

**BCA Board of Directors Minutes**  
**Annual Meeting, Tuesday, September 18, 2 pm**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, BCA Center**

Advisory Board of Directors

Voting Members Present:, John Gonter, Jeffrey Harkness, Rachel Kahn-Fogel, Lisa Lillibridge, Laura McDonough, Beth Montuori Rowles, Bryan Parmelee, Barbara Perry, , Jackie Reno, Milton Rosa-Ortiz, Dana vanderHeyden, Jon Weisbecker

Absent: Sabah Abbas, Margaret Coleman, Taylor Gamache, Billi Gosh, A.J. LaRosa, Lori Rowe, Jacqueline Posley

Staff Present: Doreen Kraft, Sara Katz, Heather Ferrell, Melissa Steady, John Flanagan, Sally Sheperdson, Meara McGinniss

Called to Order at 2:13

**1. Consent Agenda**

- a. Approve Agenda
- b. Approve Minutes of June 25 meeting

Approved unanimously.

**2. Public Forum** No public was present.

**3. Discussion and vote, slate of officers FY 20** Returning slate of officers was presented: Beth Montuori Rowles-President, Lori Rowe-Vice President, John Gonter-Secretary, Laura McDonough-Treasurer, Billi Gosh- Member-at-Large. Approved unanimously.

**4. Financial Report Discussion and vote on budget for FY20** Discussion of changes in the budget from FY19, mostly having to do with Highlight and improved accounting practices in terms of Scholarships. Budget approved unanimously.

**5. Discussion and vote on honorary board members** A discussion was had about term limits, honorary board members, and the by-laws. Reappointment votes: Barbara Perry-Approved unanimously. Dana vanderHeyden- Approved unanimously. Rachel Kahn-Fogel- Approved unanimously. It was announced that Orieta Glozheni and Margaret Coleman have both resigned from the board due to work commitments.

**6. Introduction of new staff members John Flanagan and Sally Sheperdson**

**7. Education update** Education Director Melissa Steady presented on a very successful camp season, increased attendance, and new partnerships among other things.

**8. Exhibitions update** Curator and Director of Exhibitions Heather Ferrell gave a report on attendance and achievements in FY19, recent public programming, and upcoming exhibitions among other things.

**9. Events update** Sara Katz reported on the success of Festival of Fools and Summer Concerts.

**10. Capital Campaign Update** Doreen Kraft brought the board up to date on the timeline of bank negotiations, partnership opportunities, and campaign goals. She

clarified that the BCA Foundation board is playing the leadership role in the Capital Campaign to purchase 405 Pine and that the Advisory board's support of the project is very important.

11. **Board Giving and Pledge Form Discussion**-FY20 pledge forms were distributed and the board discussed ways of giving over the course of the year. The date for the Board and Friends Dinner was confirmed for December 10, 2019.
12. **Committee Discussion** Board members were encouraged by Beth Montuori Rowles to sign up for one or more committee. Committee interest can be indicated at the top of the pledge forms.
13. **Staff appreciation letter**-Milton Rosa-Ortiz suggested a board and staff potluck get together.
14. Adjourn 4:45

**BCA's mission is to nurture a dynamic environment through the arts that makes quality experiences accessible regardless of economic, social or physical constraints. We do this by:**

- Supporting and promoting Vermont artists and advancing the creation of new work
- Offering a wide spectrum of arts education and engagement opportunities
- Presenting exhibitions and events that place Burlington in a global context, promote critical dialogue and encourage local participation
- Serving as the City of Burlington's cultural planner by making the arts integral to the area's economic and civic development, urban design, and livability.