.

Tim and his wife Amanda met in high school and have been married since 2007. They live in Holly Springs with their two children, Nolan (6) and Aubrey (3) and are members of the church congregation. In his free time, Tim enjoys building things, working in his yard, playing games and sports with the kids and travelling.

Tim joined the RLS Board in 2018.

David Robison – Secretary

David and his wife Leah grew up, met, and were married in Seattle, Washington. They discovered they loved the South when they moved to Columbia, South Carolina for Leah's graduate studies. In 2013 they moved to Cary, in part because of the presence of Resurrection Lutheran School. They have four children. Eva and Jonah are at Resurrection Lutheran School. Mark and Silas are at Resurrection Lutheran Preschool. The family worships at the 8am and 10:30am services at Resurrection Lutheran Church.

David graduated in 2003 from the University of Washington with a Bachelor's degree in Computer Science and Economics. He started a software company in 2001 with his dad that develops software for the design of mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems for buildings. The company is located in Cary and has three other employees. David is involved in all aspects of the business: software development, sales, marketing, and technical support.

In his free time, David likes to play soccer, board games, and computer games.

David joined the school board in 2018. He enjoys being able to give back to the school and help it continue to maintain its strong Christian and academic focus.

Lisa Snyder – Treasurer

Lisa Snyder has been a member of Resurrection Luther Church since 1991 and served on the Resurrection Lutheran School Feasibility Committee in 2001. Lisa has watched with enthusiasm as RLS has grown from that very first class of seventeen kindergarteners to a thriving school where both elementary and middle school children are equipped to be

in the world but not of the world (John 17:14). She has been a RLS Board member since 2015 and has served as RLS's Treasurer since 2016.

Lisa is the President of Alamance Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company, located in Graham, North Carolina, and holds both the Certified Public Accountant and Chartered Global Management Accountant designations. When not working, Lisa enjoys reading, traveling, cooking, hiking and riding motorcycles. Lisa and her husband, Mark, have two sons, the youngest of whom attended RLS and is now a sophomore at East Carolina University, studying construction management.

Linda Cook – Member

Linda Cook is a retired teacher with a passion for connecting children to books to help them become lifelong readers and learners. She graduated from Calvin College in Michigan and has her Master's Degree in Reading from Nazareth College in New York. She taught at Rochester Christian School in upstate New York and Wake County Schools in North Carolina.

She is a new board member at RLS and she looks forward to learning about more ways to support teachers, students and families. She and her husband love spending time with their family, especially their six grandchildren. Her hobbies include reading, quilting and building with Lego.

Bill Timberlake – Member

Bill Timberlake is a Maryland native who joined the U.S. Navy two weeks after high school graduation and is married to his high school sweetheart (Joan). They have 3 adult children and 5 grandsons under the age of five.

During his 24-year career military service, Bill served in various roles to include Deputy Director of The White House Military Project Management Division, Mechanical Engineering Instructor at the U.S. Naval Academy and multiple Public Works Officer assignments at various east coast naval installations. Upon military retirement, Bill worked as an Engineering Director for the world's largest company of upscale hotels and resorts (Marriott/Host Hotels & Resorts). Most recently, Bill was a full-time instructor of Heating & Cooling and Mechanical Engineering at Wake Tech Community College in Raleigh.

Bill is the owner of Timberlake Residential Engineering that specializes in Residential HVAC Designs to include full compliance of ACCA Manual J, S & D procedures. Additionally, Bill teaches the HVAC design software to HVAC contractors throughout North Carolina.

Bill's education includes a Master of Engineering from Old Dominion University, Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Maryland. He is a Registered Professional Engineer (Maryland-Virginia-North Carolina).

John Whatley – Member

John is a member of RLC and has been a resident of Cary for over 30 years. He is a native of Atlanta, Georgia. He left that city to attend the US Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland from which he graduated with the Class of '78. His follow-on years in the Navy were served as a Naval Aviator with duties in electronic reconnaissance, research & development, and primary flight instruction (his favorite). After his completion of service in the Navy, John followed the career and profession of an international airline pilot working for American Airlines for nearly 30 years.

As a retiree, John fills his time with many and various activities. His most recent endeavor has been to join the RLS Board to help guide and direct the activities of our school. With their three daughters, John and his wife, Alison, are closely familiar with Lutheran and Christian-based schools and some of the challenges that such schools can face. However, with those children having completed their respective schooling, John is intimately aware of the many positive aspects and rewards that a quality Christian-based education can afford and he is looking forward to bringing any insights and talents that he might have to help RLS become the school of choice in our area.