



BURNABY ASSOCIATION FOR COMMUNITY INCLUSION 2024 NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT



PRESIDENT:



Nathan Roeters has been a BACI Board Director for the past 5 years and Vice President for the past year. He has accepted the nomination to run as President. Nathan is an Account Executive at Beneva, Canada's largest mutual insurer, where he works with businesses across various industries throughout Canada to enhance the health and financial security of their employees. Nathan previously worked with a large association of community social services employers, contributing to the sector's benefits plans for many years. A graduate of the UBC Sauder School of Business, Nathan has also completed coursework in Finance and Equity, Diversity and Inclusion. He and his partner live in New Westminister with their spoiled Siamese cat and too many cars. Nathan is honoured to contribute to BACI's mission of helping those we serve to lead flourishing lives.

Has accepted to run as President.

VICE PRESIDENT:



Lynn Clark has been a BACI Board Director for the past 10 years. She has been an Executive Assistant with the Provincial Government for over 35 years. She has a sister, Shelley, who participates in BACI's Day Program. Lynn has held various volunteer positions over the years but considers her time with BACI to be the most rewarding, including the work with the self-advocates. She is very excited to continue her work with the BACI Board.

Has accepted to run as Vice President.

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's past volunteer experience includes serving as a member of the CPABC Membership Committee and the Discipline Committee for CGA BC. Heather has also previously held the positions of strata council President and Treasurer. Since 2013, 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.

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 16 years as Treasurer.

Has accepted to run as Treasurer.

DIRECTORS:



Amar Grewal has been a BACI Board Director for the past 6 years, including Vice President for 2 years and President for the past 3 years. He is the Regional Director, Corporate Financing, for the British Columbia, North and Client Diversity Region at the Business Development Bank of Canada (BDC). He and his team work with mid to large size businesses throughout BC and Yukon and across all industries, helping businesses secure capital for acquisitions, expansion, buy-outs, re-financing, working capital and large projects. He's a graduate of the Master of Business Administration program from Sauder School of Business at the University of British Columbia. He enjoys camping, hiking, golfing, photography and spending time with family and friends. Amar is excited and honored to be part of BACI and contribute to its long

history of supporting our local communities.
Has accepted to run as Director for a 2-year term.



Joe Kwan is grateful to be a part of the BACI family. He organizes workshops for special needs families and provides social services for a large First Nations Government. Over the years, Joe has had an opportunity to visit an orphan’s camp in South Africa, participate in medical conferences for rare syndromes, and attend an amazing Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) Camp in Idaho. Recently, Joe has partnered with UBC to deliver AAC Camps to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion in educational settings, and he continues to serve as a strong advocate for the special needs community.

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



Ana Maria Murray has a bachelor’s degree in Journalism and Corporate Communications and post graduate studies in Corporate and Strategic Communication in Colombia. Work experience is based on working with universities, the Pereira Chamber of Commerce and a United Nations program. Most of her work focused in Communications as a Director. She immigrated to Canada in 2015. She is now the proud mother of her beautiful daughter Mila, who has Down Syndrome. Over the past 5 years, Ana Maria and her husband have navigated the medical system and the various support groups. Ana Maria is excited and honored to have joined BACI as a Board member, to share her experiences and learn from others for the continued development of her daughter.

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



Justin Albay is an artist, music-lover and supporter of the music industry. He runs his own jewellery business and enjoys selling his work at craft fairs. Justin is a self advocate who wants to honour the memory of an advocate who helped him, by also helping people with disabilities.

Has 1 year to complete as Director.



Raheem Esmail is an Associate Portfolio Manager at RBC Phillips Hager & North, specializing in crafting personalized investment strategies for high-net-worth clients and small business owners. He holds an Honors in Business Administration from the Richard Ivey Business School at Western University and is a CFA charterholder. His career began at CIBC, where he provided clients with financial planning expertise. Raheem spent 5 years at Canalyt, a Vancouver-based fintech startup specializing in financial modelling, where he helped in the building of a high-performing research team, resulting in its successful acquisition in the summer of 2022. Raheem's connection to BACI stems from his uncle, who benefits from BACI's services. This connection, along with his financial proficiency and youthful vigor, equips Raheem to infuse innovative ideas and fresh perspectives into the BACI board.
Has 1 year to complete as Director.



Zaheda Jiwa has been a Director on the BACI Board for the past 21 years, and a Vice President for 7 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 1 year to complete as Director.



Margie Manifold has been a BACI Board Director for the past 18 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 1 year to complete as Director.



Alice Virani has been a BACI Board Director for the past 5 years. She 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. She 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 1 year to complete as Director.