

BURNABY ASSOCIATION FOR COMMUNITY INCLUSION 2019 NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

PRESIDENT:



Paul Miller has been a Director on the BACI Board for 17 years; President for 5 years, and Past President for one 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.

Has accepted to run as President for a sixth term.

VICE PRESIDENT:

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 5 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 third term.



Amar Grewal is a Director in the Corporate Financing (West) team at the Business Development Bank of Canada (BDC). He works with mid to large size businesses throughout British Columbia and across all industries, helping businesses secure capital for acquisitions, expansion, buy-outs, re-finance, working capital and large projects. He is a graduate of the Master of Business Administration program from the Sauder School of Business at the University of British Columbia. He enjoys camping, hiking, golfing, photography and spending time with friends and family. Amar is excited and honored for the opportunity to be part of BACI and contribute to its long history of supporting our local communities.

Has accepted to run as Vice President.

TREASURER:

Nailin Esmail is a CPA, CGA and sister to an individual served by BACI. She has been honored and privileged to have worked with an amazing board over the past eleven years, as Treasurer. ***Has accepted to run as Treasurer for a twelfth term.***

DIRECTORS:

Zaheda Jiwa has been a Director on the BACI Board for the past 16 years, and a Vice President for seven 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 13 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 6 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 19 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.***

Nathan Roeters is an Account Executive at Pacific Blue Cross, BC’s largest health benefits provider. Nathan works with businesses in a wide range of industries across the province to improve the health and well-being of their employees. His client portfolio includes a large association of community social services employers, and he has been involved with the sector’s benefits plan for several years. Nathan is in his seventh year as a public committee member at the BC College of Pharmacists, and was recently a panel speaker at UBC Graduate Student Society’s Mini-MBA program. Nathan and his partner live in New Westminister with a spoiled cat and two project cars. Nathan is thrilled to be nominated to serve on the BACI board, and would be honoured to help BACI continue to improve the lives of those it serves. ***Has accepted to run as Director for a 2-year term.***



Alice Virani is the Director of Ethics at the Provincial Health Service Authority, based at BC Children’s and Women’s Hospitals. A genetic counsellor by training, Alice has a background in working with and advocating for children and adults with disabilities. Alice has volunteered in varying capacities throughout her life including as mentor for disadvantaged youth, as sponsor of a Syrian refugee family and as a teacher for immigrant children learning English as a second language. Alice is a proud mother of four children and is passionate about helping those with disabilities in her community. ***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 over 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.



Sirine Maalej is a Mechanical Engineering Faculty member at BCIT. She received her Ph.D. degree in Micromechanical Engineering z from the Ecole Centrale de Lille in France in 2010. After graduation, she worked as a Mechanical Engineer for the Williams & White group of companies where she designed fully automated machines for the sawmill industry. She then transitioned to a career in teaching in late 2016. She has been teaching engineering courses at Langara and BCIT ever since. On a personal note, Sirine is married and has two daughters, aged 7 and 4. She is devoted to her youngest daughter who has special needs. Sirine believes her personal and professional experiences have shaped her personality and are a benefit to BACI.

Has 1 year to complete as Director.