



FAO Board Member Emeritus

Robert "Mick" McLaughlin

"Having grown up in an Appalachian County I was excited to join a newly formed Foundation in 2001 whose purpose and mission was to create access to opportunities for the people of Appalachia. My experience has been a wonderful journey, serving with a group of individuals who have passion and vision, and are committed to the mission of the Foundation."

FAO has been fortunate that Robert "Mick" McLaughlin has continued his service with FAO. A retired Associate Dean from the University of Cincinnati's regional campus located in Clermont County and a former bank president, Mick's financial knowledge and experience in education are invaluable to FAO. Formerly FAO's Board Treasurer, Mick holds a BBA and MBA from the University of Cincinnati. In his tenure on the FAO Board, Mick has had the chance to see the Foundation grow into what it is today.

"Seeing the Foundation grow, like a start-up business, into a vibrant and viable organization that is making a difference in improvement in the region, has been very meaningful."

Mick's service in the region extends beyond FAO. He serves as the chairman of Clermont Senior Services in Clermont County and is the chairman of the Christian Benevolent Association, an organization that operates full-service retirement communities in Warren and Hamilton County. He has served as a board member, treasurer, and president of Clermont Counseling Center; has served on the Clermont County Workforce Policy Board; and was a trustee and national president of the University of Cincinnati Alumni Association. A graduate of Leadership Cincinnati and Leadership Clermont, Mick is a recipient of the Clermont Chamber of Commerce's Pacesetter Award and the William H. Over Leadership Award.

Mick grew up in Highland County and lives in Clermont County. He has been married to his wife Gayle for over 50 years, and they have three children and five grandchildren.

“FAO has been a positive change agent for Appalachian Ohio, and its impact today is being recognized more than ever. The Foundation is blessed with a very talented leadership and staff and it’s a privilege to serve with these caring individuals.”

Mick at a glance:

- FAO Board Member Emeritus since 2010
- Served on FAO’s Board 2001 – 2010
- Retired Associate Dean at the University of Cincinnati’s regional Clermont County campus
- Former bank president
- Served on the boards of Clermont 20/20, Inc. and the Clermont County Workforce Policy Board
- Grew up in Highland County and lives in Clermont County