

**BURNABY ASSOCIATION FOR COMMUNITY INCLUSION
2013 NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**

President:



Paul Miller has been a Director on the BACI Board for 9 years, and Vice President for the past year. He is a shareholder at Boughton Law Corporation, where he has practiced civil litigation since 1989. Paul is the father of two children. His elder son is developmentally delayed and hearing impaired. He believes that he has a good understanding of the issues facing people with disabilities in their everyday lives. He currently volunteers with the Special Olympics. *Has accepted to run as President for a full term.*

Vice President:

Manpreet Guttman is the parent of a child with a disability, currently at one of BACI's child care centres. She is a member of the BACI Advocacy Committee and is particularly interested in advocating for more supported child care spaces. Manpreet is excited by the range of services that BACI provides for people at all stages of their lives, and is interested in giving back to the organization that she will have a relationship with for many years to come. She is a Manager at an international market research company, and is in her second year of an Executive MBA Program at Simon Fraser University, in the Beedie School of Business and Segal Graduate School.



Has accepted to run as Vice President for a full term.



Zaheda Jiwa has been a Director on the BACI Board for the past 9 years, and Vice President for the past year. She works as a Family Support Worker and a one-to-one worker for children and families in crisis. She has a sister, Nadiya, who is in BACI's Day Services Program. Zaheda is the Past Chair and current Director on the Community Social Welfare Board for the Tri-City area. She is also a trainer for community social service volunteers on *Communications* and *Cultural Sensitivity*.

Has accepted to run as Vice President for a second term.

Treasurer:

Nailin Esmail is a Certified General Accountant and sister to an individual served by BACI. Nailin grew up in Burnaby and went to high school at Burnaby North Senior Secondary. She later enrolled in the CGA program, while working in public practice. After completing her CGA program, she worked as a financial analyst at Woodwards. From 1999 to 2010, Nailin worked at Ableauctions.Com Inc. and was Controller for the company. For the past five years, Nailin has served as Treasurer on the BACI Board. *Has accepted to run as Treasurer for a sixth term.*

Past President:



Merrilyn Cook served as BACI President from 2005 to 2007, and from 2010 to present. She was Vice President from 2008 to 2010. Prior to that, she was a one-year term Vice President and two-year Director. Merrilyn has worked as a teacher in Burnaby for the last 33 years, with 30 of those in special education. While at Capitol Hill School, she developed the Secondary Transitions Program and at Alpha Secondary School, she developed the Target Program. Currently, Merrilyn is the Administrative Head Teacher/ Educational Consultant for Maples School Provincial Resource Programs. In 1992, Merrilyn was awarded The Commemorative Medal for the 125th Anniversary of the Confederation of Canada. She was awarded the Spirit of Community Living Award in 1998 for her contributions in Education, and was a Burnaby Local Hero Award recipient in 2009. Merrilyn has her Master's Degree from Royal Roads University in Leadership & Organizational Learning. She continues her focus on lifelong learning and in developing inclusive education practices and opportunities.

Will be Past President.

Directors:

Susan Anthony was a BACI Board director from 2006 – 2011, and a Vice President of the Board for the final 2 years of that term. She has been a parent member of BACI for many years. Her son Jake attended both BACI's Children's and Teen Programs, and was recently a member of the BACI Board himself. Susan served as a member and Co-Chair Quality of the Simon Fraser Community Living Council, and on BACI's Assurance and Accreditation Committees. Recently, she assisted families in navigating the system for Planned Lifetime Advocacy Network (PLAN). Susan also wrote 'Justin's Story' about how the Disability Tax Credit & RDSP can help families and is very proud that it is going to be published in the upcoming edition of Al Etmanski's *Safe & Secure*. Susan studied Psychology at the University of Ottawa. She has adopted the motto "Nothing about us without us."



Has accepted to run as Director for a 2-year term



Margie Manifold has been a BACI Board member for the past 7 years. A Burnaby resident for most of her life, she graduated with a Master's degree in Urban Planning in 1994. Margie works as a social planner at the City of Burnaby and was instrumental in developing the City's innovative Social Sustainability Strategy. In her work as a social planner, she has worked with members of BACI through the Access Advisory Committee, Burnaby Inter-Agency Council and on the development of 9 units of non-market, adaptable housing that have been leased to BACI. Margie volunteers with Alpha Secondary School's parent advisory committee and as chair of the Heights

Neighbourhood Association.

Has accepted to run as Director for a 2-year term.



Todd Nikolai has been a part of BACI for many years. He has been involved with a lot of BACI programs, including working on the archive initiative and participating in Operation Track Shoes. He has many good friends at BACI and enjoys everyone's company – including the staff's. He used to do public speaking to help with fundraising for the Association, and still tries to advocate for its plans and visions for people like himself in the community.

Has accepted to run as Director for a 2-year term.

Kristina Rody and her family have been involved with BACI through the Infant Development Program for the past year and a half, and feel fortunate for the support and opportunities this program has presented them. Kristina is the founder and operator of Rise Above Barriers, a non-profit organization that trekked to Everest Base Camp with a team member who lives with a physical disability. With Rise Above Barriers, she has also worked in partnership with Recreation Integration Victoria, an organization that facilitates active lifestyles for people living with disabilities. Kristina has raised over \$100,000 for the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada through a project she managed (Race4MS), and facilitated the community plan for a small town (Consecon, ON) through participatory methods. She has a Masters degree in Rural Planning and Development – with a focus in community development – from the University of Guelph, and has completed courses in Non-Profit Management at BCIT. Kristina is excited by the opportunity to serve such a dynamic organization with a strong vision and plan for its future. Her experiences as a parent with a young child involved in BACI will guide her participation on the Board.



Has accepted to run as Director for a 2-year term.



Lois Woolley is the grandmother of an individual BACI supports, and has been actively involved with BACI for many years. For the past 2 years she has been a Director on BACI's Board. Lois has one adult grandchild and one of school age with developmental challenges and takes a keen interest in current approaches to helping them. A keen gardener, Lois has fundraised thousands of dollars for our organization through her annual plant sales. She is a valued member of BACI's Quality Assurance Committee. Previous experience includes executive positions with Girl Guides of Canada and the West Vancouver Youth Band, Committee member of various community

and garden clubs, and an executive role with an investment club.

Has accepted to run as Director for a 2-year term.

Self Advocate Representative:

Still to be determined.

James Baird is a lawyer with Boughton Law Corporation and has practiced for 33 years. He specializes in wills and estates, as well as corporate commercial law. He is a lifetime resident of Burnaby. James is the former Director of the Fair Haven United Church Homes Seniors Residence, and a former member of the Executive of the Scouts Canada Burnaby Region.

Has 1 more year to complete as Director



Clint Morrison has twice been a past Board member with BACI, and is currently completing his third two-year term. He has been involved with BACI for 40 years. He has a brother in a group home, and has been a volunteer with Special Olympics for over 25 years. He cares very much for the Association and the people we serve.

Has 1 more year to complete as Director.