

BURNABY ASSOCIATION FOR COMMUNITY INCLUSION 2017 NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

PRESIDENT:

Kristina Rody has been a BACI Board Director for the past 4 years, and her family has been involved with BACI through the Infant Development Program for the past five years. She feels fortunate for the support and opportunities the IDP 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 to continue serving such a dynamic organization with a strong vision and plan for its future.



Has accepted to run as President for a second term.

VICE PRESIDENT:



Paul Miller has been a Director on the BACI Board for 15 years; President for 3 years, and Past President for the last year. He is a shareholder and Director 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.

Has accepted to run as Vice President for a first term

Heather MacLean is a CPA, CGA and a partner at McLaren Trefanenko Inc., a CPA accounting firm located in New Westminster. Her work primarily focuses on estate and personal tax planning and assisting owner-managed businesses with their tax and accounting needs. Heather is currently serving as a member of the CPABC Membership Committee. Her recent volunteer experience includes serving as a member of the Discipline Committee for CGA BC, and a mentor with the CPA & Beedie School of Business Student Leadership Development Program. Having grown up in a small town in Nova Scotia and a



mother of a very active 3 year old, Heather believes “it takes a village.” Heather is honoured to serve on the board of BACI, an organization she views as helping build stronger communities and providing essential community services to individuals and families.

Has accepted to run as Vice President for a first 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 Woodward's. From 1999 to 2010, Nailin worked at Ableauctions.Com Inc. and was Controller for the company. For the past nine years, Nailin has served as Treasurer on the BACI Board.

Has accepted to run as Treasurer for a tenth term.

DIRECTORS:

Erina Cho is currently a senior Kinesiology student at Simon Fraser University and an aspiring Occupational Therapist. For the last 4 years, Erina has been actively involved with SportAbility BC's Power Soccer program as a referee. She has also gained valuable experience working one-on-one as a behaviour interventionist, exercise therapist, visual access aide and specialized tutor for individuals with various developmental and physical disabilities. She has loved having the privilege to get to know so many different individuals. She has learned about what makes one 'tick' and what barriers an individual may face because of their disability. This has encouraged her to pursue research, and her recent works have focused on better understanding and improving physical and mental well-being, accessibility, and inclusive design. When she learned about BACI, Erina was immediately drawn by their vision and ambitious initiatives. She hopes that she will be able to bring some fresh perspectives to the BACI board and to become involved in its great community.



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



Zaheda Jiwa has been a Director on the BACI Board for the past 15 years, and Vice President for the past five years. She works as a Family Support Worker and a one-to-one worker for children and families in crisis. She has a sister 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 Ethics, Effective Communications and Cultural Sensitivity.

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

Margie Manifold has been a BACI Board Director for the past 11 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 is also a volunteer with the Heights Neighbourhood Association.

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



Todd Nikolai has been a BACI Board Director for the past 4 years. He is a self advocate who is passionate about the work BACI does and wants to make a difference in helping people with disabilities find opportunities to live better lives.

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

Patrice Pratt has been closely associated with BACI for the past 17 years – as a parent (Jordana's mom!), and as a long-time Board member and past Chair of the Sharing Our Future Foundation (SOFF). Her vast array of contacts in both the public and private sectors has greatly increased the partnership opportunities of both the SOFF and BACI. Patrice's leadership within the broader community has included being Chair of Vancity Credit Union, Chair of the United Way of the Lower Mainland, and being on the Board of Governors for Simon Fraser University. She was also President of the New Democratic Party of BC, and a founder/President of the Canadian Association for Williams Syndrome.

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



Lauren Stinson is a member of the cerebral palsy community and a recent graduate of Simon Fraser University. From her studies, Lauren gained a keen interest in the portrayal of disability within media and culture. Currently, Lauren works for the North Shore Disability Resource Centre Association as a grant writer, group facilitator and group planner for the Disabled Community Connection Network (DCCN) – a monthly information and communication group. Lauren has also worked with Inclusion BC on their “Disability Pride” committee. Disability Pride is close to Lauren’s heart, since she believes in teaching others that disability is nothing to be ashamed of because it is something that should be embraced as part of your identity as a person. Lauren has recently joined the advocacy scene and is looking to improve her advocacy and public speaking skills.



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



Lynn Clark is an Executive Assistant with the Provincial Government, where she has worked for 30 years. Lynn has held volunteer positions on both soccer and baseball associations while her son was growing up, and most recently was the Volunteer Coordinator with the Port Coquitlam SPCA Adoption Centre. She has a sister, Shelley, who participates in BACI's Day program. Lynn is very excited to continue her work with the BACI Board.

Has 1 year to complete as Director.

Lois Woolley is the grandmother of an individual BACI supports, and has been actively involved with BACI for many years. She was a BACI Board Director from 2011 – 2015, and was a Director on the Sharing Our Future Foundation Board from 2015 - 2016. Lois has also been a valued member of BACI’s Quality Assurance Committee for several years. She 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.



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